

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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.	Mar.	13	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	14	7:00 a.m.	Myrtle Thompson
Wed.	Mar.	15	6:30 p.m.	Mary “Bitsy” Ellis
Thurs.	Mar.	16	NO MASS	
Fri.	Mar.	17	7:00 a.m.	Sue Gibson
Sat.	Mar.	18	Mass at Holy Angels – 9:00 a.m. (Lent Only)	
Sun.	Mar.	20	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Joseph E. Armstrong, Jr.

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Every year, the pope releases a message for Lent. This year, Pope Francis focuses on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the beggar who lays outside his door, hoping for the crumbs from the rich man’s table. The pope uses this parable to help us see that each person we encounter is a gift, but that sin so often blinds us to this reality. Fortunately, the Word of God is able to open our eyes if we allow it. I have taken parts of this message and copied them below.

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God “with all their hearts” (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable.

The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God’s word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

May the Lord help us to grow this Lent in love for Him and each other.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT: Along with the normal Saturday Confession Schedule, Confessions will also be heard on Wednesdays from 5 – 6 p.m. and Fridays during Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

PRAYER IN CHURCH: During Lent Sacred Heart Church will be unlocked Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the Masses next weekend.

PARISH POTLUCK UPDATE: Due to continued work in the Hall, the Parish Potluck will be postponed until after Easter. More details to follow.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CEMETERY: There will be Stations of the Cross in the cemetery on Saturday, March 18th, at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

SACRED HEART HISTORY COMMITTEE: If anyone has pictures of the 2nd Sacred Heart Church or pictures of the construction of the current church, could you please contact the parish office. The History Committee would like to scan your pictures for our history library. Thank you.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 25th, at 2 p.m., Donald Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception honoring married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 or more years of marriage. Personalized scrolls signed by Cardinal Wuerl will be distributed to couples following the ceremony, or mailed should they be unable to attend. To register, please call the parish office by Monday, April 24th.

MCA NEWS: Join MCA Sunday, March 19th from 12 – 4 p.m., for our 2nd Annual Local Heroes Project to honor Nolan Scully. MCA will play a game of basketball against our local police department. All proceeds go directly to Nolan's family. This is a ticketed event so please reserve your spot ahead of time. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, children 6 and under are free – payable to the school by cash or check. Tee shirts will be available for \$20 each – Please visit our Facebook page to view the tee shirt design that was created by our Art of Giving students.
<https://www.facebook.com/mothercatherine/>

TURKEY SHOOT & OYSTER SCALD: The 7th District Optimist Club will have their fifth and last one for the season Turkey Shoot & Oyster Scald on Sunday, March 12th beginning at 12 noon at the Optimist Ball Field. Besides Oysters, there will be other foods available for purchase, chili, hot dogs, dessert etc. Sign up for the shoot begins at 11 a.m.

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be hosting a Drive-thru Fish and Chips Dinner at the Optimist Building every Friday during Lent. (March 17th, 24th, 31st, & April 7th) The dinner menu is homemade beer battered wild caught Cod served with thick cut french fries, homemade cole slaw, tartar sauce, roll & butter. Cost is \$10.

LENTEN MISSION: Be Inspired! Renew your Journey with the Lord just in time for Lent. Come Experience Renowned Catholic Speaker, Meg Hunter-Kilmer; Hobo for Christ, on March 19th-21st at 7:00 p.m. The Mission will take place each night at St. Aloysius Church with adoration/confessions on Sunday, daily Mass on Monday & Tuesday nights all followed by Meg's inspirational talk each night. Join your Brothers & Sisters in Christ on this spiritual journey. Feel free to look her up on her website: <http://www.piercedhands.com/>

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: Holy Angels Church will be hosting a Seafood Dinner on Sunday, March 26th, 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 \$27, children 6-12 \$8, and children under 5 free. Carry-outs are available for \$25. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call their rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, William Guy, John Chesley, Wendy Gibson, Janice Blackistone, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, Margaret Deal, Rholand Hayden, David Hill, Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

MARCH VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Charles & Margie Boyers in memory of Don Morgan.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Helen Hewitt in memory of Ben Hewitt.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Helen Hewitt memory of Essie Mae Gibson.