***From Father Jim***

**“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day He was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection… Then they prayed, ‘You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”**

**As the early church prayed** that the Lord direct the choice of the twelfth apostle, they listed the requirements of time, presence, and witness. The word ‘accompanied’ is the image so often used by Pope Francis, as we are accompanied by and walk with Jesus.

**Their prayer should be our prayer,** for the Lord knows well our hearts. He continues to choose among our parish families people to fill His ministry. He continues to choose others who will be ordained this month to continue the apostolic ministry. May we pray for those to be ordained, ask the Lord to inspire others to follow and do His work, and find us supporting those who have responded to His call. We too need time, presence, and witness.

***Congratulations to those recently baptized:***

*Genevieve Claire Dewitt*

***We extend our condolences and prayers to the families of those who have died:***

*Mrs. Barbara Louise Gregson*

**Fr. Michael Connolly, OSFS returns TOday, May 13th at 1:15pm**

After the Easter Season the Church’s Sunday Eucharist will return to Mark’s Gospel. Having celebrated Christ’s victory over sin and death in his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, we now return to Jesus’ Miracles and Parables-to cherish and practice the lessons He taught by His words and deeds. Come join fellow parishioners for this presentation **TODAY, May 13th at 1:15pm in the Chapel.**

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**Summer Office Hours**

**The Parish Office Summer hours will begin Monday, May 14th.** Our summer office hours are 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Have a great summer!

**Why Choose ICS?**

“Love, love, love this school!! I wouldn't send my kids anywhere else!! I have a child in Pre-K, 1st grade and 6th. The teachers are amazing. Small classes, plenty of individual attention, the Principal knows the children by their first names and NOT because they're in trouble!“ --Kara P., Parent



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**2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**

“*Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith”*

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our diocese.. Thank you for your generosity and support. To learn more, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal”.

**Join Elkton High School's Chamber Choir, Perryville High School Women's Choir, and professional orchestra** for a beautiful afternoon of choral music featuring Kim Andre Arnesen's "Magnificat" and other choral works on **Sunday,** **May 20 at 3:00 PM** in Immaculate Conception Church. **This concert is free and open to the public** and will be directed by Peter Solecki, EHS Choral Director (and former Director of Music at IC/SJ) and Nathan Carns, PVHS Choral Director. For more information, please contact Peter Solecki a [psoleckimusic@gmail.com](mailto:psoleckimusic@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Readings for next week: Pentecost Sunday**

**First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

During the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire came to rest on the heads of the disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each disciple began speaking in a different language, and were understood by people from many different regions who were amazed at what they had witnessed.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

Paul explains that we are all members of one body. We have all been baptized in one Spirit and although numerous, we are one in Christ.

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

John describes Jesus’ first visit to the disciples after his resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.

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

The next Baptism Class is **tomorrow,** **May 14th**, 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.

**2018 VBS PLANNING IS HERE!**

"Shipwrecked" Totally Catholic VBS is where kids learn that Jesus rescues! Our next planning meeting will be held **This Monday, May 14th at 6pm** in the parish center. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to be part of this exciting adventure, contact the religion office at 410-392-3551 or email [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'))) We need many volunteers, adults and teens, to make this happen!

**We need YOU!**

**PLANNING ON ATTENDING VBS?**

**Register Early** so that T-Shirts and supplies can be ordered. VBS is for children ages 4 through the completion of Gr 5

**Online registration available:**

[iccparish.weconnect.com/vbs](http://iccparish.weconnect.com/vbs)

**LIKE us on FACEBOOK:**

[www.facebook.com/immaculateconceptionvbs/](http://www.facebook.com/immaculateconceptionvbs/)

**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 **June 3rd.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Daily Readings:**

***The Ascension of the Lord***

**Sunday** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17:23 or

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7; 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

**Monday** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

**Tuesday** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday** Acts 28:16-20, 30--31; Jn 21:20-25

**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week: *May 19-20***

***5:00 pm***

**Altar Servers:** Grace B, Thomas L • **EMs:** Gina L, Madison L, Carol K

• **Lector:** Edward R • **Ushers:** Eileen P, Bill B, Pat C

***7:00 am***

**Altar Servers:** Ashley D, Benedict J • **EM’s:** Sandra H, Alan S, Gerald M

• **Lector:** David D • **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Layla B, Elizabeth R •**EMs:** Donald H, Frank S

• **Lector:** John G • **Ushers:** Anthony D, Steve C, Wendel S, Anthony M

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

**Altar Servers:** David M, Adam M • **EM’s:** Mary Anne S, Carol V, Tom V, Helen B, John N • **Lector:** Dwight T • **Ushers:** Kevin O, Bill D, Jule V Jake S

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Chloe B, Donovan O • **EM’s:** Elizabeth B, Richard B, David L, Gwen D, Grace B •**Lector:** Rachel W •**Ushers:** Bob W, David B, James D, Steve A

***12:00 noon***

**Altar Servers:** Cecilia G • **EMs:** Corazon S, Charles C, Kathy C

• **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.

