

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



454 Bow Street
Elkton, MD 21921

MASSSES

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

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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

MASSSES

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
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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

Blue Light Special ...

Now don't laugh, but one of my favorite memories from childhood was having lunch with my Mom and Dad at the Kmart cafeteria. In the days when Woolworth's and Kmart were the discount stores in which to bargain-shop, my parents would always treat me to a grilled cheese, fries and chocolate milk after what seemed to be endless hours of looking through racks of clothing and shoes.

I'm sure the Kmart food was nothing to write home about, but to a 5-year-old, I loved sitting with my parents, our purchases surrounding us in the red plastic booth. Somehow, it made me feel very safe and happy sharing a meal and conversation about whatever was playing in my imagination at the time. In a way, it was rather "eucharistic" being there around that table: coming together as a family to be fed before we began the journey home.

This coming week we celebrate Thanksgiving as a nation, grateful for the many gifts our loving God has bestowed upon us. Despite the challenges and struggles that often arise in any family, there is always more that unites us than separates us, and we must never lose sight of that. That's why we gather around the Banquet Table of the Eucharist. Hopefully, too, it is the same reason we gather around dining room tables this coming Thursday: to strengthen a love for one another and give thanks for many blessings and graces received along the way.

The word "Eucharist" does, in fact, mean "thanksgiving." May we strive to live daily with Eucharistic hearts: be it here at Mass, around the family table during the holidays, or even – where it still in existence – at the Kmart cafeteria.

On behalf of the clergy, staff and Outreach team here at Immaculate Conception and St. Jude, I wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving and a prayerful Advent season ahead. Thank you for the many ways you support and love this parish community where Christ the King reigns.

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Thanksgiving Mass (Thursday, November 27th) will be at 9:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church. ***There will be no Daily Mass at 8:30am that day.***

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 27-28, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Monday, November 24, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:30 am ---- Gioan Johnny Pham

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:30 am --- All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. John Berchmans

8:30 am ---- Thomas Booras

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Day

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. James Intercisus

9:00 am ----- Catherine & Donald Blansfield

Friday, November 28, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. Catherine Laboure

8:30 am ---- All Parishioners

Saturday, November 29, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Saturninus

8:30 am ----- Rick Wittorf

5:00 pm ----- Kieran Sniadowski

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

7:00 am ----- Robert Gregg

9:00 am SJ – Alexander Zelinko

11:00 am ----- Helen Unger

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, November 24th

9:15 am Adult Ed Class - PC

Tuesday, November 25th

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal – IC

Wednesday, November 26th

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal – IC

1:00 pm Leisure Club - PC

Thursday, November 27th

Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass – IC (**No 8:30am daily mass**)

Friday, November 28th

Parish Office & Outreach Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 29th

8:30 am Mass - IC

9:15 am Confessions - IC

5:00 pm Mass - IC

Sunday, November 30th

7:00 am Mass - IC

9:00 am Mass – SJ

11:00 am Mass with Baptism - IC

Daily Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28 or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God"

Friday

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Readings for Next Week: First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."



WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 11/16:

Sunday Collection...\$ 6,331

Online Donations... \$ 3,093

Mailed In.....\$ 445

TOTAL \$9,869

PARISH INFORMATION



We extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized member(s) and his family... Benen Howard, Logan Harmer, Taylor Richards

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members..... Renee Brown, Portia Tissera

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.

Mary York, John Yedinak, Sr.

Jubilee of Hope Cross: During the Thanksgiving week, count your blessings whether they are minor or major. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Pray in public around the table or in private. The Catechism reminds us that Jesus often drew apart at night to pray in solitude. Find your own time to pray – speak to God and listen to Him.



Fr. Rich's Advent

Talks will be on Mondays, December 1st and 15th after the 8:30am Mass and again at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Topic – "Reflections of the Advent Gospels".

The Annual IC/SJ Christmas Ball will be on **Saturday, December 6th** at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, Rising Sun hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Purchase your tickets at the parish office or scan the QR code. Checks need to be written to Knights of Columbus Bishop Becker Council 2427.



2025 Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant – Ms. Dottie has helped make our Christmas Eve Mass at St. Jude Church a little extra special for the past 34 years. Ms. Dottie is looking for angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary & Joseph. The pageant is performed prior to 4pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Jude Church. If you have a child(ren) in kindergarten thru grade 3 who would like to participate in this annual pageant, please email Dottie Dhamer at: sassydot1@comcast.net with child's names and age **by December 14th**.

Also our music coordinator, George Gregory is searching for children who would like to sing a special hymn of praise after communion. All pageant participants will sing as well. Please contact the parish office at 410-398-1100.

FAITH FORMATION

Primary Faith Formation:

Religious Education Class:

Family Catechesis (Fall 2025 Program): In-person classes are held on **the second Wednesday at 6:15pm each month** through April in the school building – second floor. If you have questions, please contact the Faith Formation office at 410-392-3551.

Academy Card Events (for Grades 1 - 5) and Edge Events (for Grades 6 - 8):

The Registration for these events are 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. If you have questions please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 or email Vickie Eichler at reledoff@gmail.com.

