

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.	23	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	24	7:00 a.m.	Grace Mattingly Scott
Wed.	Feb.	25	6:30 p.m.	Daniel I. Hammett
Thurs.	Feb.	26	NO MASS	
Fri.	Feb.	27	7:00 a.m.	George Downs
Sun.	Mar.	1	6:30 a.m.	Francis & Eloise Gibson
			8:00 a.m.	Francis Swann

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the wonderful welcome I received this past week. The weather was freezing but the welcome was very warm. Thank you for your kindness!

This past Wednesday, the Church began the season of Lent, the 40-day period of preparation for the great feast of Easter. When I was a kid, I was always asked: "What are you going to give up?" One year, I remember giving up desserts, so my mom bought fruit gummies that she only put in my lunch bag, thus making my two older brothers jealous. She also kept a tin for me where I could put cookies or other sweets to be saved until Sunday when she said I could have them.

I am not going to get into the whole question of "Does Sunday count for Lent?", but I do want to speak about the point of fasting or giving things up for Lent. Jesus tells us that new wine is not put into old wineskins because the old wineskins will break, spilling the wine; rather new wine is put into new wineskins. In a similar way, every Lent is God's way of preparing us to receive the gift of new life all over again at Easter. But he can only give this gift to us if our hands are open to receive it. During Lent, we are called to let go of what we are holding onto that is keeping us from being open to God's gift and plan for us. So our practices of letting go of our attachment to a favorite food by fasting from it and giving up meat on Fridays; of letting go of our attachment to money by being generous to someone in need; and of letting go of our attachment to time by spending some more time with God in prayer; all these are focused on opening up our hands to receive a new gift from God. I pray that this time of Lent may open our hearts even more to receive the good things our Father in heaven desires to give us.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES: During Lent Mass will be offered every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. with Confessions during Eucharistic Adoration from 5 – 6:15 p.m. There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every Friday evening at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TIME CHANGE: Our Annual Parish Meeting is now scheduled for **Sunday, March 1st at 12:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our 260th Anniversary events, upcoming projects and fundraisers. Please plan to attend.

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

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.

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.

THEOLOGY OVER DINNER: Please join Fr. Michal Sajnog, parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, on Thursday, February 26th at Kevin’s Corner Café in Leonardtown at 6:30 p.m. for Theology Over Dinner. The talk is entitled “Am I a Disciple of Christ”. This is open to practicing Catholics and non-Catholics. If you have any questions you can email Doug Powell at theologyod@gmail.com.

MOTHER CATHERINE SPALDING SCHOOL NEWS: MCSS will be collecting items for St. Mary’s Nursing Home and Taylor Farms for their Lenten project. Items needed are; Kleenex, wipes, shampoo, soaps, brushes, combs, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shaving gel, razors, socks, lotion, cologne, perfume etc. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off during the week at Mother Catherine Spalding School between 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: 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.