

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

Rev. Anthony Lickteig, Pastor

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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.	Mar.	5	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	6	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed.	Mar.	7	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Wed.	Mar.	7	6:30 p.m.	Lorraine Rogers
Thurs.	Mar.	8	NO MASS	
Fri.	Mar.	9	7:00 a.m.	Bessy Gray
Sun.	Mar.	11	6:30 a.m.	Patrick Zuza
			8:00 a.m.	Mary “Bitsy” Ellis

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. During Lent, we focus especially on deepening this friendship with God. Many of us also pray this Novena 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 and in neighborhood and in our parish (especially our youth) who either no longer practice the faith or who do so only occasionally.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE: Our choir will be practicing for Holy Week and Easter on Mon., March 5th at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

PARISH POTLUCK: On Sunday, March 18th, at 1 p.m. Sacred Heart will be having its traditional annual potluck dinner in the parish hall to help bring the parish together as a family. Carolyn Norris is coordinating this event and someone will be contacting parishioners about bringing a main dish or dessert. Come out and enjoy a day of fellowship and good food.

EXTRA WEEKDAY MASSES IN LENT: At Sacred Heart, during Lent, Mass will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30pm, preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30pm. During Lent, Holy Angels will celebrate Mass every Saturday at 9:00am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm, along with an opportunity for Confession. Stations will also be offered at Holy Angels every Friday in Lent at 3:00pm along with an opportunity for Confession.

MCA EVENTS: Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the 8th grade class at 8:30 a.m. on Thurs., March 29th. There will be a Super Bingo on March 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and a Purse Bingo on March 25th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Mother Catherine Community will be collecting items for the St. Mary's Nursing Home to help the elderly during Lent. If you would like to be a part of this event please bring items to MCA during school hours. Items to consider donating are tissues, small stuffed animals, shaving gel, razors, socks, cologne, lotions, perfume, jewelry, & purses.

"COME AND SEE": Have you thought of becoming a deacon? Are you a man of faith and with a service-oriented heart? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate Formation will soon begin a series of events in various parts of the Archdiocese to select aspirants for the next formation program class. A series of "Come and See" events will be offered that will afford interest men and their wives the opportunity to learn more about deacons and their ministry, the impact of formation and ministry on wives and families, and to ask and receive answers to questions. The remaining 2018 "Come and See" schedule is as follows: Wed., March 7th – St. Aloysius, Leonardtown, 7-9 p.m. and Wed., March 14th – Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville, 7-9 p.m. If you are interested in attending one of the scheduled sessions, RSVP to Ms. Diane Biggs in the Diaconate Office at 301-853-5345 or at biggsd@adw.org.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 17th, 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 by Monday, April 16th.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: Holy Angels Church will be hosting a Seafood Dinner on Sun., March 11th, from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at their parish hall. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, pickled beets, rolls, jello and beverages. Served buffet style-all you can eat. Cost for adults \$28, children 6-12 \$8, children 5 and under free, carry-outs \$26, advanced tickets \$26. For more info., please call their rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com.

DRIVE THRU FISH & CHIP DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring a Drive Thru Fish & Chip Dinner every Friday during Lent from 5:00-7:00pm at the 7th District Optimist ballfield. Come enjoy beer batter wild caught cod, steak fries, coleslaw, and roll. The cost is \$11.00 and credit cards are accepted.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, Ken Cheseldine, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie & Anne Marie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

MARCH VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Jimmy & Myrtle McWilliams in memory of Leonard & Myrtle Mayor

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Edward & Agnes Ridgell.

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

JANUARY FINANCIALS

Offertory	\$10,316.00	School Support	\$1,002.00
E-Giving Offertory	2,778.00	US Church Missions	\$691.00
Solemnity of Mary	803.00		
Other Income	+ 2,068.28		
Total Income	\$16,251.08		
December Expenses	- 18,795.75		
	-2,544.67		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!