***From Father Jim***

**On behalf of our parish, I want to thank you** **for responding in faith** to our parish Increased Offertory Program. Your readiness and willingness to respond is evidence of your commitment to Christ and His teachings. Through your sacrifice, the ministries of our parish will reveal to each of us the goodness of the Lord, for which we are truly grateful!

**Since the start of the program i**n January, our average weekly offertory has increased substantially. Our goal through this program is to increase offertory by 20% or more. We have made great progress towards that goal. Our fiscal year end projections now show the weekly offertory to be 10% above last fiscal year end totals. The offertory collections represent around one-third of the total parish income and help support our expenses and many ministries. Your generosity allows us to continue to accomplish the Gospel centered mission and vision of our parish through the various ministries and services in which we, together, offer and participate.

**Thank you and may God bless you all.**

***Congratulations to those recently Baptized:***

*Carter Thomas Matthews*

*Alessandra Eva Ramirez*

*Cataleya Elisabeth Ramirez*

**The Cecil County Pregnancy Center** wants to say, “Thank you!” for your generous contributions during their recent baby bottle drive at ICC/SJ. The total that you contributed this year came to $6,102.29. They are looking for ways to become more user-friendly to the community and how they can reach more of Cecil County. Thank you for 41 years of helping families in need!



**June 25, 2018**

8:30 am Fathers of the Parish

**June 26, 2018**

8:30 am Fathers of the Parish

**June 27, 2018 St. Cyril of Alexandria**

8:30 am Tony Sniadowski

**June 28, 2018 St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30 am Robert Dorsett Sr.

**June 29, 2018 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

8:30 am Allison Stephanie Almarez (Living Intention)

**June 30 2018**

8:30 am Larry Feeheley

5:00 pm Dorothy and Earl Martin

**July 1, 2018  *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00 am People of the Parish

8:30 am Ann and Edward Weber

9:00 am SJ John Koval Sr.

10:15 am Katherine Elaine Amigo

12:00 pm Hugh, Eleanor, and Christopher Reilly

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**The Knights of Columbus will be hosting “Smoky Sunday”** after all masses **TODAY, June 24th,** at Immaculate Conception on featuring smoked beef brisket, pulled pork, sausage and peppers, sandwiches to go! The profits for Smoky Sunday will be going towards Immaculate Conception Vacation Bible School. Come on out and enjoy!

**Adoration for Vocations**

On the 1st Sunday of each month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs from 1pm-3pm in IC Chapel. Join us to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. The next opportunity is **July 1st.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Readings for next week:**

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

This reading tells how death of the spirit entered the world by envy of the devil, but those not in his possession will not experience it.

**Second Reading: II Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to contribute to the poor of the Jerusalem church in accordance with their means. He explains that if people help each other, they will one day be helped when they are needy.

**Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

“Do not be afraid, only have faith.” Jesus’ power over sickness and death requires absolute trust and absence of fear.

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**Does your child need to be Baptized?**

The next Baptism Class is**,** **August 20th**, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. It’s never too early to prepare for the Baptism of your child. Parents are required and Godparents are encouraged to attend. Contact the Parish Office to register and arrange the date of Baptism at 410-398-1100.

**Daily Readings:**

***The Nativity of St. John the Baptist***

**Sunday**...Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

.......Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Monday**.........2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday**.........2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;

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**Wednesday**....2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday***....................*2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday** ...............Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;

.........................................................Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday** .........Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17

**Inspirational Quote of the Week:** “All blessings come to us through Our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that He is the best example.”

~ Saint Teresa of Avila

**2018 VBS IS HERE!**



**Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus, VBS begins today!** If you have a child registered for the program, please visit the check-in table in the ICS gym after mass this morning to gather your necessary items for the program. **Donuts and coffee will also be available for ALL parishioners in the ICS gym!** Come check out the VBS set and decorations! VBS will begin this evening and will run through Thursday night from 6-830pm. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Wyman Orthodontics for their sponsorship and support of our VBS program. Please be sure to stop by the Knights of Columbus' "Smokey Sunday BBQ" today after all masses.

