

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

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| Mon. | Mar. | 23 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Tues. | Mar. | 24 | 7:00 a.m. | Essie Mae Gibson & Rosaline Thorne |
| Wed. | Mar. | 25 | 6:30 p.m. | Stephen “Skeeter” Lacey |
| Thurs. | Mar. | 26 | NO MASS | |
| Fri. | Mar. | 27 | 7:00 a.m. | Joanne Lacey |
| Sun. | Mar. | 29 | 6:30 a.m. | Kim Cullins |
| | | | 8:00 a.m. | Int. Matthew & Ann Quade |

Dear Parishioners,

I cannot believe that Holy Week and Easter are almost upon us! Perhaps it's because it seems like I never really got into the groove of all my planned Lenten practices. However, God is always good and this week I hope to rededicate myself to where I have fallen short in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This week we recognize the power of saying “yes”. This Sunday, we gather for a parish brunch after both the 6:30am and 8:00am Masses. This is an opportunity to come together as a parish family and spend some time with each other. Community doesn't just build itself; it takes work, just like a marriage. It takes a “yes” from each person to work to make our parish community strong. Thank you in advance for the “yes” of all those who helped plan this event, and for all those who will attend to help build up our community here at Sacred Heart.

This Sunday, we also gather for our first ever 7th District Fire & Rescue Mass. This year it is being held at Holy Angels. Fr. Cortinovic was the brainchild of this idea, so we owe him a deep debt of gratitude, and I know he would desperately like to be here for it. But at this Mass, we take a moment to honor and thank so many men and women who volunteer with the 7th District Volunteer Fire Department and the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad. We also honor the wonderful women who support these volunteers through the Ladies' Auxiliary of each organization. Every one of them felt a call to help their neighbor through these community organizations, and said “yes” to that call. All of us in the 7th District (and beyond!) benefit from this “yes”.

Then on Wednesday, March 25, we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel visited Mary to announce the good news of God's plan for her. Mary's “yes” to that call to be the Mother of God, Jesus Christ, was the first step in our very own redemption. On Wednesday, please say a “thank you” to Mary our Mother for having the courage and strength to say “yes”. March 25, is also Maryland Day, when we commemorate the landing in 1634 on St. Clement's Island of settlers who would found the Maryland colony. These settlers said “yes” to making a dangerous voyage, leaving behind all that was familiar to them, in order to found a colony where they could practice their Catholic faith in freedom. Their “yes” to God's call is the beginning of the rich heritage of our home here in southern Maryland.

But the Lord never stops calling. He invites each one of us this Lent to open our hearts to the gift of conversion, renewal and a new life in Christ. Next weekend, consider saying “yes” to that call by taking advantage of the opportunity to go to confession after our 6:30am and 8:00am Masses on March 29. A guest priest, along with myself, will be available.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you as we all try to hear God's call and say “yes”.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CONFESSION AFTER MASS: Next weekend, confession will be offered with a guest priest after the 6:30 a.m. Mass and after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on March 29th.

FOOD FOR THE POOR WEEKEND: Next weekend is the Lenten Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave a bag of non-perishable food by the Sacred Heart altar. Thank you.

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.

PRAYER GROUP: The Sacred Heart Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel. Beginning in April, on alternating Tuesdays, we will start visiting people who are homebound and pray the Rosary with them. If you or if anyone you know would like the prayer group to visit and pray the Rosary, please contact Ann Quade at 301-769-3661 or Helen Hewitt at 301-769-3947 to arrange a date.

HEALING SERVICE: A Mass followed by a healing service and a penance service with multiple priests from Southern Maryland will be held on March 24th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park. Father Dan Leary will be joining Father Scott Woods, Father Marco Schad and Father Michal Sajnog for the Healing Prayers. Confessions start at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Healing Prayers. All are welcome!

MARYLAND DAY EVENTS: Wednesday, March 25th, is the annual celebration of Maryland Day, commemorating the landing of the first settlers on St. Clement's Island. This event will take place beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Clement's Island Museum. The key-note speaker will be Sheriff Cameron. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

THEOLOGY OVER DINNER: Theology Over Dinner will again take place on March 26th at Kevin's Corner Cafe in Leonardtown with our own Fr. Lickteig giving a talk entitled: "Mary the model disciple. What does that mean to me?" All are invited: Catholics, non-Catholics, those still questioning, everyone. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. if you'd like to order dinner. If you have any questions, or a suggestion for a speaker or topic, please contact Doug Powell at theologyod@gmail.com or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/563805007089061>

EASTER EGG HUNT: The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, March 29th at the Optimist Club House grounds beginning at 12:00 noon. The Optimist Club will be serving hot dogs, chips, drinks, and goodies for the kids.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: Holy Angels Church will be hosting a Seafood Dinner on Sunday, March 29th, 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 \$26, children 6-12 \$8, and children under 5 free. Carry-outs are available for \$24. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call their rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com.

LIVING STATIONS: Mother Catherine Spalding will celebrate a Living Stations of the Cross on Thursday, April 2nd at 10:30am in the school gym. All are invited to attend as the 8th grade class illustrates each station in a moving and emotional program of Jesus being condemned to death.

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: Sick: Raelynn & Reagan Cook, 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.

FEBRUARY COLLECTION RESULTS

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| Offertory | Loose \$748.00 | Env. \$11,001.00 | Total \$11,749.00 |
| | | | Ash Wednesday 796.00 |
| | | | Cruise Fundraiser + 3,350.00 |
| | | | Total Income \$15,895.00 |
| | | | Feb. Expenses - 14,752.94 |
| | | | \$ 1,142.06 |

School Support - \$1,037.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!