

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

JULY 19, 2026



454 Bow Street
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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



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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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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 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Late Night Caller ...

The call came in a little after 10 pm from an unknown number, the area code from upstate Pennsylvania. The voicemail message was hard to hear, and the voice frail: "(Name I couldn't quite make out), it's Mom. I fell and I'm scared. Please come get me up."

I knew my cell phone was called by mistake, for it definitely was not my own mother's voice. Immediately, I called the number back. No answer. I called again, this time leaving a message, telling this scared woman: "Please call me and I will call your family for you."

Ten minutes passed and no call. Now I am panicking. Do I call 911? Find the number of the police department in Scranton? I start searching the phone number on line, looking for relatives. *Anything* that might help ...

Just then, my cell phone rings again. The mother's son is on the line, telling me that his mom is fine and now safe. "Thanks for caring," he said. "Funny that it was a priest who got the accidental call. Maybe I need to get Mom and me back to Church; it's been a while, Father ..."

This weekend in our Gospel, the Lord speaks of the need for sowing good seed in the Kingdom, and how even the tiniest of seeds can bloom into something beautiful when God is the sower. May each of us continue to both seek-out and to sow those little moments of great grace and compassion that God longs for us to share with one another. After all, these moments of mercy and love are all around us just waiting to happen, and Christ uses everything to call us into an ever-greater relationship with him -- even phone calls that come out-of-the-blue at 10 pm.

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Fr. Gebhart is doing well and working hard as he continues his studies in canon (Church) law. He is also celebrating a birthday on Saturday, July 25th (which also happens to be the feast day of his patron saint). If you would like to drop him a birthday card in the mail, his address is:

Theological College, Attn: Rev. James Gebhart, 401 Michigan Ave, NE., Washington, D.C. 20017

Father counts on and continues to be grateful for your prayers.

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***We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members.....Tony Angotti & Sandra Schmieg
Donato, Joy, Marianne Baonguis***



Monday, July 20, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Apollinaris, Bishop

8:30 am --- Lee Folke

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

8:30 am --- Tommy Hatzis

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am ---- Mary & Pasquale Lagano

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Bridget, Religious

8:30 am ---- Waegele Family (Living Intentions)

Friday, July 24, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:30 am --- Norma Ringel (Living Intentions)

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. James, Apostle

8:30 am ----- For all kinds of Miracles

5:00 pm ----- Daisy Fischer

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am ----- All Parishioners

9:00 am SJ -- Palmyra Keck

11:00 am ----- Madeline O'Connor

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, July 20th

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

Tuesday, July 21st

Wednesday, July 22nd

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

Noon – 2:00pm Leisure Club - *PC*

7:00 pm Summer OCIA Program - *PC*

Thursday, July 23rd

5:00 pm Christmas Bazaar Committee - *PC*

6:30 pm Catholic in Recovery – *PC*

Friday, July 24th

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

6:30 pm Adoration – *IC Chapel*

Saturday, July 25th

8:30 am Mass - *IC*

5:00 pm Mass - *IC*

Sunday, July 26th

7:00 am Mass - *IC*

9:00 am Mass – *SJ*

11:00 am Mass - *IC*

12:15 pm Baptism - *IC*

Daily Readings:
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday

Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Readings for Next Week:
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 7/12:

Sunday Collection...\$ 7,833

Online Donations... \$ 3,567

Mailed In.....\$ 3,254

TOTAL \$14,654

PARISH INFORMATION

"Call to Worship" Bell at St. Jude Mission Church –

We have a beautiful new addition at St. Jude Church! Just before Mass begins, you will now hear the ringing of our new "Call to Worship" Bell.

This bell serves as a gentle invitation to transition into a spirit of prayer. It is a peaceful reminder to wrap up our greetings and prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Eucharist. When you hear the chime, please take a brief moment to settle in just before our cantors begin the welcome announcements.

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.**

The Jubilee Prayer of St. Francis

(composed by Pope Leo XIV)

St. Francis, our brother, you who 800 years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano; teach us to seek in Christ the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we can become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. *Amen.*

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. You can register by scanning the QR Code or go to our website.



FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Classes:

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).

OCIA:

As a parish family, we are all called to share the joy of our faith! Registration is now officially open for the

Fall/Winter Session of our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program.

