

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

JUNE 21, 2026



454 Bow Street
Elkton, MD 21921

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm
Sundays: 7:00 & 11:00 am
Holy Days: As announced
Weekdays: Mon. - Sat., 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 am

BAPTISMS

2nd & 4th Sundays of
the month, 12:15 pm

Rev. Richard J. Jasper
Pastor

Rev. James Gebhart
Associate Pastor

Rev. Gerald Dunne, OSFS
Priest in Residence

Mr. Ben Feril
Permanent Deacon



928 Turkey Point Rd.
North East, MD

MASSES

Sundays: 9:00 am
Holy Days: As announced

CONFESSIONS

Before Sunday Mass,
8:20 - 8:50 am

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the
month, 10:15 am

Schedule of Liturgies



Parish Office: 410-398-1100
455 Bow Street, Elkton, MD 21921
Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
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Registration: Please call the Parish Office for a registration form, or register online.
Office of Faith Formation
Vickie Eichler / 410-392-3551
Coord. of Primary Faith Formation
reledoff@gmail.com

Marriages
Please contact a priest one year in advance.
Ministry to the Sick and Homebound
Call Parish Office whenever you or a family member are hospitalized or needs a visit.
Parish Outreach / 410-398-2110
Open Mon, Wed., & Fri. from 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Coordinator of Music & Liturgy
George I. Gregory / 410-398-3244
icsjmusic@gmail.com
Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal
Tuesday at 7:00 pm (*Sept. to May*)
Cantor Rehearsal
Wednesday at 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Our cemetery is conveniently located off of Rt. 213 and Childs Road, Elkton, MD 21921. For current availability and pricing, contact Peggy O'Donnell in the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 or iccmanager455@gmail.com.

Baptisms: Pregnant? Have a newborn? Does your child need to be Baptized?
Please contact the Parish Office in advance to register for the Online Baptism Preparation Class or to arrange the date of Baptism. For information call 410-398-1100.

Pastoral Council Meeting
3rd Wednesday of the month (*Sept. - June*) at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Parish Liturgy & Finance Committees
Meets monthly

REFLECTION

By Fr. Rich Jasper - June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Make Me an Instrument ...

I remember watching a documentary on PBS in the early 1990s which told the story of a small group of Franciscan friars who served Philadelphians struggling with poverty, hunger and homelessness. What impressed me most about these men was the way in which they took time to really be present to those who came before them, listening to them and loving them as though it were Christ Himself coming in the disguise of those distressed and in need.

For these Franciscans in Kensington -- as was true for their holy founder from Assisi, Italy -- the friars believe that Jesus often comes to us in ways and times (and people) we least expect. As disciples called to serve and to walk in the footsteps of the Crucified One, we too are invited to be bold and courageous in how we give of ourselves to others, even in the smallest of loving encounters -- a kind word, a small donation, an offer to volunteer. As the Lord reminds us repeatedly in the Gospel this Sunday, "Do not be afraid," for He is always with us in moments such as these.

In the Divine Mercy alcoves of both Immaculate Conception and St. Jude, you will find a beautiful grotto honoring the life and legacy of St. Francis, the humble man who gave up everything in order to follow the Savior who commanded him: "Rebuild My Church." Francis did just that in the ways in which he poured out his life and heart for those who needed to know they were seen and worthy of God's love.

As the Catholic Church celebrates 800 years of St. Francis this year, please take a moment of prayer and reflection at one of our Franciscan grottoes, lovingly designed by our environmental team of Barb Ruhmann, Pat D'Annunzio and Cheryl Nickle. These places of reflection will be blessed this weekend at all Masses, and will be a part of our worship space until the Feast of St. Francis in early October, when the Jubilee Year concludes.

Finally, as we honor and celebrate our fathers this weekend, we thank them for the many ways they have mirrored God the Father's love for us. Isn't it interesting that St. Francis' own father never supported his son's religious ministry and calling, but in his own unique way, Francis himself lived the way most of our dads do, and the way in which I am sure he wished his own earthly father had lived: they preach the Gospel by the way they live their lives in integrity and virtue. Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and those who take on a fatherly role in our lives.



