

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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.	Mar.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	21	7:00 a.m.	Essie Mae Gibson & Rosaline Thorne
Wed.	Mar.	22	6:30 p.m.	Calvin Lacey
Thurs.	Mar.	23	NO MASS	
Fri.	Mar.	24	7:00 a.m.	Loretta Swann
Sat.	Mar.	25	Mass at Holy Angels – 9:00 a.m. (Lent Only)	
Sun.	Mar.	26	6:30 a.m.	Stephen M. Lacey, Sr.
			8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Matthew & Ann Quade

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This week on March 25, we celebrate a great feast of the Church, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary God's wish that she carry His Son for the redemption of the world. This feast comes 9 months before Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. But March 25 has another meaning. In early Church tradition, Good Friday, and thus Jesus' Crucifixion and Death, was believed to have taken place on March 25. It is possible that the Annunciation was set for March 25 to underline the idea that Christ came into the world on the same day that he left it: his life formed a perfect circle. March 25 was the first and the last day of his earthly life, the beginning and the completion of his work on earth. Jesus came for one reason – to suffer and die and rise to redeem us.

By the Middle Ages, March 25 took on huge significance. A legend developed that said the Creation of Adam, the Fall of Adam, the murder of Abel, Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac, the Annunciation to Mary and Conception of Christ, the decapitation of John the Baptist, the Crucifixion of Christ all happened on March 25. So what a wonderful fact that March 25 is also the date of the first Catholic Mass in the English-speaking colonies, and it happened right in our neighborhood! To commemorate this great feast and to remember our history, we will offer Mass at Holy Angels on March 25 at 9am, so please join us to celebrate!

This week, we also celebrate another great feast - March 19 is the great solemnity of Saint Joseph, but since this date falls on a Sunday in Lent, the feast day is moved to Monday, March 20. Saint Joseph has a particular place in the history of salvation – to him was given the vocation to be the provider and protector of Jesus and Mary, even from the very moment of Jesus' conception. We realize that God entrusted His own eternal Son to Joseph, that He entrusted His greatest creation, Mary, conceived without sin, into Joseph's care. God entrusted to Joseph what was most holy in His entire creation and Joseph, a humble, quite carpenter, proved himself worthy of that trust. He showed himself faithful, thoughtful, caring, attentive, kind just like the heavenly Father Himself. For this reason, in Italy, March 19 is also Father's Day. Therefore, each of us Christians can turn to Saint Joseph with great confidence in times of need for his intercession. He is also a great help for purity, as it is the long tradition of the Church that Mary preserved her virginity until death.

As we journey deeper into Lent, may Saint Joseph never cease to protect us, and may he bless all of our parish endeavors.

May God Bless you,  
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

**PRAYER IN CHURCH:** During Lent Sacred Heart Church will be unlocked Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection next weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic Relief Services.

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** The choir will practice for Holy Week and Easter on Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

**PARISH POTLUCK UPDATE:** Due to continued work in the Hall, the Parish Potluck will be postponed until after Easter. More details to follow.

**MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:** Will be Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park. Confessions will start at 6:30 pm and the Mass will begin at 7:00pm followed by healing prayers.

**LENTEN MISSION:** Come Experience Renowned Catholic Speaker, Meg Hunter-Kilmer; Hobo for Christ, on March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Mission will take place each night at St. Aloysius Church with adoration/confessions on Sunday, daily Mass on Monday & Tuesday nights all followed by Meg's inspirational talk each night.

**FISH AND CHIPS DINNER EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT:** The 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club will be hosting a Drive-thru Fish and Chips Dinner at the Optimist Building every Friday during Lent. (March 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, & April 7<sup>th</sup>) The dinner menu is homemade beer battered wild caught Cod served with thick cut french fries, homemade cole slaw, tartar sauce, roll & butter. Cost is \$10.

**ST. JOHN'S SUMMER PROGRAM:** SOMD's largest summer camp, has opened online registration. This year's new classes include First Responders, Cake Boss, Superheroes Camp, Going Viral, Upcycling Fashion Design and Inventor's Battleground, among others, as well as many favorites from last year. The Program's goal is to help our children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an amazing summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. We open every day with song and prayer and Fridays with Mass. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland licensed summer camp. Please visit [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com) to view the new summer schedule and to find more information about St. John's Summer Program.

**THEOLOGY OVER DINNER:** Please join us on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> to welcome and hear Fr. Michal. He will be giving a talk about Lent at Kevin's Corner Café, 24509 Point Lookout Rd, in Leonardtown. Arrive between 6 – 6:15 p.m. to order your food and relax. Talk begins at 7 p.m.

**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER:** Holy Angels Church will be hosting a Seafood Dinner on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at their parish hall. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, pickled beets and all the trimmings. Served buffet style all you can eat. Cost for adults is \$27, children 6-12 \$8, and children under 5 free. Carry-outs are available for \$25. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call their rectory at 301-769-3332 or email [holy01angels@aol.com](mailto:holy01angels@aol.com).

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick:** Sylvia Lacey, Larry Hill, Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, William Guy, John Chesley, 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.

#### **MARCH VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS**

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Charles & Margie Boyers in memory of Don Morgan.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Helen Hewitt in memory of Ben Hewitt.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Helen Hewitt memory of Essie Mae Gibson.

#### **FEBRUARY COLLECTION RESULTS**

Offertory	\$12,960.00	School Support	\$1,036.00
E-Giving Offertory	1,500.00	Church in Developing World	\$595.00
Other Income	<u>+ 2,013.50</u>		
Total Income	\$16,473.50		
February Expense	<u>- 14,636.67</u>		
	\$+1,836.83		

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**