

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.

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.	16	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	17	7:00 a.m.	Joseph H. Hill
Wed.	Feb.	18	11:00 a.m.	Joseph Walter Gibson
Wed.	Feb.	18	4:30 p.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton
Thurs.	Feb.	19	NO MASS	
Fri.	Feb.	20	7:00 a.m.	Mike Oliver
Sun.	Feb.	22	6:30 a.m.	Bernie Doepkens
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I greet all of you this weekend, my first as your new priest. I am very happy to be joining this parish family, and I hope to get to know all of you more personally as I make the Seventh District my home. Fr. Charlie Cortinovic, my predecessor and good friend (he was one year ahead of me at the seminary), is a wonderful pastor, and I know that you rightfully miss him. If I can be half the priest he is, I would be grateful, but I realize that will be a huge challenge.

After learning of this new assignment, my first as an Administrator, the words of a married friend of mine came back to me. She and her husband in November gave birth to their first child, and as they left the hospital, after all the checkups and such, she said she experienced great fear, thinking "I cannot believe they are just letting us take this baby home by ourselves! We don't know what we are doing!" I must admit I have been having the same thought lately. My limitations and faults are many, and frankly, as a priest who has been ordained less than 5 years, I am still learning a lot.

Yet Sacred Heart is not a new-born baby - it has been around for over 250 years. This parish has its own customs and traditions, and I am entering into a family that is already vibrant and strong in the faith, thanks to the faithful witness of all of you and of so many pastors before me. My hope is that I can be a channel of Our Lord's love for each and every one of you, and with you to help continue to make Sacred Heart a place where Jesus Christ is encountered, is served and is loved in everyone we meet. Thank you in advance for your prayers and most of all your patience (after all I am a Dallas Cowboys fan). Please know that I will pray for all of you every day, and I promise to do my best to follow in the Lord's footsteps who gave up his life for each one of you.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

LENT

The Holy Season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 18th. On Ash Wednesday, Masses here at Sacred Heart will be at 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Masses at Holy Angels will be a 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. During Lent there will be Mass every Wednesday at Sacred Heart at 6:30 p.m. with confessions and Eucharistic Adoration from 5 – 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be held on all Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to observe days of abstinence on which NO meat may be eaten. In addition, Ash Wednesday, February 18th and Good Friday, April 3rd are days of fast and abstinence. Besides no meat, we may eat only one full meal on these days. All Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday and are less than 60 years of age are bound to observe the fast. To deliberately break these regulations is a serious sin.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our 260th Anniversary events, upcoming projects and fundraisers. Please plan to attend.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the main altar were given by Kitty Swann in memory of Francis Swann.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16th, in observance of Presidents' Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

SACRED HEART CEMETERY: Please remove all Christmas decorations from the Cemetery by February 18th. Any Christmas decorations remaining after February 18th will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAYER GROUP: Sacred Heart Prayer Group will be meeting in the Chapel every Tuesday at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH: St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown will be holding a parish mission on February 23rd and 24th from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The theme is "Faith and the Family Today: Responding to the New Atheism" featuring talks by Msgr. Charlie Pope, a well-known blogger and speaker from Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian in Washington. All are welcome to attend.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH PANCAKE & BLUEBERRY CREPE DINNER: All Saints Church will be holding a pancake & blueberry crepe dinner at their parish hall on Tuesday, February 17th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person with children under 5 free. All Saints Parish Hall is located at 21656 Oakley Road in Avenue.

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Seventh District VFD Auxiliary will be having a Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 17th, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Seventh District Firehouse. Menu will include, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, baked apple dessert, coffee, tea and milk. The cost for adults is \$9, senior citizens \$8 and children 12 and under \$3. Carry-outs are available.

OPTIMIST ANNUAL FEBRUARY DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their Annual February Dinner on Sunday, February 22nd, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mechanicsville Firehouse Social Hall. The menu includes fried oysters, spiced shrimp, stuffed ham, fried chicken and vegetables. Cost is Adults \$25, Kids 6-12 \$8, Kids under 5 eat free, and drive-thru carry-outs are \$25.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Lawrence Hayden **Sick:** Virgie Banagan, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Elizabeth Graves, Bernie Quade, Agnes Pilkerton, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Billy Pilkerton, Madeline Hutchins, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

FEBRUARY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan in memory of Elizabeth Ann Tomaro.

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan in memory of Tony & Mary DeLuca.

Saint Joseph Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan in memory of Buck & Lil Morgan.

If you would like to dedicate a candle, please call the rectory during office hours.