Monday, June 22, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Paulinus of Nola

8:30 am --- Manu Harumal Daswani

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Joseph Cafasso

8:30 am --- Lori Tanner

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am ---- Lori Tanner

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. William of Vercelli

8:30 am ---- Tony Sniadowski

Friday, June 26, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Anthelm

8:30 am ---- All Parishioners

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:30 am ----- Sean Hannon

5:00 pm ----- Margaret Cardillo

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am ----- Penny Forester

9:00 am SJ -- Fr. Stanley J. Dombrowski

11:00 am ----- Joseph McGlinn

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, June 22nd

9:00 – 3:30 pm Summer Academy – IC Campus

9:30 – 11:30 am Outreach Office Open – PC Lower Level

Tuesday, June 23rd

9:00 – 3:30 pm Summer Academy – IC Campus

Wednesday, June 24th

9:00 – 3:30 pm Summer Academy – IC Campus

9:30 – 11:30am Outreach Office Open – PC Lower Level

7:00 pm Summer OCIA Program - PC

Thursday, June 25th

9:00 – 3:30 pm Summer Academy – IC Campus

Friday, June 26th

9:00 – 3:30 pm Summer Academy – IC Campus

9:30 – 11:30am Outreach Office Open – PC Lower Level

6:30 pm Adoration – IC Chapel

Saturday, June 27th

8:30 am Mass - IC

11:00 am Funeral Mass - IC

5:00 pm Mass - IC

Sunday, June 28th

7:00 am Mass- IC

9:00 am Mass – SJ

11:00 am Mass with Baptisms - IC

Daily Readings: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Monday

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

Tuesday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

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

Readings for Next Week: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

A woman in Shunem believed strongly in the holiness of the prophet Elisha. To reward her, Elisha promised that she and her aging husband would, within the year, be the parents of a son.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Paul explains to the Romans that by immersion in water at baptism, they "die" to their sins; by rising from the water, they rise from "death and sin" to new life in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

With simplicity, Jesus tells his apostles that everyone should love him above all others -- father, mother, son or daughter. He adds, "He who welcomes you, welcomes me."

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 6/14:

Sunday Collection...\$ 8,882

Online Donations... \$ 4,414

Mailed In.....\$ 1,317

TOTAL \$14,613

PARISH INFORMATION

We extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized member and his family...

Mario Testa

It is time to renew your Magnificat or become a new subscriber.

The Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer.

ICC/SJ Church offers a yearly subscription to parishioners (starting in October 2025). The cost is \$39 if you wish to receive the subscription through us. Please contact Joan at the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 and payments need to be made by **July 31, 2026**.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY at Immaculate

Conception/St. Jude: We are looking for a few women to pray as part of a Magdala Grove for our priests and deacons: *Fr. Rich, Fr. Gebhart, Fr. Dunne, and Deacon Ben*. This is an apostolate specifically for women in "hidden" seasons of life – homebound, tied to young children's routines, working long hours or shifts, those who can offer up sickness and suffering, etc. Praying as part of a Magdala Grove requires no specific prayers or time commitments! If you are interested in learning more, visit www.MagdalaGrove.com or contact parishioner Maryellen Knorr at mmsmom2012@gmail.com.

Classes are **every Wednesday at 7pm** at the Parish Center for a new **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program** —a welcoming opportunity for individuals to explore the Catholic faith. These sessions will cover the core teachings and experiences of the Church and will help prepare participants for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more details, please contact Deacon Ben Feril at iccdeaconben@gmail.com or call 443-907-8159.

We are thrilled to announce that we now offer an *American Sign Language (ASL) Inclusive Mass* on the **2nd Sunday of each month; at the 11:00am Mass** at Immaculate Conception Church! This Mass will be interpreted every month, ensuring our Deaf and hard-of-hearing community members always have a guaranteed, accessible service.



