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| ***From Father Jim***  **Third Sunday of Lent**  **Parish Lenten Opportunities:**  We invite you to come join us in any and all of our of our many Lenten opportunities:   * **First Sunday for Adoration: Today,** March 4th 1:30-3:00pm in IC Chapel * **Stations of the Cross:** Friday nights in Immaculate Conception Church at 7:00pm, March 9th, 16th, & 23rd. * **Shadow Stations of the Cross:** in ICS Gym on March 25th at 8:45am and March 28th at 6:30pm. * **Good Friday Stations of the Cross:** Immaculate Conception Church on March 30th at 3:00pm. * **Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance:**   + Saturdays 4:00-4:50pm - IC individual confessions   + Sundays 8:20-8:50am - SJ individual confessions   + Wednesday, March 7 6:30pm: ICC - Rel Ed. Reconciliation (open to all)   + Monday, March 19 7:00pm: ICC - Parish Mission Reconciliation/Taize Service (open to all)   + Any time by appointment * **Taize Prayer:** March 19, 7:00pm at IC Church * **Parish Lenten Mission with Msgr Daniel McGlynn, “Repent and Believe the Good News! Mark 1:15”** March 18-20th - ICC   **Holy Week Schedule:**  **All Triduum Masses will be taking place at Immaculate Conception Church**  **Holy Thursday**  8:30am - Morning Prayer - IC  7:00pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper - IC  **Good Friday**  8:30am - Morning Prayer - IC  3:00pm - Stations of the Cross - IC  7:00pm - Celebration of the Passions of the Lord- IC  **Holy Saturday**  8:30am - Morning Prayer - IC  11:00am - Blessing of food - IC Chapel  7:00pm - Easter Vigil - IC  **Easter Sunday**  **Immaculate Conception Church:**  7:00am, 8:30am, 10:15am, & Noon Mass  **St. Jude:**  9:00am |

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**Have you checked out our Lent Resources?**

-Sign up for Lenten reflections as well as free access to “Formed” during Lent for movies, books, etc. Visit <https://formed.org/promo/lent-2018> or the link on our website

-Visit the Parish Website at [iccparish.weconnect.com](http://www.icc.weconnect.com), look under Resources, click Lent to find prayers, Scripture, etc.

-The weekly Scripture puzzles for children continue to be posted on our Parish Website under Children’s Corner.

**Parish Mission:**

**“Repent and Believe the Good News!”**

We are pleased to announce that Msgr. Dan McGlynn, is returning to lead our 2018 Parish Mission, **March 18th-20th!** His simple theme calls us to embrace THE GOOD NEWS more deeply this Lenten Season. Msgr. Dan will invite us to the mission at each of the Masses on March 17th & 18th by preaching at all of them and presiding at 3 of them. The mission will explore this theme in 3 dimensions, one each evening at ICC. Our schedule of events is:

**March 18th:**

Msgr. will preach at all masses.

***7:00pm:*** Evening prayer followed by refreshments.

**March 19th:**

***8:30am*** - Msgr. celebrates Mass, followed by refreshments and a short presentation.

***7:00pm:*** Msgr. will continue his presentation followed by celebrating a communal Reconciliation and Taize Service. **March 20th:**

***8:30am:*** Msgr. celebrates mass, followed by refreshments and another short talk.

***7:00pm:*** Msgr. celebrates mass & the closing of our Mission!

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**The St. Patrick’s Dinner/Dance is one week away! **Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend or at the Parish Center. If you can’t attend, consider supporting our Parish by purchasing 50/50 or raffle tickets. Information is available in the church vestibules or online. Not only will we will have great food, entertainment, and raffles, but we will also have dozens of door prizes given away and other surprises throughout the night! This is going to be a night to remember, so come get your shamrock on and get lucky on March 10th!

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**March 5, 2018**

8:30 AM Lucinda Goveya

**March 6, 2018**

8:30 AM Alma Jose

**March 7, 2018**

8:30 AM John “Leo” Williams

**March 8, 2018**

8:30 AM Paul Hardy

**March 9, 2018**

8:30 AM Calixta Guipetacio

**March 10, 2018**

8:30 AM Gaudencia Guipetacio

5:00 PM Joan Kepler

**March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM Cornelius Perrone

8:30 AM Edward & Patricia McCarthy

9:00 AM SJ George Benvegno Sr.

