

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.	Mar.	26	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	27	7:00 a.m.	Joanne Lacey
Wed.	Mar.	28	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Wed.	Mar.	28	6:30 p.m.	Ben Hewitt
Thurs.	Mar.	29	7:00 p.m.	For Priests and Vocations
Fri.	Mar.	30	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat.	Mar.	31	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Flower Donors
Sun.	Apr.	1	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
			8:00 a.m.	Helen Hall

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This week is the holiest of weeks for us Christians. It begins with Palm Sunday, as we joyfully greet Jesus with the crowds of Jerusalem as he enters the city. But the heart of Holy Week is the celebration of the Sacred Triduum – the Mass of Holy Thursday (where Jesus gives us the Eucharist, institutes the priesthood, and calls us to love as he loves), the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion (where Jesus offers his life on the Cross), and the Easter Vigil at night (where Jesus is raised from the darkness of death).

These days form one mystery – called the Paschal Mystery – where Jesus offers himself in love in his passion and death and then is raised from the dead in glory at the Resurrection. This one mystery is Jesus' way to forgive us our sins and open to us the way to new life, eternal life. The Sacred Triduum spreads out this mystery over three days to help us better appreciate and enter into the central event in our life as Christians. The goal is for us to participate in this mystery – to die to our own wants and desires so we can do God's will by loving each other as Jesus loved us, all the way to the end. We participate in this mystery first at our baptisms. This is why on Easter Sunday, each of us will have an opportunity to renew our baptismal promises – rejecting sin in our lives and entrusting ourselves again to God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – in the Catholic Church.

It is tempting to treat these days like any other. But I encourage you to set aside whatever plans you may have and attend the Sacred Triduum. Bring your children, too. Introduce them to this central mystery of the faith. And especially join us at the Easter Vigil at Night as a parishioner – Shelly Bean – is Baptized, Confirmed and receives Holy Communion for the first time – fully initiating her into the life of faith and the Body of Christ, the Church.

Please see the schedule in the front of this bulletin for the times of all of these services. A couple of notes: after the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist is transferred to a side altar and the church will remain open until 10pm. This allows anyone who wishes to spend an hour or so with Jesus in the Garden during his Agony before he is taken away from us. Every Catholic Church in the county will be doing the same. It is a nice tradition to visit 7 churches on Holy Thursday night.

Also, Stations of the Cross will be offered at Mother Catherine Academy on Holy Thursday morning at 8:30am with the 8th grade class doing a dramatic reenactment – all are welcome. And Stations will be offered on Good Friday at Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen at noon. But the main celebration of Good Friday is not Stations of the Cross – it is the Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross. This will be celebrated at 3pm at Holy Angels and 7pm at Sacred Heart. So if you choose to attend one, make it the Liturgy at 3pm or 7pm where Holy Communion will also be distributed. May we stay with the Lord not just on Palm Sunday, but throughout the rest of the Week.

Finally, I will celebrate a special Easter Sunrise Mass at Colton's Point at 6:30am. The Mass will be celebrated at Holy Angels church if there is bad weather. A guest priest will still celebrate our 6:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart on Easter Sunday.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

PLEASE welcome to our parish family Owen James Quade son of Joseph & Erica Quade. Owen was Baptized on Sunday, March 18th.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The last practice for Holy Week and Easter will be on Mon., March 26th at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed from Thursday, March 29th thru Monday, April 2nd in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 3rd.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS: Two special services with individual confession with Fr. Lickteig and a guest priest will be held during Holy Week: Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00pm at Holy Angles and Wednesday, March 28th at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart.

DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Reminder, Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. No meat may be eaten and only one full meal and two small are permitted.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: On Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special collection. Please be generous.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA begins on Good Friday, March 30th and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th. Brochures with Novena Prayers are available on the tables at the entrance of the church.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: In addition to the Good Friday services here at the parish, you are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross at Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, MD at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 30th. If you would like additional information call 301-475-5005 or visit ccaw.org.

MCA EVENTS: Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the 8th grade class at 8:30 a.m. on Thurs., March 29th. 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25th at the Optimist Clubhouse beginning at Noon. Hotdogs, chips, drinks and goodies will be served.

SHRIMP & FRIES DRIVE THRU: The 7th District VFD Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Shrimp & Fries Drive Thru on Friday March 30th; this event will be held at the 7th District Fire House from 5:00-7:30 pm. The menu will include Eight Fried Shrimp, Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll and Dessert for only \$12.00 per dinner.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Geraldine Brown. **Sick:** C.C. Gravetts, Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, 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.