

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.	17	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	18	7:00 a.m.	Thomas J. Hall
Wed.	Apr.	19	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	20	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	21	7:00 a.m.	Susan Gibson
Sun.	Apr.	23	6:30 a.m.	Joseph & Eleanor Quade
			8:00 a.m.	Doris Guy

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Alleluia, Jesus Christ is Risen today! This celebration is the heart of our faith, it is the heart of the Good News that Jesus brings into a world that is so often bathed in darkness and tears. The central celebration of this mystery is the Easter Vigil at Night, which was celebrated last night. The beginning of this Liturgy is rich in prayers and symbols.

The Good News of Jesus Christ risen from the dead is represented by the blessing and lighting of the Easter Candle. As the Candle is blessed, the priest says, "Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and forever. Amen." And as the grains of incense are inserted in 5 places in the Candle (representing the 5 wounds of Christ Crucified), the priest says, "By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard and protect us." Finally, as the Easter Candle is lit for the first time, the priest proclaims, "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

The opening procession takes place in the dark as the lit Easter Candle leads the faithful through the church, illuminating the path by the light of the Risen Christ. All those who are baptized carry candles of their own that as they make their way through the church are lit from the Easter Candle, representing how we are given life by the Risen Christ in our baptisms. Soon the whole church is lit with these candles, just how the whole earth is illuminated by the light of Christ in our works and deeds.

Finally, the beginning of this Liturgy is concluded by the singing of the Easter Exultet, as the Church exalts in the wondrous rising of Christ from the dead. This lengthy proclamation is sung and ends with the following beautiful words: "O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human. Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen!"

For the next 50 days until Pentecost, the Easter Candle remains lit in our church as we contemplate the great mercy and love of our God who can defeat every darkness and sin and despair in our lives, not matter how deep. Alleluia, Jesus Christ is Risen today!

May God bless you during this Easter Season!
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 17th in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18th at 9 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA began on Good Friday, April 14th and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd. Brochures with Novena Prayers are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the Masses next weekend.

PARISH POTLUCK: Our Parish Potluck will be on Sunday, April 23rd at 1 p.m. Please plan to attend.

PARISH YARD SALE: Sacred Heart will holding a yard sale in June. If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact Margie at 301-769-2665 or Isabel at 301-904-7557.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY: On Friday, April 28th, MCA is hosting a Movie on the Lawn featuring *The Secret Life of Pets*. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:55 p.m. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy a fun night out with the family. This event is free and open to everyone. Rain date is May 5th.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Do you play golf or know someone who does?? Get a team together and come play with us!! This golf tournament will benefit the 8th Grade class at Mother Catherine Academy for graduation, class trip, etc., and we need a minimum of 20 teams. It will be held on Friday, April 21st at Wicomico Shores Golf Course. If you'd rather not play, you can still participate by becoming a sponsor for the tournament!! This is going to be a fun-filled day so save the date and come out and join us!! Thanks for your support of MCA!! For more information go to <http://mothercatherine.org> and click golf tournament.

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 by April 24th.

BLACKISTONE LIGHTHOUSE: The St. Clement's Hundred, a group dedicated to the preservation and education of the Blackistone Lighthouse, are looking for volunteers for the upcoming season. A water taxi will take you from the shore of Colton's Point to the North Pier on the island. Spend the day greet visitors. The lighthouse is a self-guided tour, so prior knowledge of its history is not a requirement. Bring your lunch and enjoy the breeze from the Potomac River. The lighthouse is open on Saturdays, and the first Sunday of every month from June thru October. There will be a volunteer information night on Thursday, April 27th, from 6-8 p.m. at the Olde Breton Inn in Leonardtown. Please RSVP for the meeting by emailing blackistonevolunteer@gmail.com or by calling 301-769-2054.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED SHAME, SADNESS, REGRET OR GUILT AFTER AN ABORTION?: You are not alone. Any woman, who has gone through the abortion experience, is invited to attend an *Entering Canaan* Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, May 13th. You will find the Sacraments, a caring retreat team, a witness talk, and a non-judgmental atmosphere, to heal from this shame and other negative emotions that come after abortion. Exact location is confidential, due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington: 301-982-2008 hope@adw.org. Registration is required by May 5th.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: 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.

EASTER BLESSINGS!