

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - 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.	May	2	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	May	3	7:00 a.m.	Dale Nelson
Wed.	May	4	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	May	5	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	6	7:00 a.m.	George B. Quade
Fri.	May	6	11:00 a.m.	Daniel I. Hammett
Sun.	May	8	6:30 a.m.	Franklin Bowles
			8:00 a.m.	Joe Farr

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

What a wonderful parish potluck we had last weekend in our parish hall! I could not believe the amount of food and desserts! And can our parish families cook some good food! A special thank you to Carolyn and Noel Farrell who made sure everything was organized for this wonderful tradition this year, patiently enduring all of our delays! A word to thanks to all those who helped them, those who cooked, and to Carol Ann Hall for organizing our silent auction and Bingo games!

The HVAC system in the parish hall is now fully operational. We will therefore not have to worry about AC during our church dinners in June! Thanks to all those who helped with this big project!

Next week, we begin May, the month traditionally dedicated to Mary. Pope Paul VI wrote that “*Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise. For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her?*” There is a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church to perform special exercises in devotion to her during this month. Here at Sacred Heart, we will have a May Crowning at the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, May 7th. May Crowning is long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May. The crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary’s beauty and virtue. It’s also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother’s virtue in our own lives.

As we rightfully celebrate our mothers on May 14th, we can also say a prayer of thanksgiving on that date for the gift of Mary, who is just as much our mother as she is Jesus’. It was her faith that allowed God to give us all rebirth in Jesus Christ. And she continues to pray for each one of us, encouraging us in our journey of faith.

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima also occurs in May, on May 13th, and this year is the 100th Anniversary of these appearances of Mary to 3 children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. Our Lady exhorted these children (and all of us!) to pray the Rosary every day for peace and for sinners (including ourselves). The Rosary is a wonderful and powerful prayer that we can all either begin or practice more faithfully during this month.

More suggestions for how to honor Mary this month will also be posted to our Facebook page.

May God Bless you during this Easter Season!
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

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 is our monthly School Support collection.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for April is James Dorsey of Chaptico.

PARISH YARD SALE: Sacred Heart will holding a yard sale in June. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Margie at 301-769-2665 or Isabel at 301-904-7557.

TEENS: LOVE OR LUST: Our local Catholic community has been engaged in a struggle to prevent an extreme, anything-goes, sex-ed talk for youth from occurring at the local libraries. While our community has succeeded in stopping the library from co-sponsoring the talk, a local atheist group has found another way to bring the talk into the library on Sunday, May 21st. In response, and in an effort to present a positive and Catholic message on Chastity and Human Sexuality based on the teachings of St. John Paul II, local Catholics have secured Jason Evert, the top Catholic speaker in the country on this subject. Jason will present a talk for 7th graders and older titled "Love or Lust? Why Save Sex for Marriage?" on May 14th at 2:00 pm at the Lexington Park Library and at 7:30 pm at Ryken and a talk for parents titled "Parenting for Purity" on May 14th at 6:00 pm. at Ryken. Please visit www.JasonEvertSOMD.com for more information and to support this event.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND YOUTH: The youth group will meet on the 1st and 3rd weekend in May. They will meet at MCA on the 1st Sunday and OLW parish hall on the 3rd Sunday. Dinner will be provided.

BUS TRIP TO FRANCISCAN MONASTERY: Our Lady of the Wayside Church will be hosting a bus trip to the Franciscan Monastery on Saturday, May 20th. The bus will leave the church at 8:20 a.m. and return around 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 and you must bring a bagged lunch. Seating is limited. If you would like to reserve a spot or have any questions, please contact Virginia at 301-884-7421 or email millerchaptico@aol.com.

PARISH DINNER: Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville will be having their Parish Dinner/Festival on Sunday, May 7th, from noon to 5 p.m. in their Parish Center. Menu includes; ham, crab balls, spiced shrimp, fried chicken, green beans, potatoes, pickled beets, applesauce, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$25 adults, \$8 children 6-12, children under 6 free, carry-outs \$25.

ROSARY PILGRIMAGE: St. Ignatius Church-Chapel Point will host their 35th Annual Rosary Pilgrimage Saturday, May 13th. Join the celebration to honor Our Blessed Mother on the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Come to historic and scenic St. Ignatius Church which overlooks the Port Tobacco River; where Jesuit Fr. Andrew White settled 375 years ago. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. in the church. It will be followed by a procession led by the Knights of Columbus to the Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Our First Communion children will crown Mary at the Shrine and we will pray the Living Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall courtesy of the Catholic Daughters. The church is located at 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD. If you have questions, please call 301-934-8245.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: Historic Christ Church in Chaptico, Maryland will have its 23rd Annual Strawberry Festival and Bazaar on Sunday, May 21st, from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the parish hall. The menu includes Strawberry Shortcake with "The Works" – Ice Cream, Strawberry pies, Strawberry Desserts and Mike's Barbecue with all the trimmings. Visit with quality Artists and Crafters. There will be Live Music all day. Funds raised will help support local charities in St. Mary's County. The Parish Hall is located at 37497 Zach Fowler Rd. off of Rt. 234 in the Village of Chaptico. For more information, please call the parish office at 301-884-3451 or Shelby at 301-904-2532 or visit our website at: www.cckqp.net and on Facebook: Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico, MD.

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

MAY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Jimmy & Myrtle McWilliams in memory of Leonard & Myrtle Mayor

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Ricky & Joan Farr in memory of James Farr.