

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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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	8	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	May	9	7:00 a.m.	Lauri Gibson, Jr.
Wed.	May	10	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	May	11	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	12	7:00 a.m.	Shirley Lacey
Sun.	May	14	6:30 a.m.	Adele Farrell
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

What a joyful Sunday this is – the first Sunday of May, the month of our Blessed Mother, Mary. This month, we celebrate Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, May 13th. It was 100 years ago that Mary appeared to three children, Lucia Santos (age 10) and her cousins, Francisco (age 9) and Jacinta Marto (age 7) on May 13, 1917 near the small town of Fatima, Portugal. She appeared to them in the same field on the 13th of six consecutive months and gave them many messages. As word spread of these apparitions, tens of thousands of people gathered with them on the 13th of those months. No one else could hear or see anything, and there were many who believed it was all a lie. The press also ridiculed the whole thing, writing it was proof that religion was a big fraud and a delusion. However, the woman who appeared to the 3 children said that on the last apparition, on October 13, 1917, a miracle would happen so that all would believe.

The night of October 12-13, 1917 was very rainy, soaking the ground and the estimated 70,000 pilgrims who had gathered. When she appeared to the children, she gave them one last message and revealed herself as the “Lady of the Rosary”. Then she rose and as she did, the sun, which had been obscured by the dark clouds, suddenly was seen by everyone to burst into view as a soft spinning disk of silver. An eyewitness said this to the newspapers: “*It looked like a glazed wheel made of mother-of-pearl...The sun’s disc did not remain immobile. This was not the sparkling of a, heavenly body, for it spun round on itself in a mad whirl. Then, suddenly, one heard a clamor, a cry of anguish breaking from all the people. The sun, whirling wildly, seemed to loosen itself from the firmament and advance threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge and fiery weight. The sensation during those moments was terrible.*”

During the solar phenomenon, which I have just described in detail, there were changes of color in the atmosphere. Looking at the sun, I noticed that everything around was becoming darkened. I looked first at the nearest objects and then extended my glance further afield as far as the horizon. I saw everything an amethyst color. Objects around me, the sky and the atmosphere, were of the same color. An oak tree nearby threw a shadow of this color on the ground. Soon after I heard a peasant shout “Look, that lady is all yellow!” And in fact everything, both near and far, had changed, taking on the color of old yellow damask. People looked as if they were suffering from jaundice, and I recall a sensation of amusement at seeing them look so ugly and unattractive. My own hand was the same color. All the phenomena which I have described were observed by me in a calm and serene state of mind, and without any emotional disturbance. It is for others to interpret and explain them.”

This "Miracle of the Sun" was seen by almost 70,000 eyewitnesses, and was reported in the previously skeptical secular press. Why did God cause this miracle to occur? To have us believe in the truth of what Our Lady was telling the children. To believe her messages. Over the next weeks, we will explore what those messages were.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on all the altars were donated by Agnes Tyer in memory of John A. & Catherine Dorsey.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council will meet on Monday, May 8th at 6 p.m. in the Rectory-all are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time second collection to take place in parishes across the nation on May 14th to support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

SACRED HEART CEMETERY: Please remove all artificial flowers from the cemetery by May 31st. Grass cutting season has begun. Thank you.

BEST WISHES for Mr. & Mrs. Sterling & Erica (Bailey) Walker who were married at Sacred Heart on May 6th.

PARISH YARD SALE: If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Margie at 301-769-2665 or Isabel at 301-904-7557 by May 13th. If we don't have enough` donations the yard sale will be cancelled.

BABY BOTTLE BLITZ: Help us change lives and save babies! The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is having their yearly Baby Bottle Blitz to raise funds for the Center's ministry to women and babies. Bottles are available on the tables at the entrance of the church to take home and use as a bank during the month. The bottles are to be returned to Sacred Heart on Father's Day, June 18th. Thank you for your support.

MCA NEWS: MCA will be having an Open House on May 7th from 1-3 p.m. The students of MCA will be performing the musical *The Sound of Music* on Thursday, May 18th at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 21st at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each.

APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Saturday, May 13th is the beginning of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. A 24 hour Adoration will be held at St. Aloysius Church on Friday, May 12th following the 8:30 a.m. Mass thru to Sat., May 13th just before the 7:30 a.m. Mass. In honor of Our Lady, a candlelight procession is planned to take place in Leonardtown next Saturday, May 13th. Meet in front of St. Aloysius Church at 8:30 pm. The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, will proceed to the town square and back. Inside the church there will be a short talk on Our Lady of Fatima, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Then all may come to Father Andrew White School gym for refreshments. The evening concludes around 10:30 pm. Please join in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary on the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima next Saturday evening.

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.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: John Chesley. **Sick:** Janice Blackistone, Leo Osborn, Sylvia Lacey, Carol Ann Hall, Larry Hill, Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, Wendy Gibson, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, Rholand Hayden, David Hill, Matthew Quade, Roger & Barbara 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.
Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Ruth Wise in memory of Paul & Ruth Wise.