

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

NOVEMBER 30, 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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Rev. James Gebhart
Associate Pastor

Rev. Gerald Dunne, OSFS
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Mr. Michael Truman
Permanent Deacon

Mr. Ben Feril
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Schedule of Liturgies



928 Turkey Point Rd.
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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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Office for a registration form, or
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Office of Faith Formation
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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
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Coordinator of Music & Liturgy
George I. Gregory / 410-398-3244
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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
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pricing, contact Peggy O'Donnell in the
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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
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

We've Only Just Begun...

I have some really happy news: we have had quite a few inquiries as of late about the steps involved in getting married or having one's secular marriage sacramentally blessed here at Immaculate Conception and St. Jude. When I meet with these discerning couples for the first session, one of the questions I often ask is this: "What scares you most about vowing your lives to one another?"

The replies are interesting, to say the least, but often quite honest: "I'm scared I will mess-up this love I've been given as gift," said one groom. "I am afraid that I will forget to share everything with him," shared a bride-to-be. One young man jokingly offered: "I am afraid I will forget our anniversary."

All legitimate marriage fears, to be sure. And yet, as with any beginnings in life, the new doors that open for us offer incredible opportunities for growth and for becoming the authentic, selfless persons we are created to be, despite the fears that come with unknown and unfamiliar roads to travel.

That is why the season of Advent, which we begin today, is truly a gift for us as followers of Christ. It is a time leading-up to the celebration of Christmas in which we have the opportunity to examine our hearts and lives, asking the big questions that must be asked if we want to have a genuine encounter with the Lord and be prepared for His coming in glory. Thus, we must ask ourselves: Are we truly striving to live the Gospel message of mercy and forgiveness? Are we truly loving as God calls us to love one another?

New beginnings can indeed be frightening, but Advent's beginning week reminds us that we do not walk alone, and that the love of Christ awaits us at every turn, even when we stumble along the way. Let us as a parish community strive to make these next four weeks a time of increased prayer and virtuous living as we prepare to celebrate the reason why we do what we do in the first place: because "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Have a prayerful, blessed Advent season. Please join us in the many offerings our parish provides as a way to journey together toward the joys of Christmas and a deeper relationship with our Lord.



Feast Day of Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th at 8:30am and 12:30pm at IC and 6:30pm at St. Jude Church.



Monday, December 1, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Eligius

8:30 am ---- All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Bibiana

8:30 am --- Gerry Connolly

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 am ---- Gene M. Julian

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. John Damascene

8:30 am ----- Leonito Leonardo

Friday, December 5, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of the St. Sabas

8:30 am -- Deceased members of the Leisure Club

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 am ----- All Parishioners

5:00 pm ----- William & Evelyn Brueckman

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am ----- Dave Masucci

9:00 am SJ – Joseph Michael Hanyok

11:00 am ----- Reilly Family

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, December 1st

9:15 am Advent Talk #1 with Fr. Rich – IC

6:30 pm Advent Talk #1 with Fr. Rich - IC

Tuesday, December 2nd

5:00 pm Divine Mercy Group - PC

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal – IC

Wednesday, December 3rd

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal – IC

6:30 pm Academy Card Event – School Building

7:00 pm OCIA - PC

Thursday, December 4th

7:00 pm Cub Scouts – ICS Cafeteria

Friday, December 5th

9:00 am Homeschool Group – School Building

9:00 am Devotions of the Sacred Heart – IC

5:00 pm Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle – IC Chapel

6:30 pm Blessing of the Manger & Caroling - IC

No Adoration tonight at IC

Saturday, December 6th

8:30 am Mass - IC

9:00 am Young Families Group Prayer Service - SJ

9:15 am Confessions - IC

5:00 pm Mass - IC

Sunday, December 7th

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

9:00 am Mass – SJ

2:00 pm First Reconciliation Meeting – IC

5:30 pm Life Teen/Edge Christmas Social – School Library

Daily Readings: First Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Readings for Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.