10:15 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Janice Graves

**Liturgy**

**Readings for next week: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

The people of Judah practiced many abominations. They mocked the messengers he sent; until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren’t killed were exiled and became servants for 70 years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God’s mercy and love for us.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

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**YOUNG ADULTS:**

**Lenten Fish Fry & ‘Connections’** During the season of Lent, there will be a bi-weekly fish fry and small group session at the parish center on Friday, March 16th following Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception Church. Stations start at 7pm. ‘Connections’ is a parish-based adult faith formation program that inspires Catholics to pursue their spiritual transformation and equips them to be fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. Each Connections seminar involves: a bi-weekly small group meeting, daily personal activities, a special group activity and one-on-one discussion with the leader or apprentice leader. The Connections program provides a workbook and website for each participant. No matter where one is on their spiritual journey, ‘Connections’ helps people realize their God given spiritual potential. If you are interested, contact Maddie at [mem.reese1010@gmail.com](mailto:mem.reese1010@gmail.com) so we can plan accordingly!

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**Altar Server Training!!**

**We are having altar server training** for anyone interested in becoming a new Altar server and current servers who would like a ‘refresher course’ **This Saturday,** **March 10th 10:00am**. If you are interested or have questions, contact Deacon Mike at [office@iccparish.org](mailto:office@iccparish.org) or 410-398-1100

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**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 **today,** **March 4th**. Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368

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**Daily Readings: Third Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday**

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Monday**

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday**

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

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

**The next Baptism Class is Monday, March 19th.** 7:00-8:30pm 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 us to register and arrange the Baptism date at 410-398-1100.

**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week: March 10-11**

***5:00pm***

**Altar Servers:** Adam M, David M **EM’s** Gina L, Madison L, John N **Lector:** Tina B **Ushers:** Eileen P, Bill B, Pat C

***7:00am***

**Altar Servers:** Ashley D **EM’s**: Sandra H Alan S Gerald M **Lector:** David D **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30am***

**Altar Servers:** Sean M, Ryan M **EMs:** Pat K, Mary Ann H, Don H **Lector:** John G **Ushers:** Anthony D, Steve C, Wendel S, Anthony M

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

**Altar Servers:** Robert H, Joseph H **EM’s:** Les F, Dotty F, Mary Ann S, Chris H, William C **Lector:** Dwight T **Ushers:** Kevin O, Bill D, Jule V

***10:15am***

**Altar Servers:** Aila S, Ariane S **EM’s:** David L, Cecilia G, Peter G, Gwen D, James D **Lector:** Brigid W **Ushers:** Bob W, David B, Steve A

***12:00noon***

**Altar Servers:** Cecilia G, Benedict J **EM’s:** Kathy C, Charles C, Corazon S **Lector:** Frank E **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.

**The catechist for next Sunday, March 11th is:**

**Kimberly Burnham**

**Faith Formation**

**Immaculate Conception School News**

**Our focus on Lent** and preparation continues throughout the school. Through daily lessons, participation in liturgies, and reflections, we are helping students understand the importance of preparing themselves for Jesus. As a school community, we focus on prayer for the special intentions of our families, but also the victims, their families, and all affected by violence in our society. We are making plans now for a prayer service on **March 14** that will be a teachable moment to experience the grace of prayer and the benefit of learning. More details available soon.

**All classes attend Stations of the Cross each week.** We welcome you to join us! This week’s schedule:

**Tuesday,** March 6th at 1:00pm – 4th and 5th grades

**Thursday,** March 8th at 12:30pm – 6th grade

**Friday,** March 9th at 10:15am – 8th gr; 11:00am-7th gr; 12:30pm-K & 1st grades; & 1:30pm – 2nd & 3rd grades.

**This week, we highlight the accomplishments** of all of our students through their performance in the Terra Nova tests. The graph shows the scores for our students in each grade compared to the average scores of all of the diocesan schools. The numbers represent the “National Percentile of the Mean Normal Curve Equivalent.” ICS has a lot to be proud of!

**Would you like your children to have** access to the strong faith-based education that ICS provides, but you always thought that you couldn’t afford it? Contact us about our Tuition Transfer Grant program. For students transferring in to grades K - 8, it is $1,000 off the first year’s tuition and $500 off the second year. You may schedule a school tour at any time by calling Emily Murphy at 410-398-2636. We will hold another Open House on April 14. If you are considering applying for tuition assistance, **now** is the perfect time to visit ICS!

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**Faith Formation**

**Religious Education & Sacraments**

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

**Sunday Program:** Classes for Gr. K-8 will be held today, Mar. 4th at 8:30am

**Wednesday Program:** Classes for Gr. 1-8 will be held this Wednesday, Mar. 7th at 6:15pm.

**RECONCILIATION:** Students in Gr. 2 thru 8 will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30pm. All are welcomed to join us and celebrate this sacrament.

**Religious Ed/Youth Ministry registration:**

**Now** is the time to register for next year’s religious education/youth ministry and sacrament programs. **This is the last month to avoid the late fee!!**

**Religion Classes are held** Sunday mornings from 8:30-10am & Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:45pm – You choose the session to attend

**You can register either:**

-On line by looking under Faith Formation on the Parish Website or

-By completing a hard copy of the forms obtained from the parish religion office.

**\*Register now** through the month of March to avoid a late fee!!

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

**Did You Know that…**

\*A child must have attended First grade in order to register for Second grade /1st Communion Classes!

\*A student must have completed Grades 7 AND 8 to register for Confirmation!

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

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM:**

The Parent/Child meeting was held last Sunday. Anyone not in attendance must contact the Religion Office to remain in the program!!

**CHURCH TOURS: (Not Optional)**

Sun. Mar. 11th at 1:30pm in church.

Rel. Ed Students are not to come to class in the morning, so as to attend the tour.

Wed., Mar. 14th at 6:30pm

Tues., Mar., 20th at 1pm

\*\*Mt. Aviat students: attend either tour most convenient.

+Parents are invited to participate.

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**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:**

Regular meeting times this week.

**YOUTH GROUP: Meeting tonight at 6:00** Join us!

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:** paper products, BOTTLED WATER, pizza gift card

**RETREAT NEEDS: 45 red knitted/crocheted scarves.** If you have these skills please contact Rel. Ed.

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**Adult Education**

**ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM:**

The 3rd session of Symbolon will be held: **Monday, Mar. 5th at 6:30pm & Tuesday, Mar., 6th at 9:15am.** The Topic will be: The Bible: God’s Love Letter to Humanity.

**All who want to learn more about their faith are welcome.** Call the religion office with any questions

**Social Concerns**

**Outreach:**

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

**We are currently in need of:** tea, rice, cereal, cream of mushroom soup, spaghetti sauce, soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, & diapers (size 2)

**Parish and Family Life**

**Parish Coffee**: Join us for Parish Coffee **Today, March 4th** after the 9 AM Mass at St. Jude’s.

**Join us for Parish Coffee, March 11th after 10:15 mass at IC!** Hope to see you there

**Parish Events / Information**

**Increased Offertory Pledge:**

**Thank you to all who have returned their Increased Offertory Pledge Cards!** Of our 982 registered parishioners, 32% have responded. If you have not done so, cards are still available in church or the parish center. You can fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office at any time!

**Since December end,** the average weekly offertory has increased 4%!

**Of those who responded,** 24 have signed up for online giving. This provides convenience to you and ensures consistency for the church to meet our daily expenses.

**Thank you so much again for your continued generosity and support of your parish!**



**Sunday, March 4**

8:20 AM Confessions - SJ

8:30 AM Religious Ed

1:30 PM Adoration for Vocations - CH

4:00 PM Confirmation Class - PC

6:00 PM HS Gathering

Monday, March 5

9:00 AM Novena – CH

6:30 PM Adult Ed Class - PC

8:00 PM AA Mtg - Caf

Tuesday, March 6

9:00 AM Holy Hour – CH

9:15 AM Book Discussion - PC

9:15 AM Adult Ed Class - PC

6:00 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg - PC

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM Boy Scout Leader Mtg - PC

7:00 PM Parish Council Mtg - PC

7:30 PM Contemporary Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, March 7

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade/SJ Novena - CH

9:30 AM Cantor Reh - IC

1:00 PM LAOH - PC

3:45 PM Children’s Choir Reh - IC

6:15 PM Religious Ed

6:30 PM Reconciliation Service - IC

Thursday, March 8

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

3:00 PM Godspell Rehearsal - gym

6:30 PM Boy Scout Mtg - PC

6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Caf

6:30 PM Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM Parish Choir Reh - IC

Friday, March 9

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

6:00 PM ICS Paint Nite

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - IC

7:00 PM NA - Caf

**Saturday, March 10**

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

10:00 AM Altar Server Training - IC

11:00 AM Cub Scouts Blue Gold - Caf

4:15 PM Confessions - IC

6:30 PM Irish Dinner

7:00 PM NA - Caf

**Christian Yoga:**

All are welcome to join in a Christ-centered meditative and gentle stretching Yoga classes. Classes are: **Mondays** **7 - 8:30pm** in ICS gym. The next class is **tomorrow, March 5th!** Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat and towel. A $7 per class offering is suggested. Come to one or all classes and feel free to bring a friend!

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**Do you stay home watching the kids during the day?** Has the weather created ‘cabin-fever’ for you and the kids? We have an answer for you! Join Gwen Davis for a seasonal activity and story geared to pre-school aged children. Our next Story-Time session will be this Tuesday, **March 6** at 9:00am. If you have questions about the program or are interested in helping, please contact Emily Murphy at 410-398-2636.

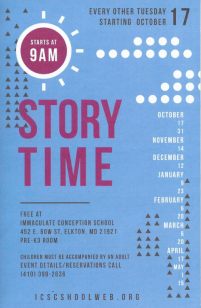
**~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~****2018 VBS PLANNING IS HERE**! "Shipwrecked" Totally Catholic VBS is where kids learn that Jesus rescues! Our next planning meeting will be held **Monday, March 12th at 6pm in the Parish Center.** If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to be part of this exciting adventure, contact 410-392-3551 or [donnamichelangelo@yahoo.com](javascript:void(window.open('/cpsess7748102409/horde/imp/dynamic.php?page=compose&to=donnamichelangelo%40yahoo.com&popup=1','','width=820,height=610,status=1,scrollbars=yes,resizable=yes'))).



**Come to Paint Nite at ICS on Friday, March 9th!** Come together for a fun evening with your friends, or meet new ones as you help raise money to support enrichment activities at ICS. Get your tickets NOW!! <https://www.paintnite.com/events/sunset-by-the-dock-at-immaculate-conception-school-10027062>

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**Help Wanted! Volunteer Fundraising Coordinator:** The volunteer fundraising coordinator acts as a liaison between the parish fundraising committees, the parish council, and the parish staff; attends fundraiser committee meetings to provide insight and coordination with other events; coordinates scheduling in advance with committees and parish staff in regards to advertising and room reservations; drafts announcements, mailings, scheduling of speakers, etc; assists in creating and scheduling advertising notices and communications while utilizing established means of advertising as well as seeking new advertising opportunities. If you are interested, please contact Mark Guns at [Mguns@live.com](mailto:Mguns@live.com) or 443-309-0616. Thank you!

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**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 7:00pm at the Parish Center

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**The LAOH (The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)** Meetings will be held the first Wednesdays of the month at 1:00p.m. in the ICC Parish Center. Meetings run September - May. We are always looking for new members! The LAOH is a Catholic Action Group. If you are a woman who is Irish, Catholic and wanting to serve your community and learn more about your Irish heritage come join us. Contact Janice White, President at 410-378-3493

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**Help kick off a year to remember! Diocesan 150th anniversary to begin March 3rd.** You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington’s Sesquicentennial Kick-off Mass on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 12:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Sixth and West Streets in Wilmington. Gather and pray with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

**St. Anthony of Padua Church** invites you to participate in its 2018 presentation of the Via Crucis, a live re-enactment of the last days of Christ by area schoolchildren. The one-hour performance, blending traditional music, pantomime, and the words of the Gospel is staged at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony’s Church, 905 North DuPont Street in Wilmington. Performances for 2018 are: Friday, March 9, Friday, March 16, Friday, March 23 and ending on Good Friday, March 30. Over 100 students from area elementary, high schools, and colleges make up the cast of the Via Crucis. **There is no admission charge** for Via Crucis, although a free-will donation is welcomed. Call St. Anthony’s Rectory at 302-421-3700 for reservations. No reservations are accepted for Good Friday’s presentation.

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**Registered Redners's Shoppers:** Please remember to drop off your Redners's Grocery Receipts to Outreach. Once we reach a certain amount of money earned through the Redner's 'Save-A-Tape' program, Outreach can use the Save-A-Tape awards to purchase needed supplies. Kindly remember each week to generously give food donations and supplies to this important Ministry. It is greatly appreciated by those in need.

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**The Cecil County Pregnancy Center banquet** is coming up on March 22nd at 6:30pm at the Singerly Fire Hall in Elkton. The cost is $25 at the door. There will be a great meal and speakers with client stories. Please call 410-398-7888 to RSVP. You will be glad you came!