

# 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.	9	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	10	7:00 a.m.	Frank & Helen Hall
Wed.	Apr.	11	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	12	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	13	7:00 a.m.	John Latham
Sun.	Apr.	15	6:30 a.m.	John “Popeye” Quade
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Who doesn't want peace in the world? Our world, it seems, is immersed in division, hatred, jealousy, violence, rage and fear. What is the answer? Jesus comes to us this Sunday, locked behind the doors of our own making, and tells us, "Peace be with you!" Jesus comes to give us all peace! And it is through his mercy that he gives us peace. The Church once wrote, *"The truth is that the imbalances under which the modern world labors are linked with that more basic imbalance which is rooted in the heart of man. For in man himself many elements wrestle with one another. Thus, on the one hand, as a creature he experiences his limitations in a multitude of ways; on the other he feels himself to be boundless in his desires and summoned to a higher life. Pulled by manifold attractions he is constantly forced to choose among them and renounce some. Indeed, as a weak and sinful being, he often does what he would not, and fails to do what he would. Hence he suffers from internal divisions, and from these flow so many and such great discords in society."*

The lack of peace in the world is rooted in the lack of peace in our hearts! And how do we experience peace in our hearts? Through encountering Jesus Christ, Who is Peace itself. Through encountering the mercy and an unconditional love of God in Christ. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Saint John Paul II instituted this feast day for the entire Church in the year 2000, and he was influenced by the writings of a Polish nun, Saint Faustina, who encountered the Risen Lord and wrote about it. Her diary contains beautiful passages about the deep mercy of Jesus' heart. In one passage, Our Lord tells St. Faustina that on the Second Sunday of Easter, the feast of Divine Mercy, *"...all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."*

The Church attaches special graces to those who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday, receive the Eucharist that day, who entrust themselves to God's incredible mercy, and who also receive the Sacrament of Penance/Confession soon after. After the Masses this weekend, we will pray this chaplet. And we can ask God to remove any doubts we have about His love being greater than our sins, and to pray on behalf of others who need this special grace.

May God bless you,  
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Shelley Bean who was received into the church on Easter.

**JUBILARIAN MASS:** On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please use the following link to register your child today! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9d426>.

**CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE:** Christ Church in Chaptico will be holding their annual yard sale on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL RUN & FUN WALK FOR HOSPICE:** Attention runners! Hospice of St. Mary's is holding its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run & Fun Walk on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.runforhospice.org).

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick:** C.C. Gravetts, Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholand & 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.

#### **FEBRUARY FINANCIALS**

Offertory	\$10,729.50	School Support	\$973.00
E-Giving Offertory	2,778.00	Church in Dev. World	\$548.00
Ash Wednesday	1,525.00		
Other Income	+ 896.22		
Total Income	\$15,928.72		
February Expenses	– 13,641.12		
	+2,287.60		

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**