

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

JUNE 15, 2025



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. Michael Truman
Permanent Deacon

Mr. Ben Feril
Permanent Deacon

Schedule of Liturgies



928 Turkey Point Rd.
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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, 6:30 - 7:30 pm



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Registration: Please call the Parish
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
9:30 am - 11:30 am
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
21921. For current availability and
pricing, contact Peggy O'Donnell in the
Parish Office at 410-398-1100 or
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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
The Most Holy Trinity
June 15, 2025

Faith of our Fathers

There is a beautiful and ancient Jewish legend that says when we are conceived in the wombs of our mothers, God spends the next nine months whispering to us all the secrets of the universe. He uses the time to tell us why snowflakes always have six sides and where the birds go when they fly beyond the clouds. He tells us what's really at the end of every rainbow and, according to the tale, why waves always come into shore and never the other way.

For nine long months, our Heavenly Father whispers all there is to know, and then right before we are born into this world, one final secret: God loves us with a tender and merciful love – always has and always will.

Somehow, though, in the process of being born we forget all we heard in the womb of our mother, and thus we spend the rest of our lives trying to remember. At the end of this Jewish legend comes this profound thought: we sense that we have met God whenever we find ourselves truly loved.

As we celebrate Father's Day weekend and Trinity Sunday, let us take some time to thank God for the dads, grandfathers, teachers, coaches and religious leaders who have loved us with the love of our Father in heaven: the very One who first loved us into existence. May these good and holy men in our lives keep reminding us to seek God's love daily throughout our journey and then, in turn, offer that same love to those around us.

Happy Father's Day!



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on **Thursday, June 19th** to celebrate "Juneteenth Day".

CONGRATULATIONS to all 2025 graduates from Kindergarten to Doctorates! May God bless you and fill you with the Spirit of His love. May He give you hope so that you move into the future with an eager and open heart.



Monday, June 16, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. John Francis Regis

8:30 am ---- Guise Vu Quy The

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Emily de Vialar

8:30 am ----- Marie Smith

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Gregory Barbarigo

8:30 am ---- Anton Nguyen Huu An

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Romuald

8:30 am ---- Sr. de Lourde Okoniewski

Friday, June 20, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Vincent Kaun

8:30 am ----- Katz Family

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30 am ---- Donald Neal Sentman, Sr.

5:00 pm ---- Kumar & Violetta (Living Intentions)

Sunday, June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

7:00 am ----- Antoinetta Staley

9:00 am SJ – Phyllis Zeise

11:00 am ----- Mercedes Ferrick

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, June 16th

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

Tuesday, June 17th

9:30 am Spiritual Book Club - PC

5:00 pm Divine Mercy Group - PC

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal – IC

Wednesday, June 18th

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

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal – IC

Thursday, June 19th

Parish Office is Closed for Juneteenth Day

6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal - IC

Friday, June 20th

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

6:30 pm Adoration – IC Chapel

Saturday, June 21st

9:00 am Rosary – IC Chapel

9:15 am Confessions – IC

5:00 pm Mass - IC

Sunday, June 22nd

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

9:00 am Mass – SJ

12:15 pm Baptism - IC

**Daily Readings:
The Most Holy Trinity**

Sunday

Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Monday

2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

**Readings for Next Week:
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi**

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, a priest of God, prayed that Abram would be blessed by God. He also praised God for delivering Abram's foes into his hands.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Paul describes Jesus' actions during the last supper. Jesus broke bread and said it was his body given for us, asking that we do the same in remembrance of him. He then passed the cup and called it his blood. Jesus then asked us to break bread in this manner to remember his death until he returns.

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to a large crowd when his disciples asked that he dismiss the people to give them a chance to find food and lodging. Jesus asked the disciples to give the crowd something to eat, but they had only five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus then blessed and distributed the food, which fed about 5,000 people. Twelve baskets were then collected from what was left over.

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 6/8:

Sunday Collection...\$ 7,177

Online Donations... \$ 4,133

Mailed In.....\$ 1,521

TOTAL \$12,831

PARISH INFORMATION

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members...Max & Lauren Voumard and family

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

Alexander Onizuk

Francis Hughes

Opportunities for personal devotion:

Holy Hour: Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel

Pray the Rosary: Saturday mornings after 8:30am Mass in the IC Chapel

Jubilee of Hope Cross :

While walking our journey of Hope during this jubilee year may we appreciate one another, because our God brought us together for a reason. Our local custom of acknowledging one another before the beginning of our Sunday Mass was borrowed many years ago from a practice in Williamsburg, VA. There those who gather are frequently strangers to one another. Here it is a reminder that we are all members of God's family. And, yes, at St. Jude's over the summer season many visitors join us. May we worship as a family and continually pray for one another during the week.

Advice – never hold up the beginning of Mass, our most sacred liturgy, to insert a prayer paper into the chest at the foot of the cross. Feel free to take prayer papers home and fill them out ahead of time, and drop them in after Mass.

Where does prayer come from? Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart... (Catechism of the Catholic Church).



As we prepare to host our **15th Annual**

Golf Classic Monday, September 15, 2025, we invite you to join us at the Newark Country Club, the same location where we celebrated our 175th

anniversary this past December. Newark is known for its exceptional course as well as for its hospitality and food-catering services.

Not a Golfer? You are welcome to join us for dinner, starting at 5:15pm. Please visit our website at www.iccelkton.org to register your team or come to the evening activities.

FAITH FORMATION

Primary Faith Formation:

Registration for the Fall program will open at the end of July. Watch for further updates as we get closer.

