

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Masses: Tuesday & Friday 7:00 a.m., Sunday 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

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.	Jan.	26	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Jan.	27	7:00 a.m.	Dylan Brown
Wed.	Jan.	28	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Jan.	29	NO MASS	
Fri.	Jan.	30	7:00 a.m.	Allan Swann
Sun.	Feb.	1	6:30 a.m.	Stephen “Skeeter” Lacey
			8:00 a.m.	Ronald Meyers

Dear Sacred Heart parishioners,

The WARM program is this week! Much preparation has been done to make this week a success. Please see the information on the next page for how you can still help. If you are not able to participate in some way, I ask for your prayers for our guests. They endure many hardships, and prayer is always important, so that we can ask the Lord to help them beyond what we are able to do.

Second, last Tuesday I attended a very productive meeting of the parents and community members of Mother Catherine Spalding School who are seeking to open a new independent Catholic school in the current MCS building this coming year. I wish them well and believe that their plan is worthy of support. Many details are still to be worked out, but there was definitely a positive spirit that came from the meeting. As I mentioned last weekend, I am sad that the school in its current form will be closing at the end of this school year, but I do hope that the efforts of those involved to open a new independent Catholic school will bear fruit. The archdiocese has indicated its support for this proposal, so I ask for your prayers for this endeavor in the coming weeks. I also ask for your prayers for the current students of the school during Catholic Schools Week, which is a time when the schools have various activities to show why Catholic education is important. For example, at MCS the Eighth Grade will be teaching religion to the rest of the classes on Monday. This weekend you will be listening to students from Mother Catherine speaking at the 8:00 Mass about Catholic education.

People have asked me about whether there would continue to be a school support collection at Sacred Heart given the status of the school. For now, I plan to keep having that collection. To briefly explain how it works, Sacred Heart is one of five parishes that contributes financially to Mother Catherine. There is a set amount of money each year that our parish must contribute to the school. The school support collection comes to Sacred Heart parish and helps to satisfy the contribution that the parish is required to give to the school's operations, as well as to tuition assistance that our parish provides to several families. If the school support collection is insufficient to cover these obligations, then the balance must come out of the weekly offertory money. I ask for your continued generosity to this collection because it helps to meet this obligation. Therefore, all money from the school support collection does go to Mother Catherine. I do not know in the future if we will be able to formally associate with the independent school that will be operated at Mother Catherine; that question is still being decided. If you have any further questions about this matter, please feel free to ask me.

Your servant in the Lord,
Father Charles Cortinovis

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

\$100 A MONTH CLUB: Please get your \$100 A Month Club tickets turned back in to C.D. & Patty Raley. Thank you.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING UPDATE: Our Annual Parish meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

PRAYER GROUP: Sacred Heart Prayer Group will be meeting in the Chapel every Tuesday at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

WARM PROGRAM: Our hosting week is upon us! We are still in need of female monitors for time slots between 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Please consider volunteering for any length of time for example 12-3 or 3-7. Please pray for our hosting week, our homeless guests and all of our volunteers.

WOMEN OF FAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST: There will be a Women of Faith Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 21st, at the Café Des Artistes in Leonardtown beginning at 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Peggy Menard. Register now by calling Heavenly Presents at 301-475-9770 or go online at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. The cost is \$15. Space is limited so reserve your seat now.

OPTIMIST ANNUAL FEBRUARY DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their Annual February Dinner on Sunday, February 22nd, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mechanicsville Firehouse Social Hall. Menu includes; fried oysters, spiced shrimp, stuffed ham, fried chicken and vegetables. Cost is Adults \$25, Kids 6-12 \$8, Kids under 5 eat free, and drive-thru carry-outs are \$25.

MINI RETREAT: The restorers of Mount Carmel are sponsoring a mini-retreat on Saturday, February 28th, at Mount Carmel (5678 Mount Carmel Road, LaPlata, MD 20646). The retreat will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. and will end by 3 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. The day will include Mass, several talks, quiet time, confessions, rosary, benediction/exposition, continental breakfast snacks, beverages, boxed lunch, and handouts. Father Savatore Sciruba, OCD, is the retreat master and the theme will be "The Carmelite Approach to Spirituality. Please call Peggy Goldsmith at 301-645-5564 to make a reservation and get lunch choices. Please make your check payable to Peggy Goldsmith and send it to her at 3885 Renner Road, Waldorf, MD 20602.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Elizabeth Graves, Bernie Quade, Agnes Pilkerton, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Billy Pilkerton, Madeline Hutchins, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

JANUARY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Jean Lacey in memory of Lawrence & Jane Wathen.

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Diane Quade in memory of Alice Quade.

Saint Joseph Altar – Given by Jean Lacey in memory of James "Doc" Lacey.

If you would like to dedicate a candle, please call the rectory during office hours.