

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.	18	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	19	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed.	Apr.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	21	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	22	7:00 a.m.	Mary “Bitsy” Ellis
Sun.	Apr.	24	6:30 a.m.	Joseph & Eleanor Quade
			8:00 a.m.	Int. of Cathy Bailey

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

As many of you have heard in the news, Pope Francis has released what is called a post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation called *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. For two straight years, in October of 2014 and October of 2015, bishops from around the world gathered in Rome (at a meeting called a synod) to discuss the current challenges facing marriage and family life. Some of those discussions centered on how the Church should minister to those who are divorced and remarried outside the Church. But the bishops tackled a range of topics on situations families face in the world today. Each of these meetings of bishops resulted in a final report summarizing the discussions. The pope took those two final reports and used them to create the document that was released on April 8, *Amoris Laetitia*.

When I worked with Cardinal Wuerl, I was privileged to attend a similar series of meetings of bishops from around the world who gathered in Rome in October 2012 to discuss the challenges of the New Evangelization. And I can tell you it was wonderful to hear so many bishops passionately talk about trying to help those in their care. I am confident the same thing happened at these other two synods on the family.

The pope in *Amoris Laetitia* gives a beautiful vision of married love, but he, along with the bishops who met over those two years, also realize that families and spouses encounter many difficulties in life. So he is calling for the Church to walk with them and be the face of Christ to them, to let them know that no one is outside the embrace of the love of God.

What does this practically mean? It means reaching out to those who feel they are excluded from the life of the Church. So I would like to invite anyone who has experienced any brokenness in their family or married life – whether it is a divorce or any other situation – to give me a call, and I would be happy to sit down and meet with you. This is a priority for me, and you are not “bothering” me! And please let others who don’t read this bulletin also know of that invitation. This is the Holy Year of Mercy, and I know Christ wants to heal all those who come to him. There is no single solution, but there is a single love – the love of Jesus Christ who laid down his life for you and for me. I look forward to hearing from those who accept this invitation.

May the love of the Holy Family accompany us in the journey we all have back to our Heavenly Father.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY Andrew Johnson son of Robert and Cheryl Johnson, who was Baptized on April 9th and welcome Robert Dent, III son of Robert and Shannon Dent, who was Baptized on April 10th.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be meeting of the Parish Council on Monday, April 18th, at 6 p.m. in the rectory.

FOOD FOR THE POOR WEEKEND: Next weekend is Food for the Poor Weekend. Please bring a gift of non-perishable food and leave it at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

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.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER: Save the date! Our 260th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, June 4th, at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Cash bar and silent auction will be available. Invitations have been mailed to registered parishioners.

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!

2015 ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION: The total amount collected for last year's cemetery collection was: Sacred Heart \$7,902.00 and Holy Angels - \$4,833.00; with a total collection of \$12,735.00. Thank you for your generosity!

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](tel:301.884.3451) or Keith Owens at [240.434.3995](tel: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.

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: Donna Farrell, 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.

MARCH COLLECTION RESULTS

Loose - \$817.86	Env. - \$9,273	Total	\$10,090.86
		Easter & Easter Sunday	7,228.00
		Other Income	<u>+1,593.25</u>
		Total Income	\$18,912.11
		March Expenses	<u>-16,124.46</u>
			\$+2,787.65
Holy Land - \$951.00			
School Support - \$941.00			
Easter Flowers - \$1,712.00			
Memorial Contributions - \$3,640.00			

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!