

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.	Aug.	31	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Sept.	1	7:00 a.m.	Daniel I. Hammett
Wed.	Sept.	2	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Sept.	3	NO MASS	
Fri.	Sept.	4	7:00 a.m.	Martha Farrell
Fri.	Sept.	4	11:00 a.m.	Steve Mattingly
Sun.	Sept.	6	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

With Pope Francis set to arrive in our archdiocese in less than a month, the archdiocese is starting a campaign to offer the Holy Father pledges to pray, serve or act in a new way. See below. To help us prepare for his visit, I would also like to write a series of columns on his latest encyclical, *Laudato Si*. This encyclical has received a lot of attention because of what was written about global warming. But after reading the entire document, this is just a small part of the focus. My hope is that these small reflections will help in understanding what the pope is trying to tell us in this document.

Encyclicals are formal letters only popes can write that typically reiterate Church doctrine but also offer judgments on contemporary issues. They take their name from the first line of the encyclical. So *Laudato Si* means “Praise be” and comes from St. Francis’ prayer, the Canticle of the Sun – “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.” In the introduction, Pope Francis seeks to call attention to the harm that humans have done to the earth. No mention is made yet to global warming, but rather to a “sickness evident in the in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life.”

The pope goes on to diagnose the root cause of this sickness. He writes that “*We have come to see ourselves as her [the earth’s] lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will.*” He also refers to Pope Benedict XVI who wrote that creation is harmed “*where we ourselves have the final word, where everything is simply our property and we use it for ourselves alone. The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves.*” Pope Francis draws a connection between the damage done to our natural environment and the damage done to our social environment (e.g. family, sexuality, social relations, culture) – both the natural and social environments have been damaged according to Pope Francis by the idea that human freedom has no limit. Therefore, just as the solution to our social problems involves the conversion of the person, so too the solution to the problems in nature involves the conversion of the person. In the rest of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis wants to define the problem better and also show how Christians are called to conversion and to work towards solutions.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of September. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Confessions will be held during Exposition and Sacred Heart Devotions will be held after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is our monthly School Support Collection.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for August is Eddie Payne, Sr. of Colton's Point.

TICKETS TO PAPAL MASS: If you are interested in attending the Papal Mass in Spanish with Pope Francis in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, September 23rd, at the Basilica of the National Shrine at 4:15 pm, there are still a few tickets available. Please send a letter or an email to the office letting us know and also explaining why you would like to attend. For more information, please call the office.

WALK WITH FRANCIS CAMPAIGN: Pope Francis is coming to the Archdiocese of Washington and you are invited to be a part of the journey by taking a pledge. Welcome Pope Francis by committing to follow his example of faith and service. As the Letter of James in today's readings challenges us: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" We are challenging local individuals and organizations to take the pledge to *Walk with Francis* by choosing to pray or serve or act in a new way to advance his mission and ministry in the next year. Your pledge of prayer or service or action will be presented as a gift to the Holy Father during his visit. We will have a Parish Pledge Weekend next weekend when we all can make a pledge. You can also visit walkwithfrancis.org to take the pledge online.

FAITH FORMATION CCD: Classes for Sacred Heart and Holy Angels children will begin on Sunday, September 20th at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School from 9:05 – 10:20 a.m. each Sunday. Registration will be offered after every Mass on the weekends of September 6th and 13th.

BIBLE STUDY: Our first Bible Study of the new academic year will begin on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. We will focus on the Old Testament, with selections from Genesis, the Prophets and more. No preparation will be required for any of the meetings. Come join us and bring a friend!

PARISH HISTORY: If you have photos, articles or memories of Sacred Heart's 260 years of history and would like to share them with our history committee, please email sacredheart260anniversary@gmail.com. Photos from the inside of the old church or school are especially welcome.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY SCHOOL NEWS: MCA School is 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.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Thomas Hall **Sick:** Carol Dean, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Carol Ann Hall, Kyle Tyer, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

AUGUST VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Patricia & Desales Tyer for the intentions of Kyle Tyer.

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

JULY COLLECTION RESULTS

Loose \$1,305.00	Env. \$10,589.00	Total \$11,894.00
		Other Revenue + 1,588.60
School Support - \$986.00		Total Income \$13,482.60
		July Expenses* -18,806.86
		\$ -5,324.26

*This year, July has one extra pay period

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!