

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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.	Feb.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	21	7:00 a.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton
Wed.	Feb.	22	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Feb.	23	NO MASS	
Fri.	Feb.	24	7:00 a.m.	Leonard & Barbara Lacey
Sun.	Feb.	26	6:30 a.m.	Francis Brookes & Veronica Thompson
			8:00 a.m.	John Billard

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Our parish has a very long tradition of praying a special Novena each year, the Novena of Grace. This Novena runs from March 4-12th every year, and invokes the intercession of St. Francis Xavier, the famous Jesuit missionary to India and Japan, who converted and baptized hundreds of thousands of people in his lifetime. This Novena traditionally ends on March 12th as this was the day Francis Xavier was declared a saint. St. Francis Xavier, shortly after his death, appeared to a brother Jesuit in Naples who was on the point of death. The Saint told this Jesuit, *“All those who implore my help daily for nine consecutive days, from the 4th to the 12th of March included, and worthily receive the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist on one of the nine days, will experience my protection and may hope with entire assurance to obtain from God any grace they ask for the good of their souls and the glory of God.”* The Jesuit prayed, asking the Saint’s intercession of his health, and he recovered.

Through the traditional Novena prayer, which we recite each of the 9 days, we ask St. Francis Xavier to help us live and die in a state of grace, that is, in a state of friendship and union with God. However, we also can ask for a particular intention. Many of us use this as an opportunity to pray for friends and relatives in need or who have gone before us. This is good! However, I would also like to ask everyone who wants to undertake this Novena to add a special intention: to pray for those Catholics in our families, in our neighborhood and in our parish who either no longer practice the faith or who do so only occasionally. I would ask that you in a particular way add the names of any parents who do not regularly practice. I invite you to simply submit a regular sealed envelope (into the office or offertory collection) with any names inside, marked “Novena of Grace.” I am not looking to know who they are – I just want to make sure we pray for them! I will place these envelopes before the statue of St. Francis Xavier during the Novena.

I would like to invite all of us in the parish to consciously use this Novena to pray for the conversion of souls in our families and parish. I think all of us can see, in looking around the church during Mass, how many families and young men and women in our neighborhoods do not attend. There are many reasons for this, and thus there is no single solution – but every conversion begins with us praying for it! If we are concerned with the future of our parish, we need to pray.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is the annual collection for the Church in the Developing World.

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

SAVE THE DATE!: Sacred Heart Parish Potluck will be held on Sunday, March 12th. More information in future bulletins.

SACRED HEART CEMETERY: Please remove all Christmas decorations from the cemetery by February 26th. Any Christmas decorations remaining after February 26th will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a History Committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 3 p.m. in the parish rectory. They will be developing a history library of Sacred Heart. All are welcome to attend to be a part of this project.

PARISH DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: At our parish meeting many of you volunteered to take leadership responsibilities in preparing for our parish dinners on June 25th and October 22nd. But we still need someone to help coordinate the June dinner as the overall Dinner Chairman/woman. Those who did so in the past will be available to assist and there is a checklist that is followed. In addition, we need someone to help with the Dinner Raffle tickets for the October dinner. Again, past Raffle ticket chairmen/women will be available to assist. If you are interested, please contact the office.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers will be Monday, February 20th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. followed by adoration and healing prayers. All are welcome!

THEOLOGY OVER DINNER: The next Theology over Dinner will take place Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at Kevin's Corner Cafe. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to order dinner. Talk begins at 7:00 p.m. This month the talk is "Pilgrimage" By Fr. Ray. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or a suggestion for a speaker or topic, please contact Doug Powell at theologyod@gmail.com

OPTIMIST ANNUAL FEBRUARY DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their Annual February Dinner on Sunday, February 26th, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge located at 27636 Mechanicsville Road. The menu includes fried oysters, spiced shrimp, stuffed ham, fried chicken and vegetables. Cost is Adults \$27, Kids 6-12 \$8, Kids under 5 eat free, and drive-thru carry-outs are \$25.

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Seventh District VFD Auxiliary will be having a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 28th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse. Menu will include; pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fires, baked apple dessert, coffee, tea and milk. Cost is adults \$10, senior citizens \$9, children 4–12 \$3 and children 3 and under free.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER: Our Lady of the Wayside will hold its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. The menu will include; pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, coffee and juice.

MORGAN FAMILY BENEFIT: A benefit for the family of Donnie Morgan will be held on Sunday, March 5th at Bowles Farm in Clements. Doors open 12 noon with a buffet dinner served from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. and from 2 – 6 p.m. an auction, music by the Wanderers and fun activities. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25.00 per person or \$30.00 per person at the door. Contact Barbara Hill at 301-769-2659 for advanced tickets. **If you have any items that you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Carol Ann Hall at 301-247-3283 as soon as possible.**

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: **Sick:** John Chesley, Wendy Gibson, Janice Blackistone, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, Margaret Deal, Rholand Hayden, David Hill, Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

FEBRUARY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs in memory of Shirley & John Lacey.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Johnny Pingleton.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs in memory of Shirley & John Lacey.