

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.

Eucharistic Adoration: After the Tuesday 7 a.m. Mass

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.	Sept.	7	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Sept.	8	7:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Mattingly
Wed.	Sept.	9	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Sept.	10	NO MASS	
Fri.	Sept.	11	7:00 a.m.	David Swann
Sun.	Sept.	13	6:30 a.m.	Zack Hill
			8:00 a.m.	John Billard

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Continuing our brief overview of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, we now look at how the pope defines what is happening with, as he puts it, "our common home". Calling the earth our common home immediately makes us realize that our environment, whether it is our natural environment or our social environment, is not ours alone to do with as we please. It belongs to everyone around the world as a good held in common.

The pope identifies problems in our natural environment and in our social environment. In our natural environment, the pope sees pollution, lack of water, the loss of biodiversity and climate change as the major problems facing us today. Today's pollution, he says, is overwhelming many part of the world. He writes that "*The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.*" It is important to realize that the pope is writing from a global perspective, informed by people who live from all around the world.

The lack of drinkable water is also another major problem facing millions of people today. Many of the world's poor do not have access to water that is safe, and by drinking contaminated water, millions experience high rates of disease and infant deaths. All this while some parts of the affected countries have access to plentiful and drinkable water. He writes that "*access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity.*"

A loss of what the pope calls "biodiversity" is also a major issue. Many species of animals, plants and even insects and algae are becoming extinct, as he writes, "*because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.*" The loss of these species also impacts the future as many of them may have held cures to diseases, and they also contribute to the healthy functioning of ecosystems and the planet as a whole.

Next week, we will look at the pope's comments on climate change.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic University of America.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

ALTAR FLOWERS: We have many dates open for altar flower donations. Please consider donating flowers in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one. Please contact the Rectory for more info. or to donate flowers.

WALK WITH FRANCIS CAMPAIGN: Pope Francis is coming to the Archdiocese of Washington and this week we are invited to be a part of the journey by taking a pledge. Celebrate Pope Francis' visit by committing to follow his example of faith and service. This week we are challenged to take the pledge to Walk with Francis by choosing to pray or serve or act in a new way to advance his mission and ministry in the next year. Your pledge of prayer or service or action will be presented as a gift to the Holy Father during his visit. You can also visit walkwithfrancis.org to take the pledge online.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC, BE BAPTIZED, OR RECEIVE A SACRAMENT? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or would like to be baptized, or if you or they are already Catholic but have never received 1st Communion or Confirmation, Holy Angels and Sacred Heart parishes are holding a series of classes every Tuesday, beginning on September 15th, from 6:00-7:15pm at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School to prepare you and them to come into the Church or receive the sacraments. No need to pre-register, just come and see. Contact the office for more details.

FAITH FORMATION CCD: Classes for Sacred Heart and Holy Angels children will begin on Sunday, September 20th at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School from 9:05 – 10:20 a.m. each Sunday. Registration will be offered after every Mass on the weekend of September 13th.

BIBLE STUDY: Our first Bible Study of new academic year will begin on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. We will focus on the Old Testament, with selections from Genesis, the Prophets and more. No preparation will be required for any of the meetings. Come join us and bring a friend!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: High school youth group will begin regular meetings beginning this September. We will meet on the second Sunday and fourth Friday of every month at Mother Catherine Academy from 6:00-8:00pm. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Corey or Eli Hayden at somdyouthgroup@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook and Instagram @somdyouthgroup.

THE 8TH ANNUAL "FRIENDS OF THE POOR": St. Vincent de Paul of Southern Maryland is sponsoring its 8th Annual "Friends of the Poor" Walk beginning at 9:00am on Saturday, September 12th, at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown, rain or shine. The goal of the walk is to call attention and raise awareness to the needs of the poor. There will be a post-walk brunch, live music, face painting and balloons for children, a silent auction and door prizes. Health Connections from Med Star St. Mary's Hospital will be at the walk offering free blood pressure screenings. For registration go to www.fopwalk.org. Same day registration begins at 7:30am. There is no registration fee but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can make a difference in our community. For more information contact Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990 or Vicki Wenke at 301-904-2369

APOLOGETICS 101: "Be prepared to make a reasoned defense for the hope that is in you"(1 Peter 3) What is apologetics? The art of making a reasoned defense of Catholicism. Every Catholic is called to be an apologist – and this class will equip you to answer that call. Join other Catholics from the community on Mondays, starting September 14th from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. at Mother Catherine Academy. For further info. email Kenneth.scheiber@smrhs.org.

ANNUAL YARD AND BAKE SALE: St. Francis Xavier Church in Compton will hold its Annual Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday, September 12th, from 7 a.m. until noon. There will be a variety of items for sale and an assortment of delicious homemade bake goods fresh from the oven. For further information, please call Jacquelynn Kirby at 301-475-5060 or St. Francis Xavier Rectory at 301-475-9885.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Carol Dean, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Carol Ann Hall, Kyle Tyer, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

SEPTEMBER VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Mary Belle Combs in memory of Barbara Lacey.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan for the intentions of their family.