**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week: *June 30-July 1***

***5:00 pm***

**Altar Servers:** Ethen T, Donovan O •**EM’s:** Julie M, Diana B, Mary Ann E • **Lector:** Kathleen W • **Ushers:** Eileen P, Bill B, Pat C, Diana B

***7:00 am***

**Altar Servers:** Jacob B, Sarah B • **EM’s:** Peter D, Ginnie D, Sandra H

• **Lector:** Christopher W • **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Henry W, Damian W • **EMs:** Don H, Cecilia G, Peter G

• **Lector:** Rachel W • **Ushers:** Anthony D, Steve C, Wendel S, Anthony M

***9:00 am (SJ)***

**Altar Servers:** Matthew T, Luke T • **EM’s:** Pat D, Carol V, Tom V, Les F, Dotty F • **Lector:** Dwight T • **Ushers:** Kevin O, Jule V, Bill D

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Aila S, Hayden S • **EM’s:** Rita M, Richard B, Betty B, Richard L, Carol L •**Lector:** Ben F •**Ushers:** Bob W, David B, Steve A

***12:00 noon***

**Altar Servers:** Alex F, Andrew F • **EMs:** Corazon S, Charles C, Kathy C

• **Lector:** Mary K • **Ushers:** Teresa G

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Children’s Liturgy is for children ages 5-8 ONLY. Children   
who are not in this category are asked to remain in church.

**There is NO Children’s Liturgy for the summer!**

**Have a great Summer!!**

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

**The halls and classrooms are quiet and empty.** Books and materials are all packed away. Teachers finished their cleaning and paperwork this week and are off for a rejuvenating, relaxing summer! Please pray for all of our students and staff that they enjoy a happy and safe summer to return to us in September!

**The school will be busy** for the next couple of weeks with Vacation Bible School and the search for a new principal. Some building work is planned over the summer as well.

**The school office hours for June are set.** It will be open Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 3:00 through June 22. The week of June 25, the office will be open from 9:00 - 1:00. July and August hours will be posted when the new principal is hired.

**You may contact office personnel** including the secretary, principal, and advancement director any time during the summer. Phone and email messages will be checked regularly. Other school personnel including teachers, counselor, and nurse are not required to monitor emails throughout the summer.

Contact Info:

* Secretary - (option 1) 410-398-2636; [jwilson@icschoolweb.org](mailto:jwilson@icschoolweb.org)
* Principal - (option 2) 410-398-2636; [jdinkle@icschoolweb.org](mailto:jdinkle@icschoolweb.org)
* Advancement Director - 443-604-8615; [emurphy@icshoolweb.org](mailto:emurphy@icshoolweb.org)

**Enrollment applications are still being accepted** for next school year. Individual tours may be scheduled by contacting the Emily Murphy, the Advancement Director at 443-604-8615. Now is the time to consider the benefits of a strong faith-based, challenging academic program that Immaculate Conception provides.

**faith formation**

**Education & Sacraments**

**Religion Classes for Grades K-8:**

To ensure a place for your child in the religion classes for next year, you **must register now!**

**You can register either:**

- On the Parish Website under Faith Formation

- By completing a hard copy of the forms

**\*\*Note:** Finances are never to be a reason not to register! Payment plans / assistance are available if needed.

**Did You Know that…**

-We have a Kindergarten Class that meets on Sunday Morning?

-Children must have attended 1st grade to register for 1st Communion?

-Students must have completed Grades 7 AND 8 to register for Confirmation?

**Questions?** Contact the religion office at 410-392-3551

**HELP US SUCCEED!**

**WANTED:** Adult volunteers (parents and others) to teach small groups of young people and Teens or Adults to serve as an Assistant.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to communicate about our faith, a love of young people, and a desire to be more involved. Experience is not necessary-training provided!

**ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED FOR:**

Kindergarten: Sunday Morning

Gr. 3 & 4: Sunday Morning

**CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED FOR**

7th grade on Sunday

8th grade on Sunday and Wednesday

Contact 410-392-3551 or [re@iccparish.org](mailto:re@iccparish.org) to volunteer.

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

**CONFIRMATION**

**If you will be in 9th grade next year, don’t forget to register for Confirmation. Once registered, you will receive information on service opportunities.**

**YOUTH GROUP:**

No Meeting today!! **Next meeting: July 8th**

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:**  BOTTLED WATER, plastic ware.

**Young Adults Group:**

This June there will be a Connections group for young adults (ages 18-30.) ‘Connections’ is an adult faith formation program that inspires Catholics to pursue their spiritual transformation and equips them to be fully devoted disciples of Jesus. Each Connections seminar involves a weekly meeting, personal and group activities, and a discussion with the leader. Contact Maddie Reese at mem.[reese1010@gmail.com](mailto:reese1010@gmail.com)

**Adult Education**

**Interested in a study group?** Many opportunities are available. Call the Religious Ed. Office at 410-392-3551.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Outreach**

Please consider donating non-perishable items to the Outreach! Thank you for your help, prayers, & donations to this essential ministry!!

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY:** It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you! Please consider giving generously to OUTREACH during our **CHRISTMAS IN JULY CAMPAIGN** to restock the shelves with canned vegetables & soup especially lunch items for children: ravioli, spaghetti, peanut butter & jelly and tuna fish. Personal items like hand soap, shampoo, toilet paper, etc. are needed as well. Fill up a gift bag and drop it off at Church or Parish Center at your convenience throughout July. Let’s have a great summer knowing we helped our neighbor with love and respect. Thank You!

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

Join us for Parish Coffee: **Next weekend,** **July 1st** after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude’s.

Join us for Parish Coffee, **today,** **June 24th and** **July 8th** after 10:15 mass at IC! See you there!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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*Thank you so much for your continued*

*generosity and support to your parish!*

**Weekly Church Collections: Week of June 17th**

ICC $9,133.00

St. Jude $1,365.00

Online $3,806.00

Total Offertory $14,304.00

***We offer electronic giving!***

**How does online giving benefit you?**

1. It’s easy, convenient, and safe
2. Allows you to give any amount, any time.
3. helps you to track your giving

**How does Online giving benefit the parish?**

1. Creates consistency of giving to help with financial planning
2. Increases the efficiency of processing giving

**How to sign up?**

1. Visit iccparish.weconnect.com
2. Click “Go to Online Giving”
3. Sign up! It’s that easy!

**Job opening: Principal (pre-k-8)**

**Immaculate Conception School**

Immaculate Conception School seeks qualified applicants for the position of PRINCIPAL beginning July 1, 2018. The parish school has an enrollment of 140 students in Pre-K through 8, 26 faculty/staff to minister to the students. Immaculate Conception School provides a faith-filled, student-centered, service-oriented environment that nurtures the whole child, and offers a solid academic program with very positive standardized test scores. For full details, go to [www.cdowschools.org/ics.pdf](http://www.cdowschools.org/ics.pdf) or email [mfilippone@cdow.org](mailto:mfilippone@cdow.org).

**PLANNING FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** The Christmas Bazaar will be held November 10th and 11th and the committee is already working hard to make it a success! Please check this bulletin notice each week to see how you can help. THANK YOU to the people who have stepped forward to join the committee this year and take responsibility for key tasks. We are still looking for someone to oversee decorating for the bazaar and someone for advertising. Also, if your business, family, or group would like to assemble and donate a basket for our theme basket raffle, please contact us. Contact Lisa Kaminski at 410-392-9558 or Jackie Gedz at 410-392-0396.

