

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.	Apr.	2	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	3	7:00 a.m.	Joseph Latham
Wed.	Apr.	4	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	5	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	6	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	6	12:00 p.m.	Thomas Combs
Sun.	Apr.	8	6:30 a.m.	Jimmy Farrell
			8:00 a.m.	Gertrude & Carroll Cusic Family

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Alleluia – Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Our faith tells us something incredible – a man has died but is now alive, and this man, Jesus, lives forever and ever. Jesus IS who he claimed to be – God Himself. Pope Benedict in an Easter homily once said, *“At Easter, on the morning of the first day of the week, God said once again: ‘Let there be light’. The night on the Mount of Olives, the solar eclipse of Jesus’ passion and death, the night of the grave had all passed. Now it is the first day once again – creation is beginning anew. ‘Let there be light’, says God, ‘and there was light’: Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies.”*

And what is the result of this new Light? Joy and Hope. Pope Francis said in 2016, *“Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are – so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives.”*

How does Jesus give us this new hope, this new joy, this new light? Again, Pope Benedict XVI told us, *“Through the sacrament of baptism and the profession of faith, the Lord has built a bridge across to us, through which the new day reaches us. The Lord says to the newly-baptized: Fiat lux – let there be light. God’s new day – the day of indestructible life, comes also to us. Christ takes you by the hand. From now on you are held by him and walk with him into the light, into real life. For this reason the early Church called baptism photismos – illumination.”*

In Baptism, Jesus gives each of us a new day, makes us a new creation. But He also gives us His own Spirit, the Paraclete. And as Pope Francis also said, *“[The Paraclete] does not remove evil with a magic wand. But he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, conquered death and conquered fear. [Easter] is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love.”*

How much we rejoice this Easter at the baptism of Shelly Bean! She is now one with us in the Body of Christ and our true sister in the Lord, filled with the love and forgiveness of Christ! May she and all of us and our families have a very blessed Easter Season filled with this new life, with this new love, filled with this new joy, filled with this new light!

On a personal note, I will be away for a couple of days on retreat this week. Deacon Lloyd will offer communion services and I will return on Friday.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA began on Good Friday, March 30th and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th. Brochures with Novena Prayers are available on the tables at the entrance of the church. Next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the Masses.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend will be our monthly School Support collection.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 2nd in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 3rd.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 17th, 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 during office hours by April 16th.

MCA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Come and get 'Shipwrecked' at this year's MCA Vacation Bible School! Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Registration is now open for this year's event. VBS will be June 25-29 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. and is open for children ages Pre 3/4 (must be fully potty-trained) through 6th grade. Please use the following link to register your child today! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9d426>.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Do you play golf or know someone who does?? Get a team together and come play with us!! This golf tournament will benefit Mother Catherine Academy. We need a minimum of 20 teams. It will be held on Friday, April 6th at Wicomico Shores Golf Course. If you'd rather not play, you can still participate by becoming a sponsor for the tournament!! This is going to be a fun-filled day so save the date and come out and join us!! Thanks for your support of MCA!! For more information go to <http://mothercatherine.org> and click golf tournament.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE: Christ Church in Chaptico will be holding their annual yard sale on Saturday, April 14th from 8 a.m. until noon at their parish hall located at 37497 Zach Fowler Road in Chaptico. Tables are available for rent, \$20 per table. For more information or to rent a table, call their parish office at 301-884-3451. They are also accepting donations which can be dropped off at their parish hall between 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tuesday – Friday.

23rd ANNUAL RUN & FUN WALK FOR HOSPICE: Attention runners! Hospice of St. Mary's is holding its 23rd Annual Run & Fun Walk on Saturday, April 14th at 8:30 a.m. The race will begin and finish at the St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown and will be held rain or shine. Runners can sign up for either a 5K or 10K run, and walkers can sign up for a 5K fun walk. For more info. and to register for the race visit www.runforhospice.org.

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

APRIL VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Steve & Donna Gibson in memory of Francis & Eloise Gibson.

EASTER BLESSINGS!