

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.	Mar.	9	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	10	7:00 a.m.	Lorraine Rogers
Wed.	Mar.	11	6:30 p.m.	Alice Ann Adams
Thurs.	Mar.	12	NO MASS	
Fri.	Mar.	13	7:00 a.m.	Agnes Genevieve Herbert
Sun.	Mar.	15	6:30 a.m.	Lawrence “Boy” Hayden
			8:00 a.m.	Kelso & Agnes Beaver

Dear Parishioners,

Two weeks ago, Pope Francis reflected on the meaning of Lent, saying, “*Lent is an appropriate time that should lead us to be ever more aware of how much the Holy Spirit, received in Baptism, has worked and can work in us. And at the end of the Lenten itinerary, at the Easter Vigil, we can renew with greater awareness the Baptismal covenant and the commitments that flow from it.*” Lent is therefore about rediscovering the graces we have been given in Baptism.

But the Pope also said that “*Lent is a journey of conversion that puts the heart at its center. Our heart must convert to the Lord.*” If we are honest with ourselves, we realize that our hearts have strayed from the Lord, even though in baptism we have promised to follow Him unreservedly. But that is why the Lord has given us the sacrament of confession. Pope Francis also recently distributed a booklet to the faithful in St. Peter’s Square that contained questions to help prepare for confession. Several of these are found below.

- Do I only turn to God when I’m in need?
- Do I take attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation?
- Do I begin and end the day with prayer?
- Am I embarrassed to show that I am a Christian?
- Do I rebel against God’s plan?
- Am I envious, hot-tempered, biased?
- Am I honest and fair with everyone or do I fuel the “throwaway culture?”
- In my marital and family relations, do I uphold morality as taught in the Gospels?
- Do I honor and respect my parents?
- Have I refused newly conceived life? Have I snuffed out the gift of life? Have I helped do so?

- Do I respect the environment?
- Am I part worldly and part believer?
- Do I overdo it with eating, drinking, smoking and amusements?
- Am I overly concerned about my physical well-being, my possessions?
- How do I use my time? Am I lazy?
- Do I want to be served?
- Do I dream of revenge, hold grudges?
- Am I meek, humble and a builder of peace?

Consider spending some time this week to prayerfully read these again; I am going to do the same to prepare for my own confession. Then I encourage you to make use of our increased confession schedule to experience the Lord's healing: during Lent we offer confession every Tuesday at 7pm at Holy Angels and every Wednesday at 5pm at Sacred Heart. Please join us.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Our Annual Parish Meeting is this **Sunday, March 8th at 12:00 p.m.** We will be discussing our 260th Anniversary events, upcoming projects and fundraisers. Please plan to attend.

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 March 22nd. The Easter Vigil Mass will be offered for all those listed on the envelopes.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CEMETERY: Fr. Lickteig will be celebrating Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Cemetery on Saturday, March 21st, at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

BIBLE STUDY: During Lent, the Wednesday Bible Study is meeting at a new time of 7:00 p.m. at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Even if you have not attended in the past, all are welcome to join, even if only for one night.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for February is Valerie Trader of Leonardtown.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 21st, 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. Registration Forms are located on the tables at the entrance of the Church. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office by April 13th.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS: If you would like to dedicate a candle on the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph or Sacred Heart Altar, please call the rectory during office hours. We have candles available for each of these altars.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Gloria Wood **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, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.