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 6, 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, 6:30 - 7:30 pm





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

Fax: 410-398-1175

Email: iccoffice455@gmail.com Web: http://iccelkton.org

Rev. Richard J. Jasper iccpastor455@gmail.com

Rev. Iames 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 icsimusic@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 - July 6, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Force of July (and other months, too)

I heard about Dotty Fritz before I actually met her. "She's a force," one diocesan priest-friend said upon learning I was heading to Immaculate Conception to become pastor. He wasn't wrong.

"Force" is a good word to describe the woman who has coordinated our parish Outreach program officially for the past 29 years. (She also volunteered with Outreach long before taking the reins.) Dotty has helped countless people in Cecil County find temporary shelter, assistance with overdue bills, and treatment places for various struggles they face in life. She'll pick up a phone and fight for what's right and what's needed; she'll seek out new avenues of help; and she'll take the time to really listen to the unspoken hurts and broken hearts of all who stop by Bow Street.

Using one of her own favorite lines, I say this: "Don't misunderstand me" -- Dotty would never claim this "force" she has was due to her gifts, talents and efforts. Rather, she'd point instead to three reasons why Outreach at ICC has been such a blessing for so many: God's goodness, the selfless volunteers, and the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners and community partners. It has never been about Dotty Fritz. It was always about God and others. Always.

Okay, well not always: on <u>August 10th at St. Jude</u>, we will be celebrating the retirement of our beloved Dotty, who concluded her time with Outreach this past Monday, June 30. The ministry will continue, no doubt, but we will all miss that New York-native "sparkle" that made Outreach and our community so unique.

More information about Dotty's celebration will be forthcoming. For now, though, I thank God for all she and the volunteers do for our Outreach program. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for her, and continue to pray and support this beautiful and important ministry of our parish. Nothing would make the "Force" happier!

A few additional notes of gratitude while we are at it:

- To Vickie Eichler, the catechists and volunteers who toiled and labored in the extreme heat to provide an enriching Summer Academy experience for our religious education students. By all accounts, it was a rousing success.
- To Barbara Ruhmann and the environmentalliturgical committee members who decorated our Church for Corpus Christi Sunday and Confirmation: your care for our sanctuary enhances our communal worship. To all who participated in the Eucharistic Procession, thank you for making the ceremony such a beautiful witness of our faith. No doubt our Lord was honored and pleased.
- Lastly, to all who have generously contributed to our St. Jude parking lot fund and to the diocesan Annual Appeal, I am grateful for the ways in which you support the ministry we do.



Monday, July 7, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of Bl. Ralph Milner

8:30 am ---- Margaret Bratkowski

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. Grimbald

8:30 am ----- Burton Family

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

8:30 am ---- All Parishioners

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz

8:30 am ---- Eileene Whitworth

Friday, July 11, 2025

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Benedict

8:30 am ---- Thomas Coiner (Living Intentions)

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Weekday - Feast Day of St. John Gaulbert, Abbot

8:30 am ---- Margaret & Roland Blansfield

5:00 pm ---- Arthur & Mary Jones

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am ----- Rose & Cornelius Perrone

9:00 am SJ – Richard Lucas

11:00 am ----- Victims of July 13th in Butler, PA

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, July 7th

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

Tuesday, July 8th

5:00 pm Divine Mercy Group - PC

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal – IC

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - PC

Wednesday, July 9th

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

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal - IC

Noon – 2pm Leisure Club - PC

3:00 pm Golf Committee Meeting – PC

Thursday, July 10th

6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal - IC

Friday, July 11th

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

6:30 pm Adoration – IC Chapel

Saturday, July 12th

9:00 am Rosary - IC Chapel

9:15 am Confessions – IC

5:00 pm Mass - IC

Sunday, July 13th

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

9:00 am Mass – *SJ*

Monday, July 14th

6:30 pm Facility and Calendar Planning Meeting - PC

Have a blessed and safe holiday weekend, Fr. Rich

Daily Readings: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

Readings for Next Week: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through him, and for him."

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says, "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 6/29:

Sunday Collection...\$ 8,463 Online Donations...\$ 2,814 Mailed In.....\$ 176

TOTAL \$11,453

PARISH INFORMATION

Dear Parishioners:

Although my intention would be to tell you in person, circumstances warrant that I communicate to you via email and social media that I have been asked by Bishop Koenig to take on the sacramental, pastoral and Mass schedule for Good Shepherd parish (and its two mission churches) for the summer months while their pastor takes time for health restoration. Gratefully, the diocese has been able to provide some additional priest-help so that we at Immaculate Conception do not have to cover all the daily and Sunday Masses in Perryville, Rising Sun and Port Deposit.

Please know that I continue to remain in service to you as your pastor, and although I may be taking on a few more Mass and sacramental responsibilities down Route 40, you are my first priority and remain foremost in my heart and prayers.

