***From Father Jim***

**“Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord would bestow his spirit on them all. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”**

On the day of our baptism, when we were anointed with the Holy Chrism we were told that we participate with Jesus as priest, prophet and king. A prophet is a spokesperson for God. We read from the Major Prophets in the Old Testament, and know the teaching of the minor ones, as Micah, Amos, Hosea and others. We too are called to witness to Christ, we too are spokespersons for the Lord, His prophets today. We speak as witnesses by our actions. We speak as teachers of His word. We bring the call to conversion to a needy world. We find the witness of prophets in St Archbishop Oscar Romero, Blessed Stanley Rother, and the religious martyrs of El Salvador. They are the prophetic voices, calling out for justice, an end to oppression, as agents for peace. ‘Would that the Lord would bestow…’ He has, now it is our turn.

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

*Ava Rose Barrett*

*Abraham Contreras Guerrero*

*Benjamin Adrian Contreras Guerraro*

*Brayden Orien Shoemaker*

***We extend a warm welcome to our new Parishioners:***

*Mr. Alex DeJesus, Ms Taylor Bass and Family*

*Mr. Michael Bogus, Ms. Charlotte Cote & Family*

*Mr Matthew Coffin*

*Mr. Daniel Wright, Ms. Jessica Pinelli & Family*

***Congratulations to the couples who were recently married in the parish:***

*Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery and Jaclyn Eck*

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Lindsay Partridge*

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

*Mrs. Judith Anne Clark*

**Blessing of the Animals:**

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will be having a Blessing of Animals on **Thursday, October 4th** at the Immaculate Conception School Soccer field at 6:00pm. All are invited to bring their pets to enjoy God’s blessings. After all, our lives are so richly blessed by them!



**Join us TODAY after all masses at Immaculate Conception Church for the Knights of Columbus BBQ!!**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their famous Chicken BBQ event, **TODAY, September 30th** after each ICC mass! For $10, you receive a fresh half chicken with corn on the cob, and coleslaw, as well as a chance to win a 2019 Ford Mustang!



**October 1, 2018 St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

8:30 am Ida Maxwell

**October 2, 2018 The Holy Guardian Angels**

8:30 am Tony Sniadowski

**October 3, 2018**

8:30 am Murray Smith (Living Intention)

**October 4, 2018 St. Francis of Assisi**

8:30 am Gabriel Ortiz (Living Intention)

**October 5, 2018 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**

8:30 am Nick Coppolino

**October 6, 2018 Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**

8:30 am Pauline O’Grady

5:00 pm Alice and Arthur Jones Sr.

**October 7, 2018 *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00 am People of the Parish

8:30 am Patricia Hitchcock

9:00 am SJ George Benvegno Sr.

10:15 am Sharon Burnham

12:00 pm Hugh, Eleanor, and Christopher Reilly

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**What can one person do to help effect peace in our time?** When we’re told to pray for peace, it may seem that one person praying will have little effect on a world in such turmoil. But how about if one person is joined by one more person and that person by another and another? A chain of prayers for peace all around the world starting with one person forms a union stronger than any conflict whether it is in a family, a neighborhood, a community, or between nations. Why? Because all of those people-us!-are part of the communion of saints that ties together heaven and earth, and at the center is God. Join the Sisters of St. Francis in praying daily the Prayer of St. Francis. As you pray, concentrate on the words that say *Make* ME *an instrument of your peace.* That makes all of us instruments of peace wherever we are and in whatever situation. Difficult as that may seem at times, remember that we always have God on our side.

**Readings for next week:**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus’ Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

The people asked Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.

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**Are you unbaptized and have a desire to be baptized? Are you a baptized Christian interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions then RCIA is for you!!**

**A new RCIA program has started!** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which baptized Christians and those who are unbaptized become members of the Catholic Church. It is also the process by which baptized Catholics who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation receive those sacraments. Are you being called to have a deeper relationship with God? If so, please call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 or email rcia@iccparish.org to learn more about RCIA and to register. **Sponsors are also needed to walk with those** who are learning about the Catholic faith through RCIA. Do you love your faith? Do you want to share it with others? Please consider being a sponsor for RCIA. Call 410-398-1100 to sign up!

**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 **October 7th.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Inspirational Quote of the Week:**

“Jesus is the Life I want to live, the Light I want to reflect, the Way to the Father, the Love I want to express, the Joy I want to share, the Peace I want to sow around me. Jesus is everything to me.”

 -- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

The next Baptism Class is **January 7th**, 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 at 410-398-1100.

