

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.	Apr.	27	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	28	7:00 a.m.	Joseph Walter Gibson
Tues.	Apr.	28	7:00 p.m.	Confirmandi
Wed.	Apr.	29	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	30	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	1	7:00 a.m.	Alice Ann Adams
Fri.	May	1	11:00 a.m.	Michael Johnson
Sun.	May	3	6:30 a.m.	Dale Nelson
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life. In doing this, we fulfill the instruction of the Lord who told us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). In his message for this World Day of Prayer, Pope Francis tells us:

"The journey of each Christian soul and the entire Church [is] the decisive turning of our lives towards the Father. At the root of every Christian vocation we find this basic movement, which is part of the experience of faith. Belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to center our life in Jesus Christ. It means leaving, like Abraham, our native place and going forward with trust, knowing that God will show us the way to a new land. This 'going forward' is not to be viewed as a sign of contempt for one's life, one's feelings, one's own humanity. On the contrary, those who set out to follow Christ find life in abundance by putting themselves completely at the service of God and his kingdom... The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves..."

Faith is about answering a call to follow God, and every vocation, including marriage, also involves answering a call to make a gift of ourselves to another. Speaking for myself, it truly was a call that drew me to the priesthood – it was not my first idea! But answering it was something I never regretted, and I truly love what I do and who I am. Other people's prayers were instrumental, however, in helping me to listen and answer. To that end, Sacred Heart parish will host a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration on June 5th at 10:00 am to pray for vocations and also to pray for the 9 young men who will be ordained priests on June 20th (including Deacon Conrad Murphy). We will join with many other parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington that week in this prayer; last year, over 100 parishes hosted a Holy Hour during that week for vocations and for those being ordained.

Even if you cannot make to one of those Holy Hours, please continue to keep this intention in your prayers. Prayer really is powerful!

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CONFIRMATION: The Sacred Heart & Holy Angels combined confirmations will take place at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Martin Holley will be the principal celebrant. This year, 18 of our 8th graders from both Holy Angels and Sacred Heart parishes will be confirmed. All are welcome to witness this outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A practice will take place on Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Congratulations to Jackson Alderman, William Bellis, Jordan Brown, Christina Chase, Cameron Gibson, Madeleine Horstkamp, Abigail Inman, Maria Kollar, Benjamin Lacey, Kayla Murray, Brandon Quade, Kelly Quade and Tucker Ritchey who will be confirmed from Sacred Heart.

260th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC: The parish picnic to kick off our 260th Anniversary year will take place on June 13th, not June 7th as was reported in last week's bulletin. More information coming soon.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Kevin & Sherry Quade in memory of Joseph & Eleanor Quade. The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar were given by Jimmy & Myrtle McWilliams in memory of George & Alice McWilliams. The flowers on the St. Joseph Altar were given by Jimmy & Myrtle McWilliams in memory of Leonard & Myrtle Mayor. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were given by Jimmy & Myrtle McWilliams in memory of the Mayor Family.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of May. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Confessions will be held during Exposition and Sacred Heart Devotions will be held after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend will be our monthly School Support Collection.

CONFESSIONS: Due to a wedding that afternoon, there will be no confessions offered on May 2nd, but will be available on Friday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. and at Holy Angels on May 2nd from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m., or by appointment.

ROSARY MAKING CLASS: If you would like to learn how to make a Rosary or you if you already know how and would like to help make Rosaries, we will be having a class on Sunday, April 26th at 12 noon in our Parish Hall. All are welcome, young and old alike!

MASS WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HEALING PRAYERS: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park will be having a Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers on Monday, April 27th at 7 p.m. Concelebrants are Fr. Marco Schad, Fr. Michal Sajnog and Fr. Scott Woods. Mass begins at 7 p.m. with Confessions being heard throughout the evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

24th ANNUAL FESTIVAL & DINNER: Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville will be holding their 24th Annual Festival & Dinner on Sunday, May 3rd from 12 noon until 5 p.m. in their Parish Center. The menu includes: Ham, Crab Balls, Southern Maryland Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Beets, Applesauce, Cole slaw, Potatoes, Garden Salad, Rolls and beverages. The cost is \$20 for adults, eat-in and carry-out, \$7 for children ages 6 – 12, and children under 6 eat free. For tickets call the parish office at 301-884-3123, Linda Morris at 240-538-6728, or George Briscoe at 301-448-5237.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Raelynn Cook, Patricia Beaver, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Virgie Banagan, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Agnes Pilkerton, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

APRIL VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of Catherine Dorsey.

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Barbara Lacey in memory of Wilson Penn.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan for the intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan's Family.

If you would like to dedicate a candle for a particular month, please call the parish office.

MARCH COLLECTION RESULTS

Offertory	Loose \$1,086.00	Env. \$15,579.00	Total \$16,665.00
			March Expenses - <u>16,807.40</u>
			(-142.40)

School Support - \$763.00

Church in the Developing World - \$599.00

Easter Flower Donation - \$1627.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!