The parish center will shift to summer hours, **starting on Monday, June 29th** and the parish office will be open from 8:30am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.

The **chapel** will be open for individual prayer and adoration from 9am to 2pm, Monday through Friday.

FAITH FORMATION



Treat Our Summer Academy Volunteers! Our **Summer Academy is this week (June 22-26)**, and we are so blessed by the amazing adult volunteers dedicating their time and energy to our youth!

To say, "thank you" and keep their spirits high during this busy week, we are putting together a little Hospitality Station just for them.

We would love your help stocking it! If you are able, please consider blessing our team by donating:

Breakfast items (donuts, coffee cake...)

Sweet & salty snacks (individually wrapped items like cookies, chips, trail mix, granola bars...)

Cases of bottled water

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping us take care of the team that makes this program so special!

A blue flier for a "WASHINGTON DC TRIP" on Friday, July 10th. It features a red and white train. Text includes: "NEXT STOP: AN UNFORGETTABLE TEEN TRIP!", "Time: 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM", "Where: Departs from Perryville MARC Station", "Cost: \$25 per teen (Includes transit. Bring extra \$\$ for meals & souvenirs!)", "Deadline: Register by June 24th", "Featuring: Basilica, Mass & American History Museum". At the bottom, it says "Immaculate Conception Parish LIFE TEEN" and has a QR code with the text "Scan to Register:" above it.

All teens welcome to attend the **Life Teen Event** to Washington DC on **Friday, July 10th**. Please *pre-register* by scanning the QR Code on the flier *by June 24th*. Group will depart from the Perryville MARC Station (450 Broad Street) at 8:30am. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

Divine Mercy group - The Divine Mercy group meetings are every Tuesday, 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the ICC parish center.

We will take a break for the summer and resume in the Fall. Parishioners who wish to join this group may contact Heather Ulmen at hu_ntrptr@outlook.com.

Spiritual Book Club is open to all parishioners. The club meets via Zoom every Tuesday, except the 3rd Tuesday, which is in person in the Parish Center. **We will take a break for the summer and resume in the Fall.** If you are interested in joining, please email Mary Ann Hopkins at: mah106@verizon.net.

Opportunities for personal devotion:

- Holy Hour: Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the IC Chapel... **No Adoration on Friday, July 3rd!**
- Pray the Rosary: Saturday mornings after 8:30am Mass in the IC Chapel
- Pray the Rosary Virtually: Sunday afternoons at 3pm, contact Maureen Whelan for the link at (fordewhelan@yahoo.com).

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage:

Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **July 31 – August 2**, at the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of **November 6-8, 2026**. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October 11.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

ICC OUTREACH: Outreach is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am located in rear of the Parish Office Building..

“Giving food is not charity; it is an expression of humanity and compassion.”

If you can donate any of the items below, please drop them off at the Parish Office during business hours.

Thank you!

Food: jelly, tuna fish, cereal, canned corn & string beans

Household Items: dish soap

Toiletries: shampoo, tooth paste

Please bring in your **Redner's receipts** for Outreach! *Be sure to check with Redner's Courtesy Desk to see how ICC Outreach can get credit for your purchase!*

Immaculate Conception provides dinner to the Paris Foundation at 200 Road B, Hollingsworth Manor in Elkton on the **second Thursday each month.**

Patricia Gibson (ICC Parishioner) is the coordinator for our day of service. If you are able to offer some of your time or food donations, please contact her at 443-907-7529.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus - Bishop Becker Council 2427:

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. . If you would like to join today, simply go to www.KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #2427 for local information. We meet in the Parish Center on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.**

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians: Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity is our motto. So, if you want to surround yourself with a dynamic and interesting group of local Irish women who enjoy their heritage and are committed to serving the community, contact Anne Fazio, President at: anne.fazio1@outlook.com . ***We will take a break for the summer and resume in the Fall.***

LAOH Book Club is open to any book lover. We focus on Irish authors' novels, non-Irish writers' works set in Ireland, or nonfiction related to Ireland. ***Have a relaxing summer and see you in the fall.*** Please text Cheryl Nickle at 443-553-5625 if you wish to join.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED

ICC/SJ Leisure Club is open to all parishioners who are 50 years old and above. Please come join us for games, fellowship, snacks, and fun. Meet new friends. ***The club will not meet this Wednesday - June 24th due to the Summer Academy Program. See you in July!*** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. During the *summers months we will meet from Noon – 2pm* in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact the parish office at 410-398-1100.