**Daily Readings:**

***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday.**..................Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Monday.**..........................................................Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday**..................................Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Wednesday**..........................................Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday.***....................................................*Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday .**....................................Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:33-5; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday** .....................................Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

 **Liturgical Ministers for Next Week: *October 6th and 7th***

***5:00 pm***

**Altar Servers:** Mark B, Donovan O •**EM’s:** Mary Anne E, Julie M, Mary Clarke • **Lector:** Alison D • **Ushers:** Eileen P, Bill B, Pat C

***7:00 am***

**Altar Servers:** Sarah B, Jacob B •**EM’s:** Gerald M, Alan S, Sandra H

• **Lector:** James S • **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Jeremy M, Layla B • **EMs:** Don H, Cecilia G, Peter G •**Lector:** John G • **Ushers:** Anthony D, Wendel S, Anthony M, Steve C

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

**Altar Servers:** Adam M, David M • **EM’s:** Narcy Z, Tom V, Dotty F, Les F, Diane C • **Lector:** Louis N •**Ushers:** Kevin O, Jule V, Bill D

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth R, Hayden S • **EM’s:** Elizabeth B, Richard B, Grace B, Richard L, David L • **Lector:** Helen B • **Ushers:** Bob W, Steve A, David B

***12:00 noon***

**Altar Servers:** Valerie O, Gabriel O • **EMs:** Pat K, Cynthia J, Kathy C

 • **Lector:** Frank E • **Ushers:** Charles C

**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 week: October 7th is:**

Kimberly Burnham

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

**Immaculate Conception School** will start its **Walk-In Wednesdays** on September 19th. Thereafter, tours will be offered every Wednesday between the hours of 9am - 11am. Please tell anyone interested in ICS to come and meet the new principal, see the changes, feel the energy—the future’s happening here now!

**Story Time** at Immaculate Conception School will start on Wednesday, October 3rd at 10am and run monthly. Please bring your children to Immaculate Conception school’s PreK-3 Room to enjoy classic children’s stories read by Gwen Davis, activities, music, crafts and more! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 410-398-2636 for more information

**If you are interested in learning more about ICS** or would like to enroll your child, call the school office and ask to speak to Emily Murphy, the Advancement Director. The office is open from 8:00 - 3:00 Mon - Fri. Take advantage of our Tuition Transfer and Protect & Serve grants! Call the Advancement Director for details!

**faith formation**

**Education & Sacraments**

**Religion Classes have started!!**

If you have not registered please contact the Religious Ed Office ASAP at 410-392-3551.

**First Reconciliation Meeting** is on Monday, **September 24th** at 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church (Parents Only)

**Parent Meeting** for Grades 1 – 8 will be held **TODAY, September 23rd** or **Wednesday, September 26th**during religion class. **All parents** are asked to attend one of these meetings.

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

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**CONFIRMATION**

**The First meeting will be held September 29th** at 10:00am in Immaculate Conception Church. (Parent and Child)

**YOUTH GROUP:**

Next meeting Tonight, September 16th

**YM WISH LIST:** bottled water, plastic ware.

**Young Adults Group:**

Attention Young Adults (ages 18-30): As of the 1st week of Oct. there will be a “Connections” Group meeting for 6 weeks. “Connections” is an adult faith formation program. It consists of short seminars taking place over the course of the church year. Each seminar has 4 parts: weekly meetings, daily activities, group activities and one-on-one discussions with the group leader. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, ‘Connections’ helps you realize your God-given spiritual potential. Contact Maddie Reese by **Sept 26th** at YoungAdultGroupicc@gmail.com.

**Adult Education**

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

**RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON:**

-Go to the Parish Website at [iccparish.weconnect.com](http://www.iccparish.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 so much for your help, generosity, prayers, & donations to this essential ministry!!



**Outreach is** **in dire need** of all types of canned fruits and vegetables, spaghetti, & spaghetti sauce! Thank you!!

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

Join us for Parish Coffee**,** **October 7th** after 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude’s.

**There will not** be any Parish Coffee during October at ICC due to scheduling conflicts.

**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 Sept. 23rd**

 ICC $10,383.00

 St. Jude--------------------- $2,114.00

Online $4,278.00

 Total Offertory $16,774.00

***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. Allows 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!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**Christmas Bazaar Needs:**

This year's Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for November 10th & 11th, is shaping up to be the best one yet and we need your help to make it so! Donations of books and CD's for the Book Nook can be dropped off at the Parish Center during regular business hours. (No VHS tapes, please!) We are also accepting unused gift cards and a few larger baskets for the raffles. Our Sigh-Up Genius is now on line and ready for you to sign up to help. Go to: **bit.ly/ICC-SJ-ChristmasBazaar** to sign up. One new feature at this year's bazaar will be the opportunity to **pre-order fresh Christmas Wreaths** for delivery in December. Samples of the wreaths will be at the order table just inside the main doors to the gym. Thank you for helping with the Bazaar. If you have any questions you can contact Lisa Kaminski at 410-392-9558 or Jackie Gedz at 410-392-0396. Please leave a message.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN:** Our next Community Kitchen will be held on **October 26th** at the Elkton Presbyterian Church at noon. We will again be serving the ever popular Fried Chicken luncheon for our guests. We are asking for donations of large size cans of green beans, ready-to-serve dinner rolls, applesauce, pans of scalloped potatoes, and desserts.