**There is NO Children’s Liturgy Next Week, May 20th.**

Have a great Summer!!

**Memorial Day Mass:**

We will be holding a Memorial Day Mass to honor the veterans buried in our cemetery. We will be having mass at our Parish cemetery on route 213 at **9:00am** **on Monday, May 28th**. The Parish will provide some chairs, but attendees are encouraged to bring folding chairs Hope to see you there!

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

**Alleluia! He is Risen!**

Easter season continues, and we continue to celebrate. This weekend, we celebrate our mothers, those here on earth and those who are watching over us in union with our Blessed Mother. Our school community wants to thank all of you moms who were the first teachers for our students – and we pray for you as you continue to help mold your children to reach the potential that God created them to achieve.

**It’s hard to believe how quickly the year has gone by** and many end-of-the-year activities are upon us. The traditional **8th grade trip to D.C.** with their families is on Monday. Other field trips are around the corner. Our students are deep into the preparations for the **spring concert** as well as our thespians’ work on **Godspell Jr.** Both events promise to be very entertaining and well done!

**Do you have young children at home** who are itching to get out and do something new and fun? We have an answer for you! Join Gwen Davis for a seasonal activity and story geared to pre-school aged children. **Our final Story Time for this school year will be Tuesday, May 15** at 9:00am. If you have questions or are interested in helping, please contact Emily Murphy at 410-398-2636.

**Applications are being accepted** for next school year. If you missed our open house, don’t worry! Individual tours are available upon request by calling 410-398-2636. Now is the time to consider the benefits of Immaculate Conception’s strong, faith-based, challenging academic program.

**Religious 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

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

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**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 Youth Group Tonight, May 13th!** Celebrate the gift of your Mother!

**Next week, May 20th:** Come and beautify our space by helping to Paint the Walls **- literally!**

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

**RESOURCES FOR THE EASTER SEASON:**

-Go to the Parish Website at [iccparish.weconnect.com](http://www.icc.weconnect.com) and look under Resources to find Resources for Prayer, Scripture, etc.

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

**Holy Heroes Free Mass Prep Resources available:** Sign up at HolyHeroesFun.com

**Weekly Family Video Reflection From Strong Catholic Families:** Every Wednesday a video link and reflection question will be posted on the Strong Catholic Families Facebook page for families to watch, reflect, and discuss. This Facebook page is updated daily with articles, resources, videos and family-related informationaimed at Catholic parents. For more family friendly resources, visit [www.strongcatholicfamilies.org](http://www.strongcatholicfamilies.org)

**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:** cereal, canned fruit, corn, or green beans, and diapers (size 2)

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

Join us for Parish Coffee: Today, **June 3rd** after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude’s.

Join us for Parish Coffee TODAY, **May 13th** after 10:15 mass at IC! Hope to see you there.

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**Save the Date!! Our 8th Annual Golf Classic** is going to be held on Monday, **June 11th, 2018 at the Newark Country Club!!** Join us for a fun-filled day of golf, great food, and some amazing auction items and golf prizes; including a hole-in-one car donated by Newark Chrysler Jeep Dodge! **Spaces are limited!!** You can participate by: golfing, sponsoring, contributing auction Items, Volunteering, or joining us for dinner! **Register online** at iccparish.weconnect.com or by filling out a registration found in the churches or parish office. **We need volunteers** on the planning committee and to help the day of. Contact the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 for more information.

**4th annual ICAA Wine and Beer Tasting!!**

Come on out to State Line Liquors on **May 19th from 6-8pm** and support the Immaculate Conception Athletic Association while enjoying finger foods, appetizers, and taste wines and beers. You can also participate in a 50/50 drawing! Tickets are $25 per person and they can be purchased from Angela Maxwell, Michelle Riddle, and the Parish Center. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

**Parish Council Elections**

Immaculate Conception / St. Jude Parish is in need of Parish Council members! Members of Parish Council are elected to three year terms, and meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. We need two representatives: one for Immaculate Conception, and one for St. Jude.

**The purpose of the Parish Council** is to assist the pastor in decisions that affect the parish community, the business side of our parish, and as a representative of the parishioners. Thesepositions require occasional meetings and work outside of the regular monthly meetings.

**If you have interest** in being part of Parish Council, please contact the parish office by May 25th.

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*Thank you so much for your continued*

*generosity and support to your parish!*

**Weekly Church Collections: Week of April 22nd**

ICC $11,366.00

St. Jude $2,030.00

Online $4,294.00

Total Offertory $17,690.00

***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. Puts all offerings at your fingertips to track your giving

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

**How to sign up?**

1. Visit iccparish.weconnect.com
2. Click “Go to Online Giving”
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**Support ICC when you shop!**

Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6015220](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6015220) and Amazon donates a percentage of your purchase to Immaculate Conception Parish!

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**Save the date!!!**

The ICS production of “Godspell Jr.” will be performed on **June 2nd and 3rd at 1:30pm** at Immaculate Conception School gym. Stay tuned for more information on ticket sales! If you would like to know more about how you can help support local arts and the ICS theatre program, please Contact Kathleen Davis at [office@iccparish.org](mailto:office@iccparish.org) for more information.

**COUNTDOWN TO THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** The Christmas Bazaar is only 27 WEEKS away and the committee NEEDS YOU. Many hands make light work and it’s not too early to get involved. **WANTED:** 1) someone with a decorative flare to coordinate our theme basket table of donated items; 2) someone to serve as Dining Room Manager to assist Santa with his guests and tidy up dining room; and 3) someone to coordinate advertising for bazaar (can be done from the comfort of your home). Please join us and help support our parish with this major fundraiser. **For more information, contact** the Parish Center at 410-398-1100 or [office@iccparish.org](mailto:office@iccparish.org) or contact Lisa Kaminski at 410-392-9558 or Jackie Gedz at 410-392-0396.

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**Sunday, May 13**

8:20 AM Confessions - SJ

1:15 PM Fr. Michael Connolly Visit-CH

1:30 PM Baptisms - IC

6:00 PM HS Gathering - PC

Monday, May 14

9:00 AM Novena – CH

6:00 PM Vacation Bible School Mtg-PC

7:00 PM Baptism Class - PC

8:00 PM AA Mtg – Caf

Tuesday, May 15

9:00 AM Holy Hour – CH

4:45 PM Finance Meeting - PC

6:30 PM Cub Scout Leader Mtg - PC

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - PC

7:30 PM Contemporary Rehearsal – IC

Wednesday, May 16

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade/SJ Novena-CH

9:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal - IC

4:00 PM Godspell Reh - Gym

7:00 PM Parish Council Mtg - PC

Thursday, May 17

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

3:00 PM Godspell Reh - gym

6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting - PC

6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Caf

6:30 PM Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM Parish Choir Reh – IC

Friday, May 18

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

7:00 PM NA – Caf

**Saturday, May 19**

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)** Meetings for this year are finished for the summer. However, 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 at 410-378-3493.

**ICS is looking for sponsors** **for banners to be hung at Little League Baseball fields ASAP!!** These are high-visibility areas and the banners would be very effective in promoting enrollment for the school. For more information, please contact Emily Murphy at 410-398-2636.

**Immaculate Conception is an affiliate Partner of The Franklin Institute**

As a parishioner, you get discount pricing for admission and exhibits!! Go to [www.fi.edu/affiliates](http://www.fi.edu/affiliates) and enter our organization code: ICCPMGRP. Check out some of the awesome exhibits they are running:

**Game Masters: The Exhibition, March 31-September 3:** This exhibit is a history of the science and graphic design that goes into creating video games. It’s fun and interactive!

**Vikings: Beyond the Legend, October 13-March 2, 2019:** Voyage back to the times when Vikings ruled the North Atlantic and sailed the seas for treasure. Come see how the Vikings lived, changed the world, and how their influence continues today!

**TWILIGHT RETREAT FOR PROFESSIONAL YOUNG WOMEN**

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia are sponsoring an evening of prayer on Sunday, **June 10, 2018**, from 3:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. for young professional women (ages 18-35) to be held at Our Lady of Angels Convent, 609 S. Convent Road in Aston, Pennsylvania (near Neumann University). The theme is *St. Francis of Assisi and his Canticle of Creation*. A light dinner will be provided. There is no fee for this event.

Reservations need to be made by **June 6, 2018** with Sr. Christopher Marie Wagner, OSF, at (610) 558-6789 or [cwagner@osfphila.org](mailto:cwagner@osfphila.org). Bring a friend and have a relaxing, prayerful evening.



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