Academy of Faith (Summer of 2025 Program):

By now everyone enrolled in the Academy of Faith should have received an important flocknote from the Faith Formation Office. In this flocknote, you will find some important information along with the forms that need to be completed and returned to the Faith Formation Office. If you did not receive a Flocknote, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551.

A **parent meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, June 17th at 6:30pm** in the meeting room in the school for all those enrolled families in the summer program.



Thank you to all the volunteers who are stepping up to help with the Academy of Faith Summer Program so far.



We are **still looking for some**

volunteers for the Academy of Faith Summer Program:

- 4th grade Catechist
- Volunteer to help with the daily opening/closing routine

Anyone who would just like to help in any area please visit our church website at iccelkton.org or scan the QR code to register.



We are also **looking for donations** of small bottles of water and snacks to keep our volunteers energized throughout the week. Please drop off any items to the Parish Center during business hours. Thank you!

If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. God Bless!



FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

ICC Divine Mercy Group meets weekly on **Tuesdays** in-person 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_ntrptr@outlook.com for the link.

Spiritual Book Club is open to all parishioners. The club meets via Zoom every *Tuesday from 9:30-11:30am*. **The next in-person meeting will be Tuesday, June 17th at 9:30am**. We will still be discussing the book - "The Mystery of Joy" by Peter Kreeft. If you are interested in joining, please email Mary Ann Hopkins at: mah106@verizon.net.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

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 or by calling 443-907-8159.

The focus of our program is literally "the making of Christians," as Tertullian, an early Christian author, wrote in the 4th century when he stated that "Christians are made, not born." The OCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated with our Church community.

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, August 4, 2025**, 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 *July 28, 2025*.

Confirmation:

All families should have received a flocknote from the Faith Formation Office concerning interviews. If your candidate cannot keep their interview, a parent must contact the Vickie Eichler at 410-392-3551 to reschedule.

All Confirmation candidates are welcome to attend any of the youth group sessions.

All paperwork is now due in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie at 410-392-3551 or email: reledoff@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Marriage Moments: In the Black Community June 19th is celebrated as "Juneteenth" and commemorates the emancipation of African American slaves. Good! You don't have to be Black or a slave, however, to celebrate your freedom to love your honey wholeheartedly.

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 **August 1 - 3** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Parenting Pointers: On June 19 the Black Community in the USA will celebrate "Juneteenth" – freeing of African American slaves. Whatever color or nationality of your family, your children should know about this history. Teach them to be "color blind" in a good 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.

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: cereal, jelly, Jello, **canned tomatoes**, baked beans, **pasta**

Toiletries: deodorant, tooth paste, shampoo, **bar soap**

Household: dish 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!

The Paris Foundation provides meals to those in need at 200 Road B, Hollingsworth Manor in Elkton 365 days per year. *We are looking for volunteers to donate sandwiches, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages.* If you can help, please contact Patricia Gibson at pag1974@yahoo.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Wellness Tip: Has your favorite Dad stopped playing golf due to pain? Help get them back into the swing of the game. Specialized "golf physical therapists" help to assess what areas of the body are causing pain. Working on affected areas helps to strengthen muscles, increase mobility, and improve the golf swing. This just might make dad have a very Happy Father's Day!

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 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**. If you wish to join, contact the Knights at: knightsrecorder2427@gmail.com.

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 from September through May. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall. Please reach out to Chris Hild, President at 410-920-6242 if you are interested in joining.

LAOH Book Club is open to anyone who loves to read Irish novels. Have a relaxing summer and see you in the fall. This book club meets the **3rd Wednesday** of the month from September through May. For additional information, please text Cheryl Nickle 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. For more information, please contact Bette Green at 443-553-9129.



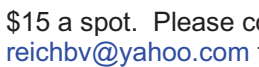
Cub Scouting is for boys and girls from kindergarten to 5th grade. Cub Scouts will be taking a break from formal meetings for the summer. The pack meetings will start again in mid-August on **Thursdays, 7pm in the ICS cafeteria**. For more information about Pack 444, please contact: iccpack444@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS

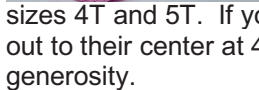
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Gospel Today

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | Luke 9:11b-17

The Apostles returned from their first mission and met Jesus to explain what they had done. Word spread, and they were followed by a great many people. Jesus preached to the 5,000, then performed the miracle of multiplying the loaves of bread and fish to feed the large crowd.

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"Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd."

• LUKE 9:16

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Apostles	O	W	T	O	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	D	D
Returned															
Mission	F	W	W	E	D	I	S	T	R	I	B	U	T	E	D
Explained															
Word															
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Interested															
Crowd	L	F	L	E	F	T	O	V	E	R	S	P	O	S	E
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People	L	G	V	A	S	N	E	S	D	R	O	W	A	E	A
Disciples															
Feed															
Multitude	O	N	E	X	P	L	A	I	N	E	D	B	V	L	V
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Five															
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Broke															
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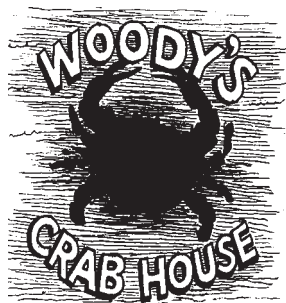


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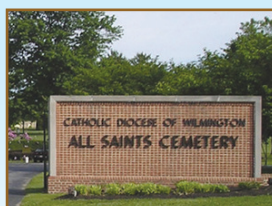
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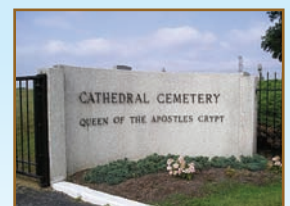
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