

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

JULY 12, 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
Summer Hours:
Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
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Father.Gebhart@gmail.com

Rev. Gerald Dunne, OSFS
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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 - July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sowing Seeds of Love ...

Recently, a judge in Rhode Island had become somewhat of a social media celebrity for the wisdom he dispensed in the city of Providence's traffic court. Unlike other TV judges who come off edgy and snarky toward the offenders who stand before them, this particular judge instead offered sage advice as a loving father would toward his wayward children who had made errors in judgment along the journey.

One favorite and oft-repeated episode of *Caught in Providence* was particularly meaningful for the story Judge Caprio shared about his own brother, Jimmy, who went to visit an Army buddy with whom he served in Vietnam. It had been decades since the men saw each other, and when Jimmy found out his best friend from long ago was in the VA hospital, he went to visit him.

To his chagrin, Jimmy didn't recognize his fellow soldier as he walked into the room; the years had not been kind to his friend and, according to the hospice nurse, he was in his final days. Although the man was non-responsive, Jimmy sat by his bedside for hours, telling tales of their time together. Later that evening, Jimmy had called another friend who also served with them in the military and told him he had just visited Harry at the VA. "Harry's not there," came the response. "He's in Florida with his grandkids. Who in the world did you just visit?"

Jimmy was stunned by the news. Nevertheless, the next day he returned once again to the VA to sit with the man he originally thought was his best friend Harry. When asked why he was going back to visit a stranger, Jimmy simply replied: "I promised the man in that bed that I would go back and stay with him until he passed, and a soldier always keeps his word. I won't leave him."

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of seed falling on soil that is able to bear good fruit. For Jimmy, it's clear: the seeds of sacrifice and fraternal love for one in need have taken root in his life, so much so that a soldier who needed both prayer and companionship at the end of his journey found the loving presence of God through Jimmy's visits. Providence at work, no doubt!

May the Divine Sower be generous in scattering the seeds of charity and faith within us, so that we in turn may labor untiringly in the fields of His harvest. How will we bear His fruit in the week ahead?

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

Celeste Voumard



Monday, July 13, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Henry

8:30 am --- Rose & Cornelius Perrone

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 am --- Pat Dacey

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Bonaventure

8:30 am ---- Jude Rodriguez

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 am ---- Carmen Feril

Friday, July 17, 2026

**Weekday – Feast Day of Carmelite Nuns of
Compiegne**

8:30 am ---- Penny Forester

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Camilus de Lellis

8:30 am ----- Regina Falcon

5:00 pm ----- TJ McMillan

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am ----- Eric Elko

9:00 am SJ -- All Parishioners

11:00 am ----- Rick Jasper

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, July 13th

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

Tuesday, July 14th

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus – *PC*

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal - *IC*

Wednesday, July 15th

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

7:00 pm Summer OCIA Program - *PC*

Thursday, July 16th

6:30 pm Catholic in Recovery – *PC*

Friday, July 17th

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

6:30 pm Adoration – *IC Chapel*

Saturday, July 18th

8:30 am Mass - *IC*

5:00 pm Mass - *IC*

Sunday, July 19th

7:00 am and 11:00am Masses - *IC*

9:00 am Mass – *SJ*

Daily Readings:
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Readings for Next Week:
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 7/5:

Sunday Collection...\$ 9,638

Online Donations... \$ 5,000

Mailed In.....\$ 650

TOTAL \$15,288

PARISH INFORMATION

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members.....Shane & Christina Riesett; Kyle & Cait Norem, Paul & Rosemarie Fahringer, Robert & Leanore Groeber

Welcome Our New Parish Pastoral Council Members!

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who expressed interest in serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. It is a blessing to have such a vibrant community eager to guide our parish forward. Please join us in welcoming and praying for our four newest council members as they begin the new session this August: Paula Amberg, Frank Jackson, Mark Miller, Carol Vaccarini

Keep an eye on our bulletin board at ICC and St. Jude in September, where we will update the display with pictures of all our council members so you can put a face to the names!

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.

Registration is now open for the Fall/Winter Session of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Please contact Deacon Ben Feril at iccdeaconben@gmail.com or call 443-907-8159. Classes will be every Wednesday at 7pm at the Parish Center.

As we prepare to host our 16th Annual Golf Classic

Monday, September 21st, we invite you to join us at the Newark Country Club, 300 W. Main Street, Newark, DE. You are welcome to join us for dinner and evening activities and/or register your team by scanning the QR Code.



FAITH FORMATION

Parents, we invite you to consider registering your kids to become Altar Servers! It's a wonderful opportunity for them to grow in their faith, build leadership skills, and earn service hours—all with a completely flexible schedule that works around your family's busy life. No prior experience is needed, as full training will be provided.

Please check out the flyer below for more awesome perks and details.



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:

- **Earn Service Hours:** Need hours for school or other programs? We are happy to provide service hour certificates for your dedication!
- **Zero Cost to Families:** We provide the official alb (robe), so there is absolutely no financial investment required to start serving.

