

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.	Apr.	11	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	12	7:00 a.m.	Susan Gibson
Wed.	Apr.	13	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	14	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	15	7:00 a.m.	Kyle M. Tyer
Sun.	Apr.	17	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Johnny & Dot Cheseldine

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

One of the things I really enjoy as a priest is visiting our Faith Formation/CCD classes on Sundays and the classes at Mother Catherine Academy when I celebrate Mass there during the week. Talking to the students is a wonderful experience because they so often give me another perspective on life. And their questions often touch on the fundamental aspects of the faith. As they say, sometimes we can't see the forest for the trees, so these conversations are great ways to remember what the Big Picture is. That is why I have also enjoyed reading *Rediscover Jesus* – it reminded me again of the beauty of what I believe and the challenge in living it out.

Easter also helps to put things in perspective again. At Easter we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. But why do we care? What difference does that make in our lives? For thousands and thousands of years, when people died, there was nothing to look forward to afterwards. But Jesus came and died, and, because he is God, rose again, so death could be defeated, so death would not be the end. Because of Jesus, we have the opportunity to defeat death, too, to be given power over death. So the whole point of our lives is to stay close to Jesus – only in him can we defeat death too.

And we stay close to Jesus, we are united with him, through the sacraments of the Church – Baptism clothes us with Jesus Christ, Confirmation completes and strengthens that union, and receiving the Eucharist keeps that bond strong and alive (that is why Sunday Mass is so important). We also stay close to Jesus by performing acts of charity for Him when he is disguised in our family and friends and neighbors in need – the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Our choices and actions can either draw us closer to Him or they can separate ourselves from Him. If the latter, Confession is available to be reunited with Our Lord.

May this Easter Season remind us of the Big Picture and give us the grace to stay close to Jesus.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the 6:30 and 8 a.m. Masses next weekend, April 17th.

PARISH POTLUCK: On Sunday, April 24th at 1 p.m. Sacred Heart will be having its traditional annual potluck dinner in the parish hall to help bring the parish together as a family. Someone from the parish will be contacting parishioners about bringing a main dish or dessert. We will have Bingo and games for the children and a 50/50 Raffle. Come out and enjoy a day of fellowship and good food.

CONFIRMATION: Our 8th grade students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 7 p.m. at Holy Angels Church.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER: Save the date! Our 260th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, June 4th at the parish. Details to follow. Please plan to attend!

PARISH ANNIVERSARY MASS: Save the date! Our 260th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 5th, with Cardinal Wuerl as our principal celebrant. The time for this special Mass will be at 10 a.m. Please plan to attend!

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, April 12th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. followed by adoration and healing prayers. All are welcome!

STEAK AND SHRIMP DINNER: American Legion Post #221 in Avenue will be having a Steak and Shrimp Dinner on Friday, April 15th, from 5-8 p.m. The menu includes; New York strip steak, steamed shrimp and burgers. Platters and sandwiches are both available. Eat in or carry-out.

BENEFIT AUCTION: The Auxiliaries of the 7th District Fire Department and Rescue Squad will be holding a Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 16th, at the fire department, starting at 5 p.m. with a preview and the auction starting at 6 p.m. Items for auction include a child's picnic table, antiques, furniture, hand crafted bird houses, picnic cooler, garden wheelbarrow, jewelry, gift baskets and more. There will be a cash raffle, food & drinks, and games.

CHRIST CHURCH, KING & QUEEN PARISH ANNUAL YARD SALE: Christ Church in Chaptico will be holding their Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 - Noon - All donations will be accepted. TIME TO CLEAN OUT ALL YOUR CLUTTER!! No restrictions. All "leftovers" will be taken to Hooks and Hangers immediately afterward. Tables are available for \$10. Please contact Jennifer Bryant, Parish Administrator at office@christepiscopalchaptico.org or by phone at 301.884.3451 or Keith Owens at 240.434.3995 for further information. Donations can be dropped off anytime from now till the 22nd during church office hours and placed downstairs. Special drop off times are available by calling Keith at [240-434-3995](tel:240-434-3995). Pickup is possible in cases of special circumstance.

THE ART OF STORYTELLING: Mother Catherine Academy will be hosting The Art of Storytelling on Sunday, April 24th from 1-5 PM at the school. This event is free and open to the public. Nationally acclaimed storyteller Dr. Gail N. Herman will tell interactive stories that will inspire reading and intrigue both children and parents. There will also be additional activities so bring the kids for a fun and educational day!

ST. MARY'S RYKEN OPEN HOUSE: St. Mary's Ryken will be holding an open house on Tuesday, April 26th from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Romuald Hall.

25th ANNUAL FESTIVAL & DINNER: Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville will be holding their 25th Annual Festival & Dinner on Sunday, May 1st 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, Coleslaw, Parsley Potatoes, Garden Salad, Rolls and beverages. The cost is \$25 for adults, eat-in and carry-out, \$8 for children ages 6 – 12, and children under 6 eat free. For information/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: Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Don Morgan, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

APRIL VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of Mary C. Dorsey.
St. Joseph Altar - Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of John A. Dorsey.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of Wanda Randalson.