

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.	27	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	28	7:00 a.m.	Ben Hewitt
Wed.	Mar.	29	6:30 p.m.	Rose A. Latham
Thurs.	Mar.	30	NO MASS	
Fri.	Mar.	31	7:00 a.m.	Allan Swann
Sat.	Apr.	1	Mass at Holy Angels – 9:00 a.m. (Lent Only)	
Sun.	Apr.	2	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Doris Guy

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

The 4th Sunday in Lent is always entitled Laetare (“Rejoice”) Sunday as it comes just after the mid-point of Lent, and so it is one of rejoicing as we now journey ever closer to Easter Sunday. Even if we have fallen in our personal Lenten practices, this is OK if it leads us to some serious humility – that I truly am weak, and that I need God’s help more than I care to admit.

One area we all need more help in is in forgiveness. About 10 years ago, a father wrote a book to teach this to his kids and it was called, *The Shack*. It became a best-seller around the world. In it, a father encounters a tragedy in his family and becomes hardened and dead inside. But a mysterious invitation leads him to the scene of the crime and an encounter with the Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as individuals. Through a powerful experience of God’s love and care, the father finds forgiveness. This book was made into a movie that is in the theaters now. I have not seen it but have read the book. And I think the themes it deals with are as old as the Bible – how to view evil, especially evil against the innocent, and how to forgive. The book and I think the movie show that God is a loving Father who is intimately concerned with His children. But to fully embrace this gift, we have to forgive and be healed. The book is very good in this regard.

However, it was not written by a Catholic, so it does have some things in it that are not in agreement with the faith. For example, at one point Jesus says, “Seriously, my life was not meant to be an example to copy,” contradicting St. John who says, “This is the way we may know that we are in union with him: whoever claims to abide in him ought to live as he lived.” And at another point, the father in the story asks God the Father, “Are you saying I don’t have to follow the rules?” and God responds, “Yes. In Jesus you are not under any law. All things are lawful.” This can be rather misleading. We don’t want to think that all I have to do is believe in Jesus and do whatever I want. This is the false belief that “Once saved, always saved” which the Catholic Church has never believed. It is precisely in following the Commandments that I love God and my neighbor.

That being said, the book (and movie) can be helpful for those who struggle viewing God in a positive or helpful light or who are looking for a way to forgive a past wrong in their life. It can also be helpful to really ponder what my faith is all about. I think there are better books about God’s love to read, but it can perhaps be a step forward for many people.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

EASTER FLOWERS: Included in the bulletin today is an envelope for your Easter Flower donation. Please list the names of those you wish to have remembered along with your name and return your envelope in any of the collections between now and **April 9th**. The Easter Vigil Mass will be offered for all those listed on the envelopes.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is our monthly School Support collection.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for March is Jason Owens of Leonardtown.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will practice for Holy Week and Easter on Mon., March 27th at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING: The History Committee will meet on Thursday, March 30th, at 3 p.m. in the Rectory.

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

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be hosting a Drive-thru Fish and Chips Dinner at the Optimist Building every Friday during Lent. (3/31 & 4/7) Menu includes homemade beer battered wild caught Cod served with thick cut french fries, homemade cole slaw, tartar sauce, roll & butter. Cost is \$10.

LENTEN FISH FRY: Our Lady of the Wayside's annual Lenten Fish Fry is on April 7th, from 5 to 7 p.m. Menu includes; fried fish, fish nuggets, popcorn shrimp, French fries, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, green beans, rolls, tea and desserts. Cost is, adults \$14, children 6 – 12 \$7 and children 5 and under free. Carry outs are available.

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. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland licensed summer camp. Please visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com to view the new summer schedule.

THEOLOGY OVER DINNER: On Tuesday, March 28th come and hear Fr. Michal give 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. Talk begins at 7 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE: Christ Church in Chaptico will be holding their annual yard sale on Saturday, April 1st, from 8 a.m. until noon at their parish hall located at 37497 Zach Fowler Road in Chaptico. Tables are available for rent, \$20 per table. For more information or to rent a table, call their parish office between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and ask for Jennifer at 301-884-3451.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY: The 7th District VFD Auxiliary will be having Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 9th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the firehouse. Menu will include; pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, home fries, baked apple dessert, coffee, juice and milk. Carry-outs are available. Cost is adults \$10, senior citizens \$9, children 4-12 \$3 and 3 & under free.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9th, at the Optimist Clubhouse beginning at Noon. Hotdogs, chips, drinks and goodies will be served.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 19th, at 2 p.m., Donald Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception honoring married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 or more years of marriage. Personalized scrolls signed by Cardinal Wuerl will be distributed to couples following the ceremony, or mailed should they be unable to attend. To register, please call the parish office during office hours.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Madeline Hutchins **Sick:** Leo Osborn, Sylvia Lacey, Carol Ann Hall, 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, 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.