

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.	19	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	20	7:00 a.m.	Francis Latham
Wed.	Feb.	21	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Wed.	Feb.	21	6:30 p.m.	Judson Alvey
Thurs.	Feb.	22	NO MASS	
Fri.	Feb.	23	7:00 a.m.	Joyce Proctor
Sun.	Feb.	25	6:30 a.m.	George Guy
			8:00 a.m.	Clara “Anne” Wathen

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

“*Rend your hearts, not your garments.*” The Lord spoke these words to us on Ash Wednesday through the prophet Joel. In ancient Israel, it was the practice to tear one’s garments and put on sackcloth and ashes in penance for one’s sins. This was an external practice that helped one open one’s heart to God’s grace and mercy.

During Lent, God wants to give us his grace and love in more abundance. So how do we receive this grace and mercy? By rending our hearts, that is, by opening them up to God’s grace. And God tells us exactly how we are to do this, how we are to open or rend our hearts – through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Through these three practices, God plants his grace within us.

And what does God’s grace within us do during Lent? It helps us battle against every form of sin in our lives. On Ash Wednesday, we put ashes on our foreheads as a sign for us that we are mortal – we will die one day. And only with God will we defeat death. Sin separates us from God, from Life itself. But by training us to defeat sin, God is helping us to choose Him, to choose Life, to love Him more than we love other things. In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus goes into the desert to be tempted by Satan. Why? So Jesus can defeat every one of Satan’s temptations. And thus show us and give us the strength to overcome those same temptations and defeat sin in our lives. The goal of Lent is, through practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, to allow God’s grace to enter so we can be freed from sin and grow in love of God and neighbor. Thus every Lent should include a very good Confession on our parts. This is how we are freed from sin and how we are trained to love God and our neighbor. Enclosed with the bulletin is a guide for us to make a good confession.

May God bless you,

Fr. Anthony Lickteig

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of President’s Day.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is the annual Church in the Developing World collection.

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

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! Because of a funeral, we could not meet last Wednesday so the last meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st from 7:15-8:30pm at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Bring a friend!

SEMINARIAN TREE: Please take a card with a seminarian name from the tree at the back of church and pray for them. This is a wonderful way to support vocations!

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence, when we fast by eating only 1 full meal (two smaller meals may also be taken, but together do not equal to a full meal, and there is no eating of solid foods between meals) and abstain from eating meat. All Catholics from age 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those not in good health or pregnant are dispensed from the fast. In addition, all Catholics from age 14 onwards are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and every Friday in Lent.

EXTRA WEEKDAY MASSES IN LENT: At Sacred Heart, during Lent, Mass will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30pm, preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30pm. During Lent, Holy Angels will celebrate Mass every Saturday at 9:00am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm, along with an opportunity for Confession. Stations will also be offered at Holy Angels every Friday in Lent at 3:00pm along with an opportunity for Confession.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE: The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to be taken to your home for prayer to her. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fatima table at the entrance of the church. You may also call Rose Marie Billard for arrangements to receive her, 301-769-2278. There are also free rosaries and Fatima books on the table.

YOUTH GROUP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Four parishes, Holy Angels, Our Lady of the Wayside, Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph's, are forming a youth group for high school students. Parents who are interested in learning more about this new initiative are invited to an information and discussion meeting at Mother Catherine Academy on Sunday, February 25, at 6pm. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

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

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, February 26th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm, Mass at 7pm followed by adoration and healing prayers. All are welcome!

DRIVE THRU FISH & CHIP DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring a Drive Thru Fish & Chip Dinner every Friday during Lent from 5:00-7:00pm at the 7th District Optimist ballfield. Come enjoy beer batter wild caught cod, steak fries, coleslaw, and roll. The cost is \$11.00 and credit cards are accepted.

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 \$28, Kids 6-12 \$8, Kids under 5 eat free, and drive-thru carry-outs are \$26.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Carolyn Miller **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, 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.