

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Masses: Tuesday & Friday 7:00 a.m., Sunday 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: After the Tuesday 7 a.m. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Baptisms: By appointment.

Weddings: Six months advance notice.

CCD Classes: Sunday, 9:05 a.m., Holy Angels Sacred Heart School.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Sept.	14	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Sept.	15	7:00 a.m.	Mary Beavan
Wed.	Sept.	16	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Sept.	17	NO MASS	
Fri.	Sept.	18	7:00 a.m.	Louise Farrell
Sun.	Sept.	20	6:30 a.m.	Joy Bowling Murphy
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, caused quite a sensation for what he said about climate change. Continuing our overview of this document, this week we will look at his thoughts on this matter.

The pope first identifies climate as a common good, "*belonging to all and meant for all.*" He then goes on to say "A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system...It is true that there are other factors (such as volcanic activity, variations in the earth's orbit and axis, the solar cycle), yet a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides and others) released mainly as a result of human activity."

It appears that the pope is ready to accept that global warming is being caused by human beings. Some contest this. No matter the main cause, the pope writes that global warming seems to be happening, along with rising sea levels and extreme weather, and these are affecting the poor the most. These effects are particularly affecting those least able to withstand them. The poor depend mainly on nature through agriculture, fishing and forestry. If these are affected, the pope writes, the poor do not have the financial resources to find additional ways of surviving.

The pope also says that there has been a dramatic rise in the number of migrants fleeing from poverty caused by environmental degradation, but this suffering is ignored. He writes, "*Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.*" The pope is pointing to a lack of understanding that we share a common responsibility for each other, a responsibility that increasingly has been lost.

The pope finally writes, "*On many concrete questions, the Church has no reason to offer a definitive opinion; she knows that honest debate must be encouraged among experts, while respecting divergent views. But we need only take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair.*" This is the reason, I think, the pope wrote this encyclical – he sees real problems affecting real people, people who often have no voice, and, feeling a sense of responsibility for them, wants to find real solutions for them.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on all the altars were given in memory of the Guy and Williams Family.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the 6:30 and 8 a.m. Masses next weekend.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC, BE BAPTIZED, OR RECEIVE A SACRAMENT? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or would like to be baptized, or if you or they are already Catholic but have never received 1st Communion or Confirmation, Holy Angels and Sacred Heart parishes are holding a series of classes every Tuesday, beginning on September 15th, from 6:00-7:15 p.m. at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School to prepare you and them to come into the Church or receive the sacraments. No need to pre-register, just come and see. Contact the office for more details.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study is now meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. We are focusing on the Old Testament, with selections from Genesis, the Prophets and more. No preparation is required for any of the meetings. Come join us and bring a friend!

MOTHER'S GROUP: Are you a mom with young children looking to build your faith, fellowship, and friends? Please join us on Wednesday, September 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School Library as we begin our first meeting of the year. All mothers of young children are welcome: after-all, it's always good to know you're not alone. Feel free to bring your kids. Please contact Kimmie Gibson at 301-904-4772.

FAITH FORMATION: CCD for Holy Angels and Sacred Heart children will begin on Sunday, September 20th at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Classes will run from 9:05 – 10:20 a.m. each Sunday. Registration is offered after every Mass this weekend September 13th. If you missed our registration, please contact the office.

YOUTH GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO ST. CLEMENTS ISLAND: Attention all high school and middle school students: To prepare spiritually for the arrival of Pope Francis, join the youth group for a pilgrimage to St. Clements Island where mass will be celebrated by Fr. Gallagher with Fr. Lickteig! We will meet at the Island Museum on Saturday, September 19th at 8:30 a.m. for departure. The admission fee for the boat is \$6 per person. We are also asking participants to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry. Please RSVP to somdyouthgroup@gmail.com, see Our Lady of the Wayside website for permission forms. We hope to see you there!

FIELD MASS – OUR LADY OF SORROWS FEAST DAY: A special Field Mass and Rosary will commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday, September 15th at Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen. The Rosary and Mass is offered for the deceased members of our community, beginning at 5:00pm with Fr. Keith Woods as the celebrant. The Mass will be held in an enclosable tent for everyone's comfort, rain or shine. For more information, contact 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Area Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7pm. It will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!!!

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY FAIR: Did you ever think you could change someone's life for the better? Each year the parishes of St. Mary's County have a unique opportunity to reach out to the community and spread the Good News of Christ and our Catholic Faith at the County Fair. This is an experience of a lifetime! Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the Catholic Evangelization booth, any day from September 24th – 27th? You don't need to be a television evangelist to inspire others to know Christ. Volunteers will attend a training session on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Fr. Andrew White School. If interested, please see the following link on St. Aloysius' home page to sign up; <http://www.saintaloyiuschurch.org/st-marys-county-fair-2015/>

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Carol Dean, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Carol Ann Hall, Kyle Tyer, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

SEPTEMBER VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Mary Belle Combs in memory of Barbara Lacey.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan for the intentions of their family.