Please pray for the community of Good Shepherd and their pastor in this challenging time for them. Pray, too, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wilmington. Now more than ever, it is clear we need to ask the Master to send more holy laborers into his vineyard.

Love in Christ, Fr. Rich

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*).

Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church next weekend, July 12/13 for "<u>Coffee Social</u>" following the 5pm, 7am and 11am Masses in the vestibule.

Please join us next **Sunday**, **July 13**th at St. Jude Church in the Praise Room for "<u>Donut Sunday</u>" following the 9am Mass.

Attention all parish committee chairs and group

<u>leaders:</u> There will be a facility and calendar planning meeting **Monday**, **July 14**th, **at 6:30 pm** in the parish center. 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 and group needs to be present.

FAITH FORMATION

Primary Faith Formation:

Academy of Faith (Summer of 2025 Program):



Thank you to all the participants, volunteers, organizers, donors, and all those who supported this year's Academy of Faith Summer Program. It was a huge success. It was a very warm, but wonderful week of faith sharing and learning for all. We had 70 students participate in the program this year.

Information about the Academy Card will be coming out soon.

If you missed the Summer Academy Program, you still have an opportunity to participated in the Traditional Religious Education Program this Fall. Registration will open at the end of July. Watch for further updates as we get closer.

Catholic Youth Ministry:

Youth Group:

All teens including confirmation candidates are invited to attend the **Meet 'n' Greet Gathering** with Seminarian

Kaya who will be spending the summer with us. Come and enjoy hot dogs, watermelon, and ice cream sundaes today, **July 6**th **from 5:30pm – 7pm** in the parish center Youth Room. Friends are welcome to attend.



<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, grass cutting, and deep cleaning of their dining hall on **Saturday**, **July 19**th **starting at 8:30am**. Bus transportation will be provided by St. Margaret of Scotland Parish.

Lunch will be provided. Please register by using the QR code.



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 ntrp.ntr@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.

Sacraments:

Baptism:

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

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*.

Confirmation:

<u>Congratulations</u> to the youth who received Confirmation on Sunday, June 29, 2025.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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<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: *cereal*, jelly, Jello, canned tomatoes, pasta Toiletries: tooth paste, shampoo, *diapers* (*size 2, 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. ICC/SJ help facilitate dinner on the 2nd Thursday of each month, our next date is July 10, 2025. 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 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 cleanup afterwards. Please consider joining us for this enjoyable and worthwhile event. Please call Joyce Speakman at 610-597-3135.



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 **2**nd **Tuesday** of each month at **7pm**. If you wish to join, contact the Knights at: knightsrecorder2427@gmail.com.

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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 National Irish History Contest 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 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.

<u>ICC/SJ Leisure Club</u> 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"

Thanks to the generosity of so many across our Diocese, the 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is off to a strong start, but we still need your help to reach our goal!

A follow-up mailing is going out this week from the Diocese as a reminder and invitation for all parishioners to participate. Whether your gift is large or small, every single contribution makes a difference and brings us one step closer to achieving our goal – *Together in Hope!*

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



Please join us for a <u>bus trip to</u>

The Basilica of the National

Shrine of the Immaculate

Conception in Washington D.C. on

Tuesday, September 16th. Cost

is \$65 a person. *Must register by August 30th* by scanning the QR code or by going to this link:

holyfamilynewark.jumbula.com/adult-faith-formation. Bring your own bag lunch. The bus departs at 7:30am from the Holy Family Church parking lot (21 Gender Rd, Newark) and returns around 4:00pm. If you have any questions please reach out to Lupe at aztecreyno@verizon.net.

Please join us for a <u>bus trip to The</u>

<u>National Shrine of St. Rita of</u>

<u>Cascia</u> in Philadelphia, PA on

Wednesday, November 5th. Cost is \$65 a person. *Must register by October 10*th by scanning the QR code or going to this link:



holyfamilynewark.jumbula.com/adult-faith-formation. Bring your own bag lunch. The bus departs at 8:00am from the Holy Family Church parking lot and returns around 4:00pm.

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



15th Annual Golf Classic Monday, September 15, 2025

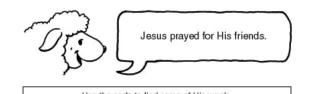


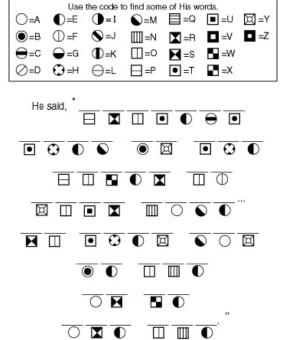
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Call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 or visit https://birdease.com/32150 for details.



The next golf committee will be July $6^{\rm th}$ at 3pm in the Parish center.





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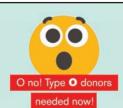


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