

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.

Emergency Phone: 301-904-7750

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Feb.	5	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	6	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed.	Feb.	7	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Feb.	8	NO MASS	
Fri.	Feb.	9	7:00 a.m.	Cody Lacey
Sun.	Feb.	11	6:30 a.m.	Rita Trossbach
			8:00 a.m.	Johnny Pingleton & Wayne Pingleton

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This past week was Catholic Schools' Week across the United States. Pope Francis, when he was the Archbishop in Argentina, once said: "*Because education truly forms human beings, it is especially the duty and responsibility of the Church, who is called to serve mankind from the heart of God and in such a way that no other institution can.*" I was blessed to celebrate a special Mass with my brother priests at Immaculate Heart of Mary with the older grades of our 5 area Catholic Schools: Mother Catherine Academy, St. Michael's, Little Flower, St. John's and Father Andrew White. What a blessing to have Catholic schools in our area!

The first Catholic parish school in the United States was founded in Baltimore in 1783. And in 1884, the Catholic bishops in the United States called for each parish across the country to build its own elementary school, also making it mandatory for parents to send their children to them, unless there were extenuating circumstances approved by the local bishop. The reason for this requirement was the bishops were worried that Catholics would lose their faith in Protestant and secular schools, some of which were very anti-Catholic. It may be tempting to laugh at that now; unfortunately, this may increasingly be a valid concern again. As our society increasingly enshrines into law positions (such as same-sex marriage) that are contrary to our faith and the natural law, it will be more and more difficult to object to this material being taught in public schools.

But our faith teaches us that the primary educators of our children are the parents, even when the children are sent to Catholic or public schools. Thus, it will become ever more important for parents to take a close look at what their children are learning in school and to make sure the faith is passed on to them. St. Mary's county is still a faith-filled community, but it depends on parents, working with the Church, to make sure that faith stays alive.

All the more reason to give thanks to God for Catholic schools continuing to exist in our midst and to do all we can to make sure they stay open for the future of our children and society.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Margaret Wheeler & Family in memory of Ernest Wheeler. The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Shana Ridgell. The flowers on the St. Joseph Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Frankie Bowles. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Cody Lacey.

BORED AGAIN CATHOLIC: WHY MASS IS ALWAYS THE SAME: Sunday after Sunday after Sunday, we gather at Mass to celebrate in the same way over and over again. No wonder we can get bored! If you want to understand why we as Catholics worship the way we do, join Fr. Lickteig for a lecture series on the Mass, and transform your boredom! Learn that our Catholic worship is rooted God's plan for us! We will meet two more Wednesdays. The last meeting is February 7th from 6:30-8:00pm at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Bring a friend!

SACRED HEART CEMETERY: Please remove all Christmas decorations from the cemetery by February 17th. Any Christmas decorations remaining after February 17th will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: The Cardinal's Appeal funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish, chief among them is the education and training of our future pastors. As in past years, the theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) As we seek first the Kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Seventh District VFD Auxiliary will be having a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 13th, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse. Menu will include; pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fires, baked apple dessert, coffee, tea and milk. Cost is adults \$10, senior citizens \$9, children 4-12 \$3 and children 3 and under free.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP: St. Mary's Council #1470 Knights of Columbus will be holding a Free Throw Championship on Monday February 19th at Father Andrew White Gym. Boys and Girls Divisions: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Competition starts at 9:00am, with District Competition to follow immediately. For more information please call Jim Goebel at 240-538-8045.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES IN TROUBLE: Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

OPTIMIST ANNUAL FEBRUARY DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their Annual February Dinner on Sunday, February 25th, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge located at 27636 Mechanicsville Road. The menu includes fried oysters, spiced shrimp, stuffed ham, fried chicken and vegetables. Cost is Adults \$27, Kids 6-12 \$8, Kids under 5 eat free, and drive-thru carry-outs are \$25.

2018 ANNUAL CARENET BANQUET: Holy Angels and Sacred Heart Parishes are sponsoring a table at the Annual CareNet Banquet which is being held on Thursday, March 22 at the Hollywood Volunteer Firehouse Social Hall. This year's guest speaker is Dr. William Lile. Dr. Lile is a Board Certified OB/GYN and former OB/GYN Department Chair at Sacred Heart Hospital. In 1999 he and a partner shut down the largest provider of abortion services in Pensacola, repurposing their tools to provide education on abortion procedures for the pro-life and Christian communities through speaking appearances, as well as articles and videos, hosted online at ProLifeDoc.org. Dr. Lile is a frequent guest of both television and syndicated radio shows and in 2016 was voted Top 10 Most Effective Pro-Life Speakers. Please contact Deacon Joe Lloyd at 301-475-6533 for reservations to this Pro-Life event.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, Ken Cheseldine, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie & Anne Marie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

FEBRUARY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Wayne Pingleton.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Johnny Pingleton.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Mary Agnes Plunkett.