

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	July	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	July	21	7:00 a.m.	Francis Swann
Wed.	July	22	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	July	23	NO MASS	
Fri.	July	24	7:00 a.m.	Laurie Chiamardas
Sun.	July	25	6:30 a.m.	Alice McWilliams
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

The Catholic Church in the United States has designated this week “Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week”. NFP is more than a specific technique – it is a way of learning to express more authentically and fully one’s love for one’s spouse.

Married couples express their love for each other through their bodies in a unique way. Unlike other friendships, in a marriage, each spouse has promised to share themselves totally with each other – this giving of self includes one’s future, one’s past, one’s talents, one’s weaknesses, one’s finances and most fundamentally, one’s body. To share oneself totally through the body includes sharing one’s fertility. To artificially hold back this part of one’s body means one is no longer sharing oneself fully with one’s spouse, a complete sharing that was promised on one’s wedding day. NFP uses God’s gift of reason to understand the female fertility cycle he created in order to intelligently make choices on when to express marital love. To express this love during periods of infertility is not contrary to the total giving of self and sharing of one’s body with each other. Each spouse is still sharing everything.

Using NFP to delay pregnancy does require, however, periods of abstinence during the fertile part of the woman’s cycle. And this is perhaps the most difficult concept to understand and practice. However, a husband who practiced NFP for several years with his wife made this observation about how NFP enriches a couple’s relationship: *“He develops a sense of awe in the way God made her, and she develops a sense of gratitude that he was willing to sacrifice his own pleasure for her sake.”* By understanding the woman’s cycle, NFP is also used to achieve pregnancy. The training in marital chastity, and the growth in communication, love and respect that flows from this, are the real benefits to practicing NFP. Ultimately, NFP protects couples from the danger of seeing each other as an object for one’s personal use. One couple also wrote this about their experience: *“Michael realized NFP was not moral birth control; rather, it is a complete way of life honoring one’s spouse’s sexuality and fertility. It is loving naturally – the way God designed it.”*

For more information, you can check out www.adw.org/nfp.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave a bag with non-perishable food items at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

PAXCATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Young adults aged 18-39 are invited to a PAXCatholic small group series entitled "Fighting the 7 Deadly Sins." This 7-week series, hosted by St. John's Parish in Hollywood, will take place on Sundays at 5:00 pm starting on July 19th. Each talk will be about one of the 7 deadly sins and how to identify and fight them in our daily lives. For more information, please call Lacy at (410) 231-1754 or email ljscheiber@gmail.com.

TALKS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH: Kevin Fields, Immaculate Heart of Mary's Summer Seminarian, will host a three-part faith formation series for adults and young adults. The series, "Lighting Our Kingdom in the Public Square", will address how Church and State are distinct, *yet inseparable*. Mark your calendars now for three Fridays in July (Jul. 10, 17, and 24). The talks will take place at 7:00 pm in the large classroom at IHM. Don't miss out on this opportunity to discover how we can spread the Good News in our public lives.

11TH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S COUNTY NATIONAL LAWN MOWER RACES: The races will be held at Bowles Farm in Clements on Friday, July 31st, with gates opening at 5 pm & Saturday August 1st, with gates opening at 2 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person and children 8 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the Seventh District Rescue Squad & Seventh District Optimist Club. For detailed information visit www.bowlesfarms.com or call 301-475-2139.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY SCHOOL NEWS: Mother Catherine Academy will be holding a Basketball Camp for students going into the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade for the 2015-2016 School Year. This event will be held on August 3rd, 4th, & 5th. The girl's camp will be from 5:30 – 7:00pm and the boy's camp from 7:00 – 8:30pm in MCA school gym. The cost for MCA students is \$35.00 each and the cost for all other students is \$55.00 each. All checks should be made payable to Mother Catherine Academy. Jeff Gray is the Camp Director. Additional information can be found on www.mothercatherine.org. MCA School is also selling tickets for the 2015 Cash Bash. The tickets are \$75.00 each or buy 3 get 1 free. There are over \$250,000.00 in cash and prizes with a grand prize of \$100,000 that will be given away on October 24th, at the Fairgrounds. All ticket holders can enjoy free food and drinks and explore other activities while the lucky numbers are drawn. For additional information about the event visit - <http://smscashbash.org/> - or contact Kim Bailey 301-904-5272. Finally, MCA's 1st Annual Gala is scheduled for August 28th. For more information contact Kim Bailey, 301-904-5272 or kimbailey2754@gmail.com. Live auction items such as trips/vacations, event tickets, furniture, etc. are needed!

SUMMER SUNDAY EVENING MASS: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park will be offering a 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening Mass starting on May 31st through late August thanks to a coordinated effort of guest priests.

CAMP MARIA RAFFLE: Camp Maria Retreat Center is sponsoring the Camp Maria Raffle. First prize is \$10,000, Second prize \$2,500 and Third prize is \$500. The drawing will be held on August 22nd. Participants do not have to be present to win. All proceeds from the Camp Maria Raffle will go to support the work of Camp Maria Retreat Center as it continues to serve God's people. For tickets or more information, please contact Ann Kovalcik at (301) 475-8330 or director@campmaria.org.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Kyle Tyer, Raelynn Cook, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

JULY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Kitty Swann in memory of the Swann & Bailey Family.

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Margie & Charles Boyers for the intentions of Stephanie Campbell.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan for the intentions of their family.