**If you are able to help** with any of these items or want to join us for this enjoyable service opportunity, please call Joyce Speakman at 610-597-3135, or Kathy Chamberlin at 410-398-7299 for more information. Of course, cash donations are always welcome and are always directly used for buying food. If donating by check, please make it out to Immaculate Conception Church, and write “Community Kitchen” in the memo section. **Thank you for all you have done** to make our Community Kitchen so outstanding!

**Newspapers needed!** Work will begin shortly on a new chapel prayer garden at Immaculate Conception Church! Please save and drop off your old newspapers! These will be used as a base mulch layer! There will be a plastic container in which to deposit your newspapers in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!

**St. Jude’s 50th Anniversary planning meeting:**

Anyone interested in planning for St. Jude's 50th Anniversary (first mass was in June 1969, dedicated on October 26, 1969) is invited to attend a meeting at St. Jude's on Tuesday, **September 25** at 7pm. Please come with memories to share and ways to communicate our history as we look forward to the future. We will need photos and memorabilia to put into a video presentation, technically skilled people to create this, ways to invite back many who have moved away, ways to involve our local community in this anniversary mass and celebration. Contact Cheryl Nickle at 410-392-3551 or youthministry@iccparish.org with ideas or for more information.



**Sunday, September 30**

8:20 AM Confessions - SJ

8:30 AM Religious Education

2:00 PM Confirmation Orientation - IC

6:00 PM HS Gathering - PC

Monday, October 1

9:30 AM - Novena - CH

6:00 PM - Volleyball - gym

6:30 PM - Adult Ed Symbolon - PC

8:00 PM - AA Mtg - Caf

Tuesday, October 2

9:00 AM - Holy Hour – CH

9:15 AM - Adult Ed Symbolon - PC

9:15 AM - Adult Ed book club - PC

6:00 PM - Volleyball - gym

6:00 PM - Liturgy Committee Mtg - PC

6:30 PM - Christmas Bazaar Mtg - PC

7:00 PM - Parish Council Mtg - PC

7:30 PM - Contemp Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, October 3

9:00 AM -Rosary Crusade/SJ Novena-CH

9:30 AM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

1:00 PM - LAOH Mtg - PC

6:15 PM - Religious Ed Classes

Thursday, October 4

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

10:00 AM - Adult Ed Mtg - PC

5:00 PM - LAOH Walk-through-ICS

6:00 PM - Volleyball - gym

6:30 PM - Boy Scout Meeting - PC

6:30 PM - Cub Scout Meeting - caf

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal - IC

Friday, October 5 ICS ½ Day!

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

7:00 PM - NA – Caf

**Saturday, October 6**

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

10:00 AM - Confirmation mtg - IC

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

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

****The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians,Inc. Cecil County Division1, an Irish Catholic Action group, is holding their annual Fall fundraiser and membership drive today! **Help the LAOH feed the hungry!** LAOH members will be available after Mass to take donations. Your $5 donation will help support Immaculate Conception Outreach and Good Shepherd’s St. Vincent de Paul Society. In return, you will receive a Boscov’s 25% discount shopping pass to be used on **October 16th** for “Friends Helping Friends” Day shopping pass at all Boscov locations. In addition, you are eligible to register to win fabulous prizes, including shopping sprees and more! Your donation goes directly to the LAOH fundraiser and Boscov's does not see a penny of it. We thank you in advance for helping us help others.

**The year 2018 marks the 150th anniversary** of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington which comprises the State of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. During the year there will be numerous activities and celebrations from pilgrimages to churches throughout the diocese, commemorative Masses and special prayers to mark this milestone. We invite you to participate in Convocation 150 on **November 3** at the Ocean City Convention Center.

**This gathering is where we can reflect** on where we are, where we have been, and to **envision and embrace a pathway for mission and ministry**. Above all, **Convocation 150 is our opportunity to celebrate**, affirm, and deepen our ministry. It is an opportunity for each parish to gather for a day of enrichment, fellowship, and prayer. It is a day to celebrate, learn and pray together as a community. **REGISTER FOR CONVOCATION 150 TODAY!!** Visit the registration website: [**https://convocation150.eventbee.com**](https://convocation150.eventbee.com/)

**Let us *Rejoice in the Lord!*** For videos, coming events, information about our Historic Churches Pilgrimage Program, *Convocation 150*, photos, & more, visit [www.cdow.org/150th](http://www.cdow.org/150th). Follow us on social media at [www.facebook.com/cdow150th](http://www.facebook.com/cdow150th), and @CDOW150th on Twitter/Instagram

**Thanks to everyone who contributed to the diocesan *Share in the* Spirit tuition assistance collection last week!!**

For those of you who were unable to participate last weekend, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. Drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the parish office. If you have misplaced your envelope, extras can be found at the entrance of the churches. This important collection supports the mission of our Catholic schools by assisting those who seek a Catholic education but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated!