

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. LENT: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: After the Tuesday 7 a.m. Mass LENT: Wednesday 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. LENT Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 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.	Mar.	21	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	22	7:00 a.m.	Calvin Lacey
Wed.	Mar.	23	6:30 p.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton
Thurs.	Mar.	24	7:00 p.m.	For Priests and Vocations
Fri.	Mar.	25	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat.	Mar.	26	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Flower Donors
Sun.	Mar.	27	6:30 a.m.	Mary E. Trossbach
			8:00 a.m.	Joann Lacey
			10:00 a.m.	Int. of Matthew & Ann Quade

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Today we begin the most sacred time of the year for us Christians – Holy Week. The week begins with Palm Sunday when we accompany Jesus triumphantly into Jerusalem. Then at Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we focus on Judas Iscariot and his decision to betray Jesus. At the 7pm Holy Thursday Mass, we are with Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room at the Last Supper when he institutes both the sacrament of his enduring Presence with us – the Eucharist – and the means by which his Presence can come to us – the Priesthood. Jesus will also be received for the first time by our children celebrating First Communion – how much he desires to come to them for the first time! After this solemn liturgy, Jesus in the Eucharist is taken from the main altar to a side altar where he remains for the rest of the evening. The church will remain open until 10pm – consider staying with our Lord during these last hours in the Garden of Gethsemane before he is betrayed and taken away. After Holy Thursday, the holy water and the Blessed Sacrament are removed from the church, no votive candles are lit, and no instruments or bells are rung. Jesus has been taken from us.

On Good Friday, we walk with Jesus to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross at 3pm. The Liturgy of the Passion at 7pm focuses our attention on the Cross, the means by which we are saved and the means by which God decided to reveal his love for us most perfectly.

Saturday morning is one of watching and waiting. That evening at 8pm, we gather for the Easter Vigil, the solemn conclusion to the Triduum. The liturgy begins in darkness as the light of Christ rises from the tomb. We listen to several scripture readings, recalling God's promises to our forefathers in faith that he would save us. The young man from our parish will be baptized on this night, but this will happen at Holy Angels – those who are coming into the Church decided to receive the sacraments together since they had been together since last September preparing for this important moment in their lives. The fruits of Jesus' victory over sin and death will be given freely to these young men and women through the sacraments of initiation. We too will share in their victory as we receive new graces to rededicate ourselves to fulfilling our own baptismal promises.

Then on Easter Sunday, we greet the risen Christ at the Sunrise Service at Coltons Point at 6:30am or at Sacred Heart Church at 6:30am, 8am or 10am. Fr. Mark Ivany, the head Spiritual Director at our St. John Paul II Seminary in DC will help me celebrate Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies at Holy Angels and Sacred Heart, and Fr. Carter Griffin, the Vice-Rector of the seminary and our Vocations Director, will help me for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. Please welcome them to our community. And be assured of my prayers for all of you as we walk with Jesus during his suffering and death so we can rise with him to new life on Easter Sunday.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS: Father Lickteig and a guest priest will offer a Penance Service with individual Confessions on Tuesday from 7 – 8 p.m. at Holy Angels and on Wednesday from 5 – 6:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE: On Wed., March 23rd at 3:30 p.m. there will be practice for the First Holy Communion Class. All children receiving their First Holy Communion must attend this rehearsal.

HOLY THURSDAY: The church will be open after the 7 p.m. Mass until 10 p.m. for Adoration. Please sign up for Adoration on the form located on the table at the entrance of the church.

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross at **3 p.m.** Liturgy of Good Friday including Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7 p.m. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. No meat may be eaten and only one full meal and two small meals are permitted.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION: For hundreds of years the Franciscan Fathers and Brothers have been the guardians of the Sacred Shrines associated with the birth, life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They also care for the dwindling Catholic Palestinian population and the pilgrims who visit the Holy Shrines. More than ever, they need our help. The collection on Good Friday will be sent to help the people of the Holy Land.

HOLY SATURDAY: Because the Easter Vigil cannot begin before dark, the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter will be at 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: The Easter Mass schedule will be 6:30, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA begins on Good Friday, March 25th and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd. Brochures with Novena Prayers are available on the tables at the entrance of the church.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office will be closed on Friday, March 25th in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

LENTEN FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend will be our Lenten Food for the Poor weekend. Please bring a bag of non-perishable food and place it at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

PARISH POTLUCK: Save the date! Our Annual Parish Potluck will be held on Sunday, April 24th. Details to follow. Please plan to attend!

EASTER EGG HUNT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20th starting at 12 noon at the Optimist Club House for children 11 and under. Prizes, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available.

FRIED SHRIMP DINNER: The Seventh District VFD Auxiliary will be having a Fried Shrimp Dinner on Friday, March 25th, from 5 – 8 p.m. at the firehouse. Menu includes; fried shrimp, fries, cole slaw, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost for adults is \$12, senior citizens \$11, and children 12 and under \$5.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Bitsy Ellis and Sue Gibson **Sick:** Mike Bailey, Don Morgan, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

MARCH VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Charles & Margie Boyers for the intentions of Sully Shields.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Matthew & Ann Quade for the intentions of Matthew & Ann Quade & family.

FEBRUARY COLLECTION RESULTS

Loose - \$1,135.33	Envelopes - \$10,655.00	Total	\$11,790.33
		Ash Wednesday	990.50
School Support \$1,104.00		Other Income	+1,020.89
Church in the Dev. World \$616.00		Total Income	\$13,801.72
\$100 A Month Club \$3,970.00		Total Expenses	-13,340.27
		\$	+461.45

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!