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

Immaculate Conception Parish

Fall Faith Formation Changes! Heads up, families! We are updating our 2026-27 Fall program format this September. Please note the different structures depending on your child's grade:

Grades 1 to 5: Our Fall program is shifting to a fully homeschool/online model.

Grades 6 to 8 (Edge): Students will participate in the Edge program, which meets in-person twice a month.

For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 or reledoff@gmail.com.

Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

Opportunities for personal devotion:

- Holy Hour: Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the IC Chapel
- 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..

"Food donation empowers individuals to be agents of positive change in their communities."

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

Thank you!

Food: jello, chef Boyardee

Household Items: toilet paper

Toiletries: 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.

Community Kitchen: Our next day of service at Community Kitchen will be held on **Friday, July 24th** at the Elkton Presbyterian Church at **Noon**.

We plan on serving fried chicken, watermelon, a variety of salads, rolls, and dessert. We could use donations of several of these items. We also need people to help with minor prep, serving, and cleaning up after. Please plan to arrive around 11am and be finished cleaning up by 1:30pm. (not to mention enjoying a wonderful lunch with our guests!) Please call Joyce Speakman 610-597-3135 if you can help in any way.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus - Bishop Becker Council 2427:

New Leadership in the Knights of Columbus

I'd like to take an opportunity here to thank Grand Knight **Kevin O'Donnell** for his years of servant-leadership as head of our parish's Bishop Becker Council. During his time, he and his brother Knights have supported our parish and community in countless ways, and the number of those joining our council continues to grow. Kevin will remain as treasurer moving forward, and we welcome Grand Knight **Bryan Hild** into the role of leadership. Please continue to pray for the ministry of our local Knights' Council.

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.

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. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. ***During the summer 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 : Upcoming activities for the Cub Pack 444 include a Fellowship Event in July, and a Blue Rocks game in August. ***Regular meetings will resume in late August.*** For more information about Pack 444, please contact: iccpack444@gmail.com.

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. For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Lucy Sneeringer at lucy@catholicinrecovery.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

Are you traveling to the Delaware/Maryland beaches this summer? Find a parish and Mass near you! Visit the diocesan website at cdow.org/find-a-parish/summer-vacation-mass-guide.

2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – Brothers and sisters, thank you for your generous support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. This year's Appeal is showing remarkable success across the Diocese, a testament to the faith and generosity of our Catholic community.

As we celebrate this progress, we also remember that the ministries supported by the Appeal depend on the fulfillment of the pledges that have been made. If you have already pledged, we ask that you continue making your payments as planned so that these important ministries can continue serving those who rely on them.

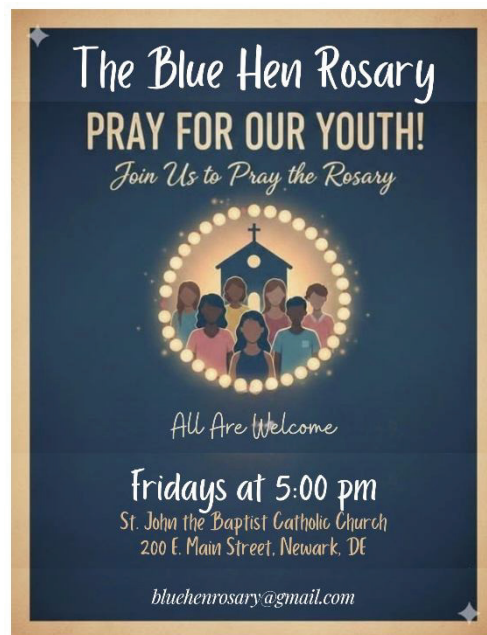
If you have not yet participated, there is still time to join us. Your gift, regardless of size, helps support Catholic education, charitable outreach, faith formation, vocations, and many other ministries throughout our Diocese.

Remember, our parish will also benefit directly from the Appeal. Thank you for helping us continue the mission of Christ both here in our parish and throughout our Diocese.

Go to our website at: www.cdow.org/FAC or scan the QR Code to make your donation.



Join us each week on Fridays at 5pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 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.



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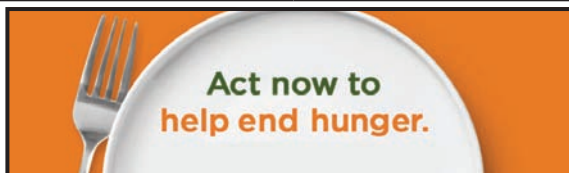


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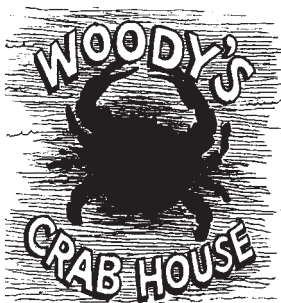
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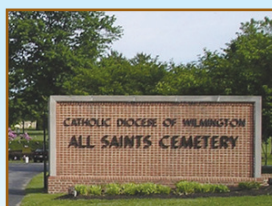
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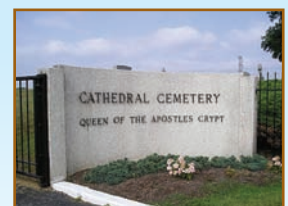
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