2025 Advent Season

Reconciliation: Immaculate Conception:

Saturdays, 9:15-10:15am -
December 6, 13, 20

St. Jude:

Sundays, 8:20-8:50am -
November 30; December 7, 14, 21

Additional Reconciliation Service:

Wednesday, December 10; 6:30pm -
Parish Penance Service - ICC

PARISH INFORMATION

Please join us next **Sunday, December 7th** at St. Jude Church in the Praise Room for "**Donut Sunday**" following the 9am Mass.

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members... Dave & Christine Kowalski



Fr. Rich's Advent Talks

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

Please join us for a beautiful Advent tradition...the **Annual Blessing of our Outdoor Creche**. This blessing will take place on **Friday, December 5th at 6:30pm**, outside the main entrance to Immaculate Conception Church. *Holy Hour will not be held that evening.*

Tickets are still available for **The Annual IC/SJ Christmas Ball** 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.



Jubilee of Hope Cross: As we begin this Advent season may we pray in anticipation of the celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Advent, a season of preparation, allows us to commit to preparing ourselves for Christmas. Amid the hectic seasonal activity search for a Scripture passage such as found in Micah: to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God. Then recall it throughout the day.

2025 Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant - 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 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**. Practice will be on Sunday, December 21st after the 9am Mass.

George Gregory, our coordinator of music, is searching for children who would like to sing a special hymn of praise after communion at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Jude Church. This may include any pageant participants also, if they are interested. 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 5:30pm to 7:30pm. All middle and high school students are welcome to attend!



Young Families Group:

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

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

Adult Ed Classes: Our Adult Education classes are on a break through the Advent Season. They will start again on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 9:15am in the parish center.

ICC Divine Mercy Group meets weekly on **Tuesdays** in the Parish Center from **5-6:30pm**. 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.

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: Fridays from 5-6pm in the Immaculate Conception Chapel
- Holy Hour: **will not meet on Friday, December 5th**
- 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: There will be a parent/child meeting on **Sunday, December 7th at 2pm** in the school building on the second floor.

Confirmation:

Confirmation classes are on the **second Wednesday of each month** through June at **6:30pm** in the Parish Center Youth Room. Your "Letter to the Pastor" is due December 10th. **SAVE THE DATE: Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026.**

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Classes are 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 : Did you grow up having a pet (dog, cat, hamster, bird... whatever?) Did one of you bring a pet into your marriage? Do you have a pet now? If so, who is responsible for caring for it? Why? What's your pet peeve?

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.

The warmth of a donated meal can provide comfort and solace during difficult times.

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

Thank you!

Food: jelly, jello, spaghetti, cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soups, tuna, macaroni & cheese

Household Items: dish soap

Toiletries: tooth paste, shampoo

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**.

The Paris Foundation provides meals to those in need at 200 Road B, Hollingsworth Manor in Elkton 365 days per year. We, as a parish, help support this program.

ICC/SJ helps facilitate dinner on the 2nd Thursday of each month; **our next date is December 11th**. We are always looking for volunteers to donate cold-cut sandwiches, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages. If you can help or donate food, please contact the Paris Foundation at 484-645-1880 or Patricia Gibson at 443-907-7529 or email her at: paj1974@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

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, December 10th.* **We will not be meeting on the 4th Wednesday, December 24th due to the Christmas Holiday.** 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.



*All children & their families
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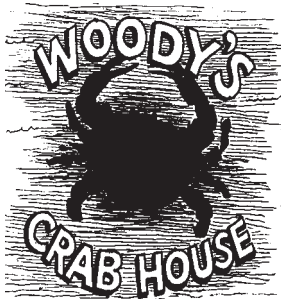


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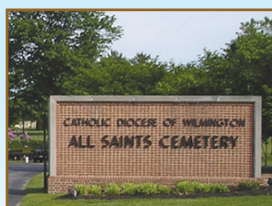
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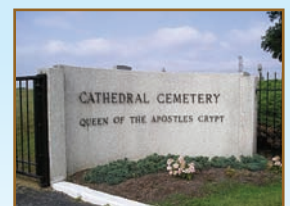
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