Ammaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church



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

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Rev. Richard J. Jasper Pastor

Rev. James Gebhart
Associate Pastor

Rev. Gerald Dunne, OSFS
Priest in Residence

Mr. Michael Truman
Permanent Deacon

Mr. Ben Feril Permanent Deacon

Schedule of Liturgies





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





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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 Deacon Michael Truman / 410-398-0009

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? You are invited! Classes are on Monday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office in advance to register for the Baptism Preparation Class or to arrange the date of Baptism. Call 410-398-1100 for information or to register.

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 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

The List ...

A piece of torn yellow legal paper caught my eye as I was setting up the chapel for our weekly Vocations Holy Hour a few weeks back. Seemingly left behind by a child who, according to the available evidence, was keeping himself busy during Mass or a religious education class, the paper contained a list of ten items that at least made sense to the one who wrote it.

A football topped the list, as did Legos and some video game I never heard of. Coming-in at number 6 is the word 'dog," and numbers 2 and 10 both state: money and gift cards.

Is it a birthday list? An early Christmas list?
Looking more closely, however, I wondering if it may be more than a "wish list." Nestled between the words "PlayStation 5" and cell phone was the statement "to know more about Jesus." In the midst of a lot of things, there was this rather bold declaration from a child. Was it on the top of his list? No. But God did make the Top 10, and in today's world, that says something. I wonder if on our adult wish lists we would remember to place God's Name there as well. Would anything related to faith even make our Top 5?

In Luke's Gospel this Sunday, Jesus asks the important question: when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

At least according to our young mystery list writer, there is still hope that faith will still be found – even if it is mixed in with the Legos and the videogames to which we sometimes give a little too much priority!

Please join us after the 11:00 am Mass this weekend for our parish's annual Oktoberfest. In addition to the great food and music, the afternoon social event gives us an opportunity to spend some time together as a parish community, sharing faith and friendship. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus Bishop Becker Council and all who worked to organize our gathering.

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

Eternal rest Grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. Carolyn Cornett, Kevin McGroerty



Monday, October 20, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 am ---- Eileen Peacock (Living Intention)

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. Hilarion

8:30 am ---- Foumia Nabih Sakhleh

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of the St. John Paul II

8:30 am ---- Bernadette Sniadowski

(Living Intention)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. John of Capistrano

8:30 am ---- E. Marie Bollman

Friday, October 24, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:30 am ---- Paul Ferrante

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. Daria

10:00 am SJ ----- Carmen Lagarelli

5:00 pm ----- John Guertin

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am ----- Margaret Mary Main

9:00 am SJ - Carol & Andrew Aranowicz

11:00 am ---- John Murray III

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, October 20th

9:15 am Adult Ed Class - PC

Tuesday, October 21st

9:00 am Homeschool Group - ICS

9:30 am Spiritual Book Club - PC

5:00 pm Divine Mercy Group - Virtual

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus - PC

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal – IC

Wednesday, October 22nd

Leisure Club Cancelled

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 pm OCIA - PC

Thursday, October 23rd

7:00 pm Cub Scouts - ICS Cafeteria

Friday, October 24th

5:00 pm Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle - IC Chapel

6:30 pm Adoration – IC Chapel

Saturday, October 25th

No 8:30am Daily Mass at IC

10:00 am Special Volunteer Mass - SJ

5:00 pm Mass with Contemporary Music - IC

Sunday, October 26th

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

9:00 am Mass – *SJ*

Daily Readings: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Readings for Next Week: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted."

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 10/12:

Sunday Collection...\$ 8,091 Online Donations...\$ 3,148 Mailed In.....\$ 358

TOTAL \$11,597

PARISH INFORMATION

Our parish will once again be celebrating October in style. Our Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting an Oktoberfest on today - October 19th from Noon to 3pm in the IC Ballfield.

<u>Jubilee of Hope Cross</u>: October 19th is technically the feast of Pope St. John-Paul II, a saint who guided our church during the lifetime of many of us. Sainthood is our goal whether we become a canonized saint on our church calendar or not. Our prayer life can be enhanced by reflecting on Scripture passages like John 3:16 "Arise in the silence of my heart." Or Matthew 19:26 "With God, all things are possible."

Rosary Cenacle – Join us in praying for our Youth. We will be hosting the Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle. every Friday from 5-6pm in the IC Chapel and also via Zoom. Let's pray for our youth and children who have fallen away from practicing the Catholic faith, have substance issues, or any difficulty in life.

