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

JULY 13, 2025

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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

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





Parish Office: 410-398-1100 455 Bow Street, Elkton, MD 21921 Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Summer Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8:30am to 3pm

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Rev. James Gebhart Father.Gebhart@gmail.com

Rev. Gerald Dunne, OSFS iccassociate455@gmail.com

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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13, 2025

The Unexpected Kindness of Strangers

I met some teacher friends for dinner at a local diner right before the July 4th holiday weekend; it was long overdue, and so good to see them again in-person. As I had just come from an anointing at the hospital, I was still dressed in my clerics.

When we were given the check, the waitress told us: "Your bill has been paid for. Stay as long as you want."

Surprised and deeply touched by the kindness of a stranger, we looked around to see who it could have possibly been. "Someone was just being nice because they know you're a priest," said one of my former coworkers. Perhaps that was true, I thought.

But God always has a way of surprising us, doesn't He?

When the three of us were leaving, we thanked the waitress and asked her to pass along our appreciation to the one who provided for our meals.

"I'll do that, hon," she said, and then added: "Remember the family that sat across from you when you first arrived? They come here every week and pay for a random table's meal. They started doing it a few years ago after Covid as a way to pay it forward. There's too much hate and unkindness in the world these days, you know? They said that they just try to add a little happiness to someone else's day."

When I think about the family that sat across from us that night, I would have wrongly judged (I am ashamed to admit) that they – of all the diner patrons present – would have been the ones to pay for a stranger's meal. You just never know what's in another's heart, do you?

As we were walking out the door, the waitress added: "It really doesn't take much to make someone else happy, does it?"

It certainly doesn't.

Who knew that the Lord could use a rather non-descript diner on a quiet Thursday evening in early July to teach me quite a few lessons about living and giving to others with a generous, non-judgmental heart ...

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We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members.......

Jeffrey & Giovanna Datte Leo & Virginia Sticinski and family



Monday, July 14, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 am ---- Lauri Witte

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. Bonaventure

8:30 am ---- Jerry & Carolyn Dean (Living Intentions)

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 am ---- Bishop George W. Bashore

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Acllinus

8:30 am ---- Stuart Bruce Mann

Friday, July 18, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 am ---- All Parishioners

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. Arsenius the Great

8:30 am ---- Lynn W. Berkheimer

5:00 pm ---- Eleanor DeWitt

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am ----- Richard Bertie

9:00 am SJ – Mary Rudawski

11:00 am ----- Mary & Pasquale Lagano

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, July 14th

9:30 – 11:30am Outreach Office Open – *PC Lower Level* 6:30 pm Facilities & Calendar Meeting – School Cafeteria

Tuesday, July 15th

5:00 pm Divine Mercy Group - PC

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal – IC

Wednesday, July 16th

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

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal - IC

Thursday, July 17th

Friday, July 18th

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

6:30 pm Adoration – IC Chapel

Saturday, July 19th

9:00 am Rosary – IC Chapel

9:15 am Confessions - IC

5:00 pm Mass – *IC*

6:00 pm KOC Officer Installation - IC

Sunday, July 20th

7:00 am Mass - IC

8:20 - 8:50am Confessions - SJ

9:00 am Mass – *SJ*

11:00 am Mass - IC

Daily Readings: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

Readings for Next Week: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham, who saw three men standing near his tent. Sensing they were messengers, he hurriedly brought them food and water to refresh themselves. Upon leaving, the men told him that they would visit in a year, at which time his childless wife Sarah would have a son.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul discusses the suffering Christ endured for his Church. He describes his willingness to also endure suffering in Jesus' name. Paul hopes that through his sacrifices, many people will become complete in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was welcomed into the home of a woman named Martha. She complained to Jesus that her sister Mary sat listening to him instead of helping with the tasks of entertaining. Jesus told Martha that her sister had chosen the more important task, and should be allowed to listen.

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 7/6:

Sunday Collection...\$ 9,164 Online Donations...\$ 4,740 Mailed In.....\$ 1,110

TOTAL\$15,014

PARISH INFORMATION

Please join us today at Immaculate Conception Church for "<u>Coffee Social</u>" following the 7am and 11am Masses in the vestibule.

Please join us today **July 13**th at St. Jude Church in the Praise Room for "**Donut Sunday**" following the 9am Mass.

Attention all leaders of parish organizations, groups, classes, events, and clubs: There will be a planning meeting Monday, July 14, at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Please be prepared to provide dates and times regarding any events you are planning from September through Advent. Our goal is to better coordinate all the activities in our parish as groups are asking to use our facilities and resources more. A chairperson, or a designated representative, from each committee, organization and group needs to be present.

Immaculate Conception Church is looking for donations to **replace our Flagon**. A Flagon is a container to carry the wine to the altar during the procession of the offertory gifts. The estimated cost is \$1,200.00 for this sacred vessel. You can drop a check in the collection basket or send a check to the parish office – (please note on your check that it is for the flagon).

It is time to renew your Magnificat or become a

<u>new subscriber</u>. 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 August 11, 2025.



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:

Academy of Faith (Summer of 2025 Program):

All Religious Education students that attended the Summer Academy of Faith Program will need to attend 5 Academy Card Events this year.

These events will be posted by the end of July as well as the registration link.