Academy Card Events:

Dec 3 – Advent Wreath Making – 6:30pm; ICS
Jan 7, 2026 – 3 Kings and Pizza – 6:30pm; ICS

Edge Events:

December 3rd Edge Event has been cancelled. Join us on **Sunday, December 7th** for the **Life Teen/Edge Christmas Social**. This event will be held in the School Library (2nd floor) from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Young Families Group:

This group is for families with young children ages 0-5 (older siblings are encouraged to attend). We will meet on **Saturday, December 6th** at St. Jude Mission Church at 9am for a Prayer Service with Breakfast and Fellowship to follow.

If you have questions please contact Vickie Eichler at 410-392-3551.



FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

Adult Ed Classes: 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.

ICC Divine Mercy Group meets weekly on **Tuesdays** in the Parish Center from **5-6:30pm**. **There will be no meeting on Tuesday, November 25th**. 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_ntrptr@outlook.com for the link.

Spiritual Book Club 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 "Choosing Forgiveness" by Thomas Berg on **Tuesday, December 16th 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: **will not meet on Friday, November 28th**
- Holy Hour: **will not meet on Friday, November 28th**
- 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).

Sacraments:

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

You are invited to attend the next Baptism Class which will be on **Monday, January 12, 2026**, from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office in advance to register for the Baptism Preparation Class. Call 410-398-1100 by *January 5, 2026*.

First Reconciliation: The next parent/child meeting will be on **Sunday, December 7th at 2:00pm** in the School Building 2nd floor.

Confirmation:

Confirmation class on **December 10th will meet in the portables** behind the school at 6:30pm. Your "Letter to the Pastor" is due that night. *Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026.*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Classes are every **Wednesday at 7pm** at the Parish Center and continue through the Easter Vigil Mass.

- No class will be held on Wednesday, November 26th -
If you have questions please contact Deacon Ben Feril at iccdeaconben@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Marriage Moments : Thanksgiving week in USA: Whether or not you travel over Thanksgiving, remember those who can't afford a plane ticket, gas, or even a pair of shoes, or worse – don't have a loved one with whom to share the day. Our bounty is not deserved, but a gift. Give some of it away.

Parenting Pointers: “Dear God, thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.” (Joyce, age 6) We don't always get what we pray for, Thank God. Is there something you fervently prayed for and later discovered your prayer was answered in a better way?

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.

No act of kindness, including donation food, is ever too small to make a difference.

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

Thank you!

Food: spaghetti, cream of mushroom soup, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes

Household Items: dish soap

Toiletries: tooth paste, bars of soap

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!

2025 Angel Tree Program for Children in Need:



Thank you to everyone who adopted an angel from the “Angel Trees”.

Please use the “angel” as the gift tag and securely attach it to the outside of the **wrapped gift**. The suggested price on gifts is \$40 per angel.

GIFTS MUST be returned to the parish office by **Monday, December 8th**.

Wellness Tip:

Stay hydrated... Drink 64–128 ounces of water per day to help your body function and satisfy hunger. You can also try fruit-infused water, unsweetened herbal tea, or fresh fruit juices.

Exercise.... Regular physical activity can improve your circulation and boost your immune system. It can also help maintain your flexibility, strength, and joint mobility.

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**.

Save the Date: The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Mardi Gras Celebration at North East VFW on **Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 6-10pm**. Come out for an evening of food, dancing and fun. More details coming soon.

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. **In December the ladies will be having a luncheon.** For more information contact Anne Fazio, President at 443-206-3710 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 “An Irish Country Christmas” written by Patrick Taylor. We will meet on **Wednesday, December 17th from Noon to 2pm** 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. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 26th**. For more information, please contact Bette Green at 443-553-9129.

Cub Scouting 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.

This fall, our Cub Scout pack has been learning about Citizenship and Personal Fitness, growing not just in knowledge but in character. Their dedication has already earned them achievements in Camping and Outdoor Adventures. From pitching tents to hiking out to the beautiful Turkey Point Lighthouse, these young scouts are embracing learning the value of teamwork, stewardship, and healthy living.

Immaculate Conception Church & St. Jude Mission Church
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Christmas Ball

December 6TH, 2025

Join us for an evening of Dinner,
Dancing, and Joyful Company as
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For tickets: Call John Notarangelo at 610-842-9398, or visit the Parish Office
(Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM). You can also purchase tickets online at
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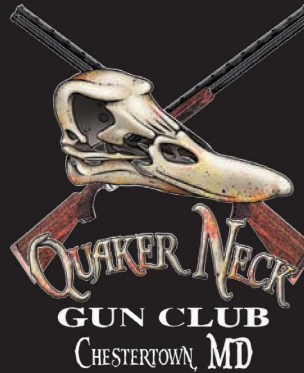


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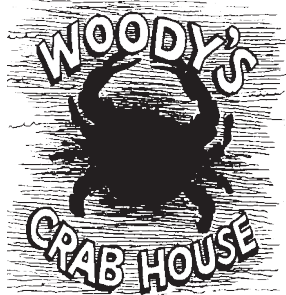


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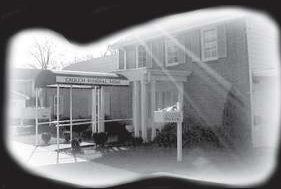


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