**8th Annual Golf Classic**

**Due to inclement weather, the ICC Golf Classic was postponed!** The Rain Date for the Golf Classic is **Monday, July 9th** at Newark Country Club!! Spaces for golf are filled, but you can still **register for dinner!** Join us for a fun-filled day of golf, great food, and some amazing auction items and prizes! **Spaces are limited!!** **Register online** at iccparish.weconnect.com or by filling out a registration found in the churches or parish office. Contact the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 for more information.



**Sunday, June 24**

8:20 AM Confessions - SJ

1:30 AM Baptisms - IC

5:30 PM VBS - ICS Caf

6:00 PM HS Gathering - PC

Monday, June 25

9:00 AM Novena - CH

5:30 PM VBS - ICS Caf

Tuesday, June 26

9:00 AM Holy Hour – CH

5:30 PM VBS - ICS Caf

7:00 PM Boy Scouts leader mtg - PC

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - PC

Wednesday, June 27

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade/SJ Novena-CH

9:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal - IC

1:00 PM Leisure Club - PC

5:30 PM VBS - ICS Caf

Thursday, June 28

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

5:30 PM VBS - ICS Caf

6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting - PC

6:30 PM Cantor Rehearsal - IC

Friday, June 29

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

7:00 PM NA – Caf

**Saturday, June 30**

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

4:15 PM Confessions - IC

7:00 PM NA – Caf



**COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**Knights of Columbus**

***Bishop Becker Council 2427***

**443-616-5370** or [**www.kofc2427.org**](http://www.kofc2427.org)

**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

**The LAOH (The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)**

**Help the LAOH feed the hungry!**

Your $5.00 donation will help support Immaculate Conception Church Outreach and Good Shepherd Church St. Vincent de Paul Society. In return, you get a **Boscov’s 25% shopping pass to be used on October 16** for “Friends Helping Friends” Day. Your donation gives you the opportunity to use your 25% discount shopping pass on October 16 at all Boscov’s locations (not valid online). In addition, you are eligible to register to win fabulous prizes; including shopping sprees and more! You can contact a LAOH member or stop by the parish office to pick up your shopping pass.

**Saint Mark’s Speed, Sprint & Cross Country Camp**

**July 9-12, 5:30pm-9:00pm**

The Spartan Speed, Sprint, & Cross Country Camp is open to boys and girls who will be in grades 3 - 9 for the upcoming school year and is specifically designed for distance runners, sprinters, or any athletes who are looking to get faster and stronger. Absolutely no experience is necessary! Campers choose to focus on endurance or speed training.

**Cross Country / Endurance Camp**

Learn how to build endurance fitness and fall in love with running! The endurance portion of the camp is designed to introduce the most current training to all cross-country runners and middle distance track runners. Campers will focus on Training theory, warm-up and cool down routines, proper running form, hill running, core strength and weight training, flexibility, speed, leadership, team bonding, and much more!

**Speed/ Track Skills Camp**

Become faster and stronger! Campers will also learn and practice the principles of relay running and zone baton exchanges. This camp is designed to increase the campers’ overall speed, quick start, and agility through proper form, flexibility, plyometric and weight training exercises and drills to increase speed and power.

COST: **$150.00** which includes $**75** non-refundable deposit that will be applied to tuition. **For more information** contact 302-757-8792 or [camps@spartancamps.com](mailto:camps@spartancamps.com)

**Bishop Malooly has asked me to provide you with the following** information about the USCCB’s stand on the reported separation of families at the US/Mexican border.

A statement from Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, USCCB President, on Asylum Seekers and Family Separation was issued on June 13. Bishop Malooly is in full agreement with the statement, and thus the statement reflects the stance of the Diocese of Wilmington. The statement can be found on the USCCB’s website <http://www.usccb.org/news/2018/18-098.cfm>.

Bishop Malooly would like to remind you that good sources of information on the US Bishops’ statements on this, and other topics, are the Dialog [www.thedialog.org](http://www.thedialog.org), the USCCB’s website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), and Catholic News Service [www.catholicnews.com](http://www.catholicnews.com).