Mass for Volunteers and Ministers will be Saturday, October 25th at 10:00 am at St. Jude Church, we will have a special Mass to honor and thank our many parish volunteers and ministers for all the ways they serve our parish community. A reception will follow with coffee and donuts after Mass. Whether you contribute your time and talent in big or small ways at IC/SJ, we hope you will join us at this Mass!

There will be no 8:30 am daily Mass at IC that morning (The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still be available at 9:00 am at IC). Please come to St. Jude Church for daily mass.

<u>Christmas Bazaar:</u> Many thanks to those who have already signed up to help at the bazaar. We are still in need of quite a few **volunteers** in several areas. Among those, we need help setting up on Friday, November 7th; help cleaning up on Saturday, November 8th at 4pm; and cashiers in the kitchen during 3 shifts throughout Saturday. The kitchen cashier job involves sitting at the cash register, ringing up food purchases, and managing payment. The machine we use is very straightforward and easy to use. Sign up using the Sign Up Genius or contact Terry Gustafson

at teresa.gustafson@verizon.net or Jackie Gedz

at Jackie.gedz@verizon.net

We are now taking donations (no text books or magazines) for the ${\bf Book}$

Nook. Besides books we will accept puzzles, CD's, and movies. Please bring them to the parish office during business hours.

Baked Goods – Please donate your favorite cakes, pies, cookies, desserts to the Baked Goods Table. Food donations should be brought to the Baked Goods Table on Friday, 11/7 between 3-7pm or Saturday, 11/8 between 8:30am to 9:30am. If you have questions contact Terry Gustafson.

FAITH FORMATION

Primary Faith Formation:

Religious Education Class:

Family Catechesis (Fall 2025 Program) is a hybrid program combining classroom catechesis and at-home activities. In-person classes will be held on the second Wednesday at 6:15pm each month from November to April in the school building – second floor. Registration is now closed. If you have questions, please contact the Faith Formation office at 410-392-3551.

Please make sure you are signed up for **Flocknote**, as this is our method of communicating and keeping you up to date with information, cancelations, or any other needs that arise. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 or email Vickie Eichler at reledoff@gmail.com.

Academy Card Events (for Grades 1 - 5) and Edge Events (for Grades 6 - 8): The Registration for these events are now open and can be accessed through our website . Your child needs to complete 5 events. These are family events and at least one parent/guardian must attend with their child. Most of these events have a 25-person limit and there is no waitlist this year. If you have questions please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 or email reledoff@gmail.com.

Academy Card Events:

Oct. 22nd – Relics from Around the World – 6:30pm; PC Nov. 5th – Saints Stations – 6:30pm; ICS

Edge Events:

Oct. 22nd – Second Edge Event – 6:30pm; Youth Room Nov. 5th - Third Edge Event – 6:30pm; Youth Room



Trunk or Treat is back again this year at St. Jude Church on Sunday,
October 26th after the 9am Mass. All families are welcome to participate!
Costumes (not too scary) are encouraged! Decorated trunks and

candy donations are needed!

Looking for volunteers to set up trunks and participate in the event – please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 or email Vickie at reledoff@gmail.com . Candy donations are also needed - please drop off individually wrapped candy to the office during business hours.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

<u>Adult Ed Classes:</u> Our Adult Education classes are held Mondays at 9:15am in the Parish Center. The classes run until November 24th, take a break during the Advent Season, and continue into 2026. The course is "Foundations of Faith: A Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church" by Ascension Press.

Looking for someone to facilitate the Adult Education class on Monday Mornings from 9:15am to 11:15am. This is not a teaching duty. It is just playing the movie and making sure the conversation stays on track. Please contact Vickie Eichler if you can volunteer at reledoff@gmail.com.

ICC Divine Mercy Group meets weekly on Tuesdays in the Parish Center from 5-6:30pm. Tuesday, October 21st will be a virtual meeting. We invite all adult parishioners to join us. Come learn about the message of divine mercy and pray with us. Members who prefer to continue to join via Zoom may contact Heather Ulmen at hu_ntrprtr@outlook.com for the link.

<u>Spiritual Book Club</u> is open to all parishioners. The club meets via Zoom every Tuesday, except the 3rd Tuesday in person. We will be discussing our next book entitled "Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope" by Sr. Joan Chittister on **Tuesday**, October 21st at 9:30am in the Parish Center. If you are interested in joining, please email Mary Ann Hopkins at: mah106@verizon.net.

