

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.	Apr.	3	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	4	7:00 a.m.	Joann Lacey
Wed.	Apr.	5	6:30 p.m.	Leonard & Barbara Lacey
Thurs.	Apr.	6	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	7	7:00 a.m.	Tommy Combs
Fri.	Apr.	7	11:00 a.m.	Donald J. Morgan, Jr.
Sat.	Apr.	8	Mass at Holy Angels – 9:00 a.m. (Lent Only)	
Sun.	Apr.	9	6:30 a.m.	Mary Helen Seymour
			8:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Doherty

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

We are now only 2 weeks away from Easter and the renewal of our baptismal promises. If you find yourself finding it harder and harder to keep your Lenten promises, join the club! But this is precisely the time to dig down deep and persevere! Changing bad habits or starting good ones typically takes several weeks of practicing before they get easier. We also have the Holy Spirit on our side, so we should be confident that God is giving us the strength we need to grow in some area of our life. If you have not yet been to Confession during Lent, now is the time to do so. It is offered every Tuesday night at Holy Angels from 7-8pm and every Wednesday night at Sacred Heart from 5-6pm, in addition to being offered during Stations of the Cross (3pm at Holy Angels and 7pm at Sacred Heart) and the usual times on Saturday afternoon.

Holy Week also begins in one more week. It has been the tradition since Fr. Goode back in the late 1970s or early 1980s to have our 1st Communion for our 2nd Grade students on Holy Thursday, the day we remember when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood. However, in 2004, Saint Pope John Paul II had a document prepared, *Redemptionis Sacramentum* (The Sacrament of Redemption) that talked about various practical aspects of Holy Communion. The following was stated in that document: *“Apart from exceptional cases, it is not particularly appropriate for First Communion to be administered on Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper. Another day should be chosen instead, such as a Sunday between the Second and the Sixth Sunday of Easter, or the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or the Sundays of Ordinary Time, since Sunday is rightly regarded as the day of the Eucharist.”* Saint John Paul II wanted to emphasize the importance of Sunday as the normal Day of the Eucharist, and to link the reception of the Eucharist to the community that worships together on Sundays. For this reason, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Parish Council, I have decided that the 3 children who will receive 1st Holy Communion this year will do so on a Sunday Mass, either during Easter or on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. I am working with them to determine an appropriate date. I realize this is a big change, but I trust that it will be one for the greater good of those receiving 1st Communion and for our entire parish. If you have any questions or concerns, I will be happy to discuss them with you.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

FIRST FRIDAY: 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. Extended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered from 12 noon – 6:30 p.m. Please sign up for a time to adore.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will practice for Holy Week and Easter on Mon., April 3rd, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

PARISH POTLUCK: Our Parish Potluck will be on Sunday, April 23rd. Save the date!

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be hosting a Drive-thru Fish and Chips Dinner at the Optimist Building on Friday April 7th. Menu includes homemade beer battered wild caught Cod served with thick cut french fries, homemade cole slaw, tartar sauce, roll & butter. Cost is \$10.

LENTEN FISH FRY: Our Lady of the Wayside's annual Lenten Fish Fry is on April 7th, from 5 to 7 p.m. Menu includes; fried fish, fish nuggets, popcorn shrimp, French fries, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, green beans, rolls, tea and desserts. Cost is, adults \$14, children 6 – 12 \$7 and children 5 and under free. Carry outs are available.

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Rev. Robert J. Kosty, Senior Priest at the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen on Good Friday at 12 noon. All are welcome.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND YOUTH GROUP: The So. MD Youth Group will meet at Our Lady of the Wayside parish hall for their next meeting on April 9th from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER PROGRAM: SOMD's largest summer camp has opened online registration. This year's new classes include First Responders, Cake Boss, Superheroes Camp, Going Viral, Upcycling Fashion Design and Inventor's Battleground, among others, as well as many favorites from last year. The Program's goal is to help our children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an amazing summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland licensed summer camp. Please visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com to view the new summer schedule.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY: The 7th District VFD Auxiliary will be having Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 9th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the firehouse. Menu will include; pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, home fries, baked apple dessert, coffee, juice and milk. Carry-outs are available. Cost is adults \$10, senior citizens \$9, children 4-12 \$3 and 3 & under free.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9th, at the Optimist Clubhouse beginning at Noon. Hotdogs, chips, drinks and goodies will be served.

SHRIMP & FRIES: The 7th District VFD Auxiliary will be hosting a shrimp and fries dinner on Friday, April 14th, at the Firehouse from 5 – 8 p.m. Menu includes, fried shrimp, fries, cole slaw, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost is \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, children 12 and under \$5. Carry-outs are available.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 19th, 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.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Frankie Bowles **Sick:** Leo Osborn, Sylvia Lacey, Carol Ann Hall, Larry Hill, Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, William Guy, 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, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

APRIL VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Ricky & Joan Farr in memory of Ruth Farr.