Religious Education Class:

Traditional Wednesday Evening class registration will open at the end of July 2025. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 or email Vickie Eichler at reledoff@gmail.com.

Catholic Youth Ministry:

<u>Summer Service Opportunity</u> for all High School Students (including rising Freshman) at Deep Roots – Clairvaux Farm in Earleville – Looking for volunteers to help with garden cleanup, playground cleanup, some painting, and deep cleaning of their dining hall on **Saturday**, **July 19**th **starting at 8:30am**.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from by St. Margaret of Scotland Parish (2431 Frazer Road, Newark). Lunch will be provided. Please register by using the QR code.



Blue Rocks Faith & Family Day 2025 will be on Sunday, July 20th at the Blue Rocks Stadium. Gates open at 11:45am and the game starts at 1:05pm against the Aberdeen IronBirds. Use promo code FAITH for \$12 Upper Box Tickets. To purchase tickets, go to www.milb.com/wilmington. For more information contact Carly Jensen at 302-472-5712 or email her at cjensen@bluerocks.com.

Enjoy a performance by Cam Rudd. Play catch on the field during the pre-game activities. After the game kids can run the bases.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

<u>ICC Divine Mercy Group</u> 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_ntrprtr@outlook.com for the link.

<u>Spiritual Book Club</u> is open to all parishioners. We are taking a break for the summer and will return in person on Tuesday, September 16th. 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.

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

Sacraments:

Baptism:

<u>Pregnant? Have a newborn? Does Your Child Need to be Baptized?</u>

You are invited to attend the next Baptism Preparation 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 Prep Class by calling 410-398-1100 by *July 28*, *2025*.

Registration for First Reconciliation/First Communion/Confirmation will open at the end of July 2025.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your

<u>Marriage</u>: 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.

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: peanut butter, cereal, jelly, Jello, pasta noodles Toiletries: tooth paste, shampoo, diapers (size 3,4,5,6) Household: dish soap

Please bring in your <u>Redner's receipts</u> 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.

Our next <u>Community Kitchen</u> will take place on Friday, July 25th at the Elkton Presbyterian Church on Main Street at 12 Noon. Our menu will consist of Fried Chicken, potato salad, garden salad, fruit, and dessert. We invite both new and also our seasoned volunteers to help with donating, baking, or buying these items for our luncheon. We also need helpers for preparing, serving, and clean-up afterwards. Please consider joining us for this enjoyable and worthwhile event. For more information, please call Joyce Speakman at 610-597-3135.



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus - Bishop Becker Council 2427:



Our Knights of Columbus council would like to thank our parish for your immense generosity during our recent Tootsie Roll Drive. **Thanks to your donations**, we are able to provide Cecil County Special

Olympics with more than \$1,000.

We meet in the Parish Center on the **2**nd **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.

<u>LAOH National Irish History Contest</u> open to youth entering grades 6th to 12th (2025-26 school year). *Topic: The Irish and the American Revolution – How the Irish affected the outcome of the American Revolution.*Format options include written essay, power point, or original website design. Cash prizes. Deadline is October 30th. For more information contact Gina Simon at ginasimonlaoh@gmail.com or Chris Hild at mdlaohirishhistorian@gmail.com.

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. Over the summer members are to compose a limerick poem due at our September 17th meeting in the parish center. See Cheryl Nickle for lyric prompt and directions. In September we will discuss the book entitled - **History's Pages** by Jean Gringer. 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. **During the summer months we will meet in the Parish Center from Noon - 2pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays**. 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. 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

<u>Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal</u> - "Together in Hope"

Please help us increase our participation from 25% to something greater. Join the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal today. Not everyone can give a large gift, but everyone can participate.

Help our parish support the Bishop and the ministries that serve thousands in need. Make your gift to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

The work of the Church needs you. Only one in four households has responded to the Catholic Appeal. Let's grow that number together.

Together, we can do more. Your participation in the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal helps us support the Church's mission. Help our parish help the Diocese.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code.



AROUND THE DEANERY

JOIN OUR MINISTRY OF FAITHFUL TRAVELERS TO THE

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



TUESDAY, SEPT. 16TH, 2025 \$65 PER PERSON



Seats are limited. Register online by Aug. 22nd

holyfamilynewark.jumbula.com/adult-faith-formation

Bus transportation departs Holy Family at 8:00 am & will travel to Washington, D.C.

St. John – Holy Angels aRise Healing Ministry invites you to attend <u>Our Special Gatherings of Increasing your</u>

<u>Capacity to Receive and Share God's Love</u> on

<u>Tuesday, July 29 from 7-9pm</u> at the Joan Muzzi

Athletic Building on the Parish campus (82 Possum Park Road, Newark) Registration is not required, but please contact the parish at 302-731-2219 if you plan to attend.

Immaculate Conception St. Jude Parish



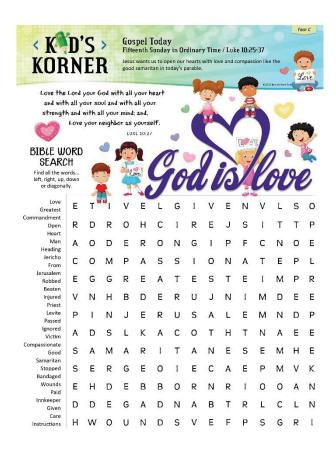
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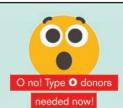


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