Cub Scouting : Cub Pack 444 concluded the 2025–26 program year with a family picnic. All Cubs successfully earned their rank and completed fishing and biking requirements for their levels. Upcoming activities include Cub Day Camp this month, fellowship event in July, and a Blue Rocks game in August. ***Regular meetings will resume in late August.***

Catholic in Recovery: Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Weekly meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join us as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected and adults are welcome to attend at any time.

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center every Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30pm. ***This group will not meet this Thursday - June 25th due to the Summer Academy Program. See you on July 2nd!*** For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Lucy Sneeringer at lucy@catholicinrecovery.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – Thank you to all who have supported the 2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have pledged, please remember to fulfill your commitment as payments are received throughout the year. If you have not yet participated, there is still time to make a gift at www.cdow.org/FAC and help support the many ministries that serve our Diocese. Every gift makes a difference.

Now that UD is out for the school year, check in for the **Blue Hen Rosary** on **Fridays at 5 pm** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 200 E. Main Street, Newark. Join them each week in praying the Rosary for our youth—especially those who may be struggling with addiction, facing personal challenges, or who have drifted away from the Church. For more information, or to add someone's name to the prayer log, contact bluehenrosary@gmail.com.

STEP UP TO THE ALTAR.

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Why Join the Altar Server Team?

Serving at the altar is a beautiful way to grow in your faith, build great friendships, and gain confidence through leadership. As an Altar Server, you step up as a young leader in our parish. Serving at the altar is more than just helping out — it's a unique way to lead by example and make a real difference in our celebration. We would love to have you on our team!



No experience? No problem!

We provide full, step-by-step training. Our first session will be during the *Summer Academy*, with another opportunity this fall. Our goal is to make sure you feel completely confident before you step up to the altar.



Awesome Perks for Middle Schoolers:

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Family-Friendly Scheduling

Parents, we know middle school schedules are incredibly busy! We want this to be a joy, not a burden, and completely work around your family's commitments.

- **You Are in Control:** Once a quarter, we will send home an availability sheet so you can easily coordinate with your family's unique demands and extracurriculars.
- **Tailored to You:** Simply tell us which Masses and Church locations work best for your family, and we will only schedule your child based on your answers.



Ready to join?

Registration is super easy and fully online! Scan the QR Code and fill out the form.



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – **Matthew 19:14**

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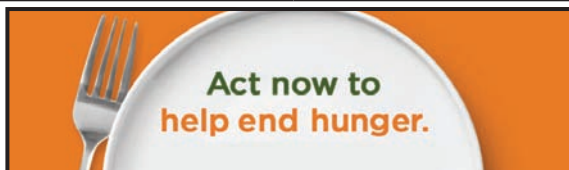


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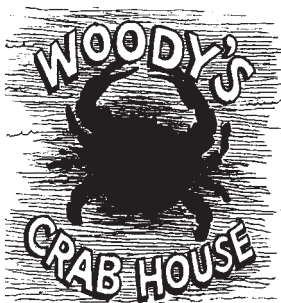
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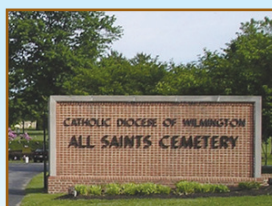
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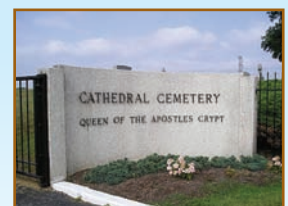
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