If you have a friend, family member, or spouse who has been asking questions about the Catholic Church, or if you are an adult looking to prepare for and receive your Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), we warmly welcome you. These weekly sessions are beautiful, pressure-free opportunity to explore the core teachings and experiences of the Church.

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

Sacraments:

Baptism:

Pregnant? Have a newborn? Does Your Child Need to be Baptized?

You can now complete the Baptism Prep Class in the comfort of your own home. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 for more information.

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.

The Office for Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring the Annual Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss – **"The Annual Footprints Mass"** on **Monday, October 19th** at St. John the Beloved Parish, Wilmington, DE at 9:30am. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. If you have questions, please email the Office for Marriage and Family Life at OMFL@cdow.org.

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..

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

Thank you!

Food: spaghetti and pasta

Household Items: toilet paper, dish detergent

Toiletries: tooth paste, soap bars

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!*

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.

Union Hospital is seeking new or slightly-used Bibles to offer to patients with substance abuse disorders who have asked for a copy of the Scriptures as they begin their courageous steps toward recovery. Donations can be dropped-off at the Hospital, Attn.: Katie Hunter and Lisa Fields.

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

Heading to the Beach? Find a Mass near you!

If your summer plans include a well-deserved trip to the Delaware or Maryland beaches, keeping Sunday Mass part of your weekend is easy! The Diocese has put together a quick guide to help you find local parishes and Mass times while you're on vacation. Visit the diocesan website at cdow.org/find-a-parish/summer-vacation-mass-guide.

2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal - The Faith and charity Catholic Appeal continues to experience strong support throughout our Diocese. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal.

If you have pledged, please remember that fulfilling your commitment helps provide essential funding for ministries that serve those in need, support Catholic education, assist our parishes, form future priests and deacons, and strengthen the mission of the Church throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Go to our website at: www.cdow.org/FAC or scan the QR Code to make your donation. New and returning donors also help our parish qualify for special rebate opportunities that directly benefit local parish ministries and programs.



Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Catholic Men of Delmarva: Inaugural Conference -

Calling all men in the diocese! You are invited to the first-ever Catholic Men of Delmarva (CMD) Conference on Saturday, October 3rd from 9am to 5pm at St. Mark's High School, Wilmington. All men 18 and older (younger sons are welcome to attend with an adult male). Titled *Authentic Masculinity: A Call to Catholic Men*, this day will be a powerful opportunity for fellowship. It features inspiring guest speakers, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, and a closing Mass with Bishop Koenig. To register please visit DelmarvaCatholic.org for more information and to secure your spot. For additional information, you can also reach out to CMD Founder Ed Roberts at edw.roberts.28@gmail.com.

	MEN FROM THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CATHOLIC MEN OF DELMARVA'S INAUGURAL CONFERENCE Day includes music ministry; confessions; vendors; morning refreshments, lunch, and fellowship with men from throughout the Diocese. Inspirational speakers include Father Larry Swink, Matthew Leonard, Gary Zimak, Father James Gebhart, Father John Solomon, and Deacon Philip Belt. Closing Mass and Fellowship with Bishop William Koenig
Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, 9 AM - 5 PM (Closing Mass at 4 PM) Saint Mark's High School Wilmington, Delaware	
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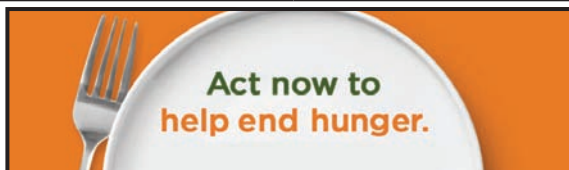


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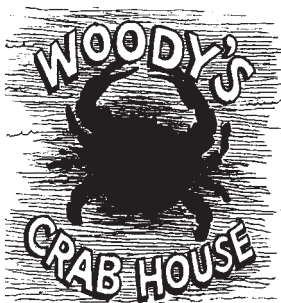
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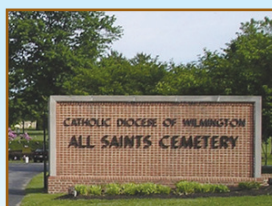
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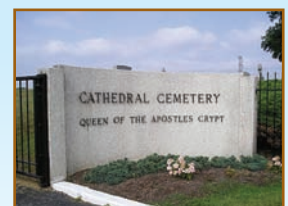
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