

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.	Feb.	6	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	7	7:00 a.m.	Ben Hewitt
Wed.	Feb.	8	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Feb.	9	NO MASS	
Fri.	Feb.	10	7:00 a.m.	Cody Lacey
Sun.	Feb.	12	6:30 a.m.	Mary Rosalie Hayden
			8:00 a.m.	Lawrence “Boy” Hayden

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

A debate is currently raging in our country over how open our country should be to refugees, especially refugees from certain countries that have a majority Muslim population. Cardinal Wuerl recently wrote about this situation, saying

“...we are called to care for one another, whether it be our longstanding neighbor down the street, or a newcomer to our nation seeking relief from brutal religious and political persecution. It was earlier this month that our Holy Father reminded us that ‘Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself.’

Here in our Church of Washington, we strive to do just that every day, through our pastoral care, through our many services at the parish level and at Catholic Charities, and in some cases, by simply raising our voices to confirm the dignity of every human life. Last Friday at our Rallies and Masses for Life, and at the March for Life, our voices – our presence – could not be ignored in the defense of the unborn and life at every stage. So too now do we raise our voices in support of all refugees, especially those fleeing religious persecution.

As the federal government pursues any legitimate national security concerns, we hope that it will do so not at the expense of innocent people who are in need, and that it will take all necessary actions to ensure that their safety is protected and that it will expedite all processes to address the need for humanitarian relief.”

Every pope since Pope Leo XIII in the 1880s has announced special prayer intentions each month. These intentions allow us Catholics to join with the pope in praying for a special need in the Church through the offering of all our works, prayers, joys and sorrows of our day. These intentions are published at the beginning of the year. It just so happens that one of Pope Francis’ intentions for February is: *“That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.”*

Our local shepherd and the shepherd of the Universal Church are asking us to remember, even as we acknowledge a desire for greater security, that Christ told us in no uncertain terms, *“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40), including welcoming the stranger.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

HELPING LOCAL SEMINARIANS 2017 CARDINALS APPEAL: Did you know that St. Mary's County has 8 young men in the Seminary studying to be priests for the Archdiocese of Washington? And did you further know that none of these young men or their families has to pay a dime to send them to up to 8 years of college-level education? Have you ever wondered where that money comes from? Well, it comes from the money donated to the Cardinal's Appeal. Your contributions directly support these 8 young men from St. Mary's County. Many of you have received an envelope already requesting a pledge. We will all have an opportunity to make a pledge in February to this Appeal. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and St. Joseph Altar were donated by Sarah Jean Pingleton in memory of Johnny Pingleton.

PARISH DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: At our parish meeting last Sunday, many of you volunteered to take leadership responsibilities in preparing for our parish dinners on June 25th and October 22nd. But we still need someone to help coordinate the June dinner as the overall Dinner Chairman/woman. Those who did so in the past will be available to assist and there is a checklist that is followed. In addition, we need someone to help with the Dinner Raffle tickets for the October dinner. Again, past Raffle ticket chairmen/women will be available to assist. If you are interested, please contact the office.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Beginning Wednesday, February 8, the parish office will now be open every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: The High School Youth Group will be meeting on Friday, February 10th. If you would like additional information contact Corey Hayden at somdyouthgroup@gmail.com or Father Gallagher at 301-884-2502.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: PAXCatholic presents Theology on Tap with Fr. Greg Shaffer on Wednesday, Feb. 8! Fr. Greg will be speaking on Miracles of the Eucharist. Come by Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown for Happy Hour from 6 - 7 p.m. and Fr. Greg's talk from 7 - 8 p.m. PAXCatholic is a regional ministry serving St. Mary's and Calvert County Catholic young adults. Questions? Comments? Visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/paxcatholic or email paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES: Learn about the many benefits of Natural Family Planning including better communication between spouses and respect for God's gift of fertility. Two-part series classes to be held at Our Lady's Church, 41410 Medley's Neck Road, Leonardtown, on Sunday, February 26th and Sunday, April 30th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. To register, contact Kelly and Wayne Van Ryswick at 301-475-6710.

MCA NEWS: MCA is sponsoring a Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 11th at Bowles Farm from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Come out and dance the night away to the music of The Wanderers. For tickets, contact Kristie Norris at norrissk@yahoo.com / (240) 538-1135 or Ricky McKinney at (240) 925-6101.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Wendy Gibson, Janice Blackistone, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, Margaret Deal, Rholand Hayden, David Hill, Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

FEBRUARY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs in memory of Shirley & John Lacey.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Johnny Pingleton.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs in memory of Shirley & John Lacey.

DECEMBER COLLECTION RESULTS

Offertory	\$10,734.25	Christmas Collection	\$9,562.00
E-Giving Offertory	570.00	E-Giving Christmas	+ 167.50
Immaculate Conception	1,245.50	Total Christmas Coll.	\$9,729.50
Other Income	+ 4,693.90	Christmas Flowers	\$1,649.00
Total Income	\$17,243.65	School Support	\$993.00
December Expenses	- 15,198.52	Retired Religious	\$1,180.00
	\$+2,045.13		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!