Opportunities for personal devotion:

- Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle: Fridays from 5-6pm in the Immaculate Conception Chapel
- 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

Sacraments:

Confirmation:

Confirmation classes to be held on **second Wednesday of each month** – from October through June at **6:30pm** in the Parish Center Youth Room.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Class will be every Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Parish Center and continue through the Easter Vigil Mass. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact Deacon Ben Feril at iccdeaconben@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Marriage Moments: In the northern hemisphere, Autumn is a season of leaves falling and nature taking a rest. Sometimes loving relationships need a rest from busyness too. What helps you refresh your love? - A walk in the woods together? A long nap? ...?

Parenting Points: It's Fall. Leaves are falling and piling up. Sure, you might challenge the family to rake them up but remember to have fun first - jump together in the leaves or hide in a pile of dead leaves.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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

Thank you to all who have donated to the Outreach Program through various resources like Vanco, church poor box, memorial contributions as well as anonymously for food and non-food items.

When we give from the heart, the act of food donation becomes a gesture of love.

If you can donate any of the items below, please drop them off at the Parish Center during business hours or at either church before the Mass. - Thank you.

Food: corn, jelly, green beans, jello

Toiletries: bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo Household: dish detergent, laundry detergent

Please bring in your **Redner's receipts** for Outreach! Check with Redner's courtesy desk to see how ICC Outreach can get credit for your purchase!



Community Kitchen: Our fall Community Kitchen will be held on October 24th at Elkton Presbyterian Church at noon. Our menu will include fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit, and dessert.

We are needing people to make

scalloped potatoes and desserts, and to donate cranberry sauce and fruit for our quests. Donations can be left at the Parish Center the day before, or morning of the event, or brought directly up into the kitchen at the Presbyterian Church before serving time. If you are interested in making, donating, or volunteering for a couple of hours for this very worthwhile event, please call Joyce Speakman at 610-597-3135, or Kathy Chamberlin at 410-398-7299.

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 use the QR code or 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.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month - November 5th at St. Jude Church from 1pm to 2:30pm. Please reach out to Chris Hild, President at 410-920-6242 if you are interested in joining.

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. Our next book selection is "Sisters of Belfast" written by Melanie Maure. We will meet on Wednesday, November 19th from Noon to 2pm (note new time) in the parish center. For additional information, please text Cheryl at 443-553-5625.

ICC/SJ Leisure Club is open to all parishioners who are 50 years old and above. We play cards and board games. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1-3pm in the Parish Center Library. We will not meet on the 4th Wednesday in October. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12th . For more information, please contact Bette Green at 443-553-9129.

<u>Cub Scouting</u> is for boys and girls from kindergarten to 5th grade. Regular weekly meetings will be on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the ICS cafeteria. For more information about Pack 444, please contact: iccpack444@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Join thousands of Catholics praying the Respect Life Month Novena, Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!

Bishop's 5K Run/Walk will be on Saturday, November 22nd at St. Mark's High School from 8am to 11am. If you wish to be a participant go to this link to register:

www.ccwilm.org/events/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/

The Diocese of Wilmington proudly presents The New York Tenors in Concert on Friday, December 13th at 2pm at St. Mark's High School Wilmington, DE. Featuring Daniel Rodriguez, Andy Cooney, and Christopher Macchio. With special guest comedian Chris Monty.

This magical Christmas performance will fill your heart with joy and the spirit of the season! All seats are reserved, with proceeds benefiting Catholic Charities. Tickets can be purchased individually at: wilmingtondiocese.simpletix.com

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



AROUND THE DEANERY

Christ the Teacher Catholic School has started a <u>Chess</u> <u>Club</u> for students K-8. What was expected to be about 10 students has exploded to well over 61 members in less than 3 weeks. We are in need of Complete Chess sets (boards and pieces). If you have an unused set sitting around collecting dust, there are children looking to lovingly give those boards new life. Please drop of your donated complete chess sets to the Immaculate Conception Parish Office.
Thank you!



Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions please reach out to Mary Holmburg, DRE of Holy Family Parish at mholmburg@holyfamilynewark.org

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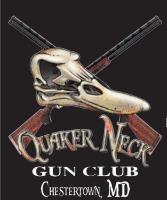


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