

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.	Apr.	30	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	May	1	7:00 a.m.	John “Popeye” Quade
Wed.	May	2	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	May	3	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	4	7:00 a.m.	Dale Nelson
Fri.	May	4	11:00 a.m.	Helen Hall
Sun.	May	6	6:30 a.m.	Joe Farr
			8:00 a.m.	John Gilbert Lacey, Sr.

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

As we enter May this week, our thoughts and hearts turn in a special way to Mary. Not only is she the mother of Jesus, the Mother of God, she is also our mother, too. And May is the month that the Church has traditionally set aside to honor Mary. In fact, this practice, though very old, was given new energy by the Jesuits around the year 1700 in Rome. From there, it spread out with renewed vigor to other parts of the world.

So what can we do during this month of Mary? Next Sunday, the 1st Sunday of May, we are going to have a special May crowning of a statue of the Blessed Mother. In this way, we as her children acknowledge the special role she plays in our lives, and ask her special prayers for us and our loved ones.

During this month, it is also a good idea to create a special space in your home for Mary and decorate it in a special way. It can be a picture on the wall or a statue on a table. Use it as a reminder of Mary’s special role in your life. If you don’t have a statue, consider signing up for our traveling Our Lady of Fatima statue to come to your home for a week.

Another suggestion is to pray the Rosary every day during this month. If you have a family, you can pray it together every night, or if that is not possible, at least once a week – it can also be prayed in front of the statue or picture in your home that you have set aside and decorated.

May is also filled with several special feast days of Mary. May 13th is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima; May 24th is the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians; and May 31st is the feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. And on May 21st, we will celebrate a brand new feast day – the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Pope Francis instituted this new feast day that will fall every year on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday. Consider going to Mass during the week on each of these special Marian feast days.

Finally, consider making a personal consecration to Mary. What does it mean to do this? To consecrate something means to set it apart. At our baptisms, each of us was set apart from the world to belong to God – in fact, at baptism, the life of the Trinity dwells in us, and we are thus set apart for God. To make an act of consecration to Mary means to intentionally give oneself to God through Mary. To belong to her totally, as her son or daughter, and thus to strive always to be free from serious sin, even venial sin. In other words, to make a serious effort to be faithful to one's baptismal promises.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and St. Joseph Altar were donated by Kevin & Sherry Quade in memory of Joseph & Eleanor Quade.

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

FAITH FULFILLED: Did you know that the Jews celebrated a feast day called Pentecost? Or that Jesus exactly fulfilled the Jewish feast of Passover? God gave us a blueprint of the Catholic Faith in the Old Testament and He fulfilled it in Jesus Christ and in our worship of Him. This 5 week bible study will reflect on the ancient Jewish Feasts and how what we celebrate as Catholics fulfills all of them. Each of the 5 reflections are separate, so if you miss one, you can always join us for the next. Our next meeting is May 2nd at 6:30pm at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Bring a friend!

CEMENTERY EXPANSION: To provide for the needs of the future, the Sacred Heart Cemetery Committee is looking to expand the current cemetery to encompass land on the other side of the church, past where the old sexton house was. This expansion would be on the furthest side of the church property. However, this is assuming that there are no old unmarked graves buried there. We will begin probing the land soon, but if you know or have heard of any graves that are there, please notify the rectory.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Holy Angels and Sacred Heart parishes would like to embark on a new adventure this summer – a Vacation Bible School. This will not compete with MCA's VBS as theirs is earlier and is almost full. Please see the insert in the bulletin for a survey to determine interest as well as what weeks in July work best and what times during the day would be most convenient. Please return them soonest to the address listed.

ST. MARY'S QUEEN OF PEACE CEMETERY: All are welcome to attend the installation of a blessed Plaque honoring the sacred memory of the Enslaved Men and Women buried throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. Fr. David Beaubien will preside over the plaque installation ceremony at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery on Saturday, May 5th at 10:00am. Although there are no burials of enslaved persons at Queen of Peace, the plaque invites cemetery visitors to remember and pray for those who await their resurrection in Christ in unknown graves anywhere within the boundaries of the Archdiocese. When he blessed the plaques at a special Mass in February, Cardinal Wuerl said, "*Our brothers and sisters in the faith who were enslaved, who lived in human bondage, were treated with the same inequity at their burial. Many received no public marker... what we have come here to do today is to see that here and now all are properly remembered... Grant that these stones, placed in memory of those who suffered in terrible bondage, may, by the power of your blessing, mark a place of rest and hope.*"

MCA OPEN HOUSE: Mother Catherine Academy will be having an open house on Sunday, April 29th, from 1 – 3 p.m.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: 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, Aloysius Butler, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie & Anne Marie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

APRIL VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Steve & Donna Gibson in memory of Francis & Eloise Gibson.

MARCH FINANCIALS

Offertory	\$11,223.00	School Support	\$947.00
E-Giving Offertory	2,808.00	Holy Land	\$1,110.00
Easter Flowers	2,036.00		
Other Income	+ 1,498.55		
Total Income	\$17,565.55		
March Expenses	- 16,417.13		
	+1,148.42		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!