

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - 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.

Emergency Phone: 301-904-7750

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Aug.	7	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Aug.	8	7:00 a.m.	Lawrence “Boy” Hayden
Wed.	Aug.	9	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Aug.	10	NO MASS	
Fri.	Aug.	11	7:00 a.m.	Patricia MacCauley
Sun.	Aug.	13	6:30 a.m.	Stephen M. Lacey, Sr.
			8:00 a.m.	Sue Gibson

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Last month, from July 1- 4, the Catholic Bishops in the United States organized a one of a kind gathering in Florida. The Bishops invited leaders from every single diocese across the country as well as Catholic leaders in the areas of business, education, religious communities and those working in social media and among the youth. The purpose was to have a frank discussion about what it meant to be Catholic in 21st century America and the challenges and opportunities facing the Church in the U.S. to evangelize and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The purpose was also to reenergize the Church to share the Gospel in our culture as missionary disciples.

The gathering of almost 3500 bishops and priests and nuns and lay leaders from across the country meditated and prayed and discussed Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, a document he released at the very beginning of his pontificate. In the first first words of this document, Pope Francis wrote: “*The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.*” The Convocation in July in Florida was the Church in the United States reflecting on how to apply the Pope’s plan of evangelization to our country. This is the first time something like this has ever been done – the whole Church – bishops, priests, religious, lay men and lay women, from all over the country and all walks of life – reflecting and praying together on how to proclaim in Gospel in the United States.

I have heard from several people who attended and they report that is was phenomenal experience. It was more than just talks and discussions. It was being able to pray together and to share experiences with each other, and to see all the wonderful things going on around the country. Time will tell what comes from this. But I wanted to share this news to give us all hope that the Holy Spirit is indeed living and acting in our Church, to help us confront the problems we are facing. And to give us all the joy of knowing that Jesus Christ is with us in this work.

Our parish council is also working on identifying areas in our parish where we can better proclaim the Gospel. Please keep us in prayer as we identify these areas of focus for our parish. In the coming month, I will share them with you and get your feedback as well. So we can all unite with the Holy Spirit in bringing the Gospel to our community.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on all the altars were given in memory of Alice Guy.

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

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Finance Council meeting on Monday, Aug. 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Faith Formation Registration is now underway. Please find registration forms on the tables at the entrance of the Church. Forms and payments (Checks payable to Holy Angels Church) can either be placed in an envelope labeled Faith Formation and put in the collection basket or brought to Holy Angels Rectory. Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, 17th September. All 8th graders wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must have attended 7th grade CCD. This sacrament requires two years of Faith Formation. If you have questions regarding Faith Formation feel free to contact Holy Angels Rectory during normal business hours.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: "Theology on Tap returns to Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown on Wednesday, August 9! This month's speaker will be Eve Tushnet, well-known Catholic blogger and author of *Gay and Catholic: Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, and Living My Faith*. Eve will be speaking about her conversion to Catholicism and her experiences and challenges living as a faithful Catholic with same-sex attraction. As always, Happy Hour starts at 6pm with the talk starting at 7pm. Theology on Tap is brought to you by PAXCatholic, a regional ministry by and for young adults in St. Mary's County. Look us up on Facebook or find out more by emailing paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com!"

MOTHER'S WITH YOUNG CHILDREN GROUP: Please join us this summer for some fun with your children, ages 0-8. We will have music time for 30 minutes to sing, dance, play with instruments, and play games. We will also read a Bible story and complete a craft. We will be meeting in a new location this year, Little Sprouts Daycare in Avenue, MD. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on August 23. Please call or text Renee Gruber at 240-925-5350 or Christine Hayden at 609-529-0448 for more information. We hope to see you!!

CHILDREN'S DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S MUSEUM: St. Clement's Island Museum will be holding their annual Children's Day on Saturday, August 19th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Museum grounds. There will be games, crafts, entertainment and more! The 7th District Optimist will be serving burgers and hot dogs. There will also be water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island where you can explore St. Clement's Island State Park and Blackistone Lighthouse. For more information please call the St. Clement's Island Museum at 301-769-2222.

ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL CRAB CAKE DINNER: St. George's Church in Valley Lee will be holding their annual Crab Cake Dinner on Sunday, August 20th from Noon until 5:00 p.m. The menu will consist of crab cakes, baked ham, fried chicken and all the trimmings. The cost is \$26 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12 and children under 6 eat free. Drive-thru carry-outs \$26.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, David Hill, Mike Bailey, 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.

AUGUST VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Shana Ridgell.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Frankie Bowles.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Cody Lacey.