

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

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| Mon. | May | 7 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Tues. | May | 8 | 7:00 a.m. | James C. & Grace Quade |
| Wed. | May | 9 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Thurs. | May | 10 | NO MASS | |
| Fri. | May | 11 | 7:00 a.m. | Laurie Gibson, Sr. & Laurie Gibson, Jr. |
| Sun. | May | 13 | 6:30 a.m. | Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels |
| | | | 8:00 a.m. | Shirley E. Lacey |

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This week, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension, when Jesus Christ ascended body and soul into heaven. Since this happened 40 days after Easter, this Solemnity is traditionally celebrated this Thursday. However, many dioceses around the world, including our own, have moved this celebration to the next closest Sunday. So for us, next Sunday is when we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension.

But what does this mean for us? It is tempting to think that Jesus's Ascension means he is leaving us, thus making it a sad event. But the Gospel says that the disciples returned to Jerusalem "with great joy" (Luke 24: 52). Why is that? Pope Francis said that "*The Ascension of Jesus into heaven then reveals to us this reality that is so comforting for our journey, (that) in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was brought to God.*" Furthermore, as Pope Francis said, "*Jesus is now in the lordship of God, present in all space and time, next to each of us.*" The Ascension of Jesus means that he is now closer to us now than he was before! Jesus, because he is now in God, is present to each of us in every moment of our lives. And he constantly intercedes for us so that we can join him in God one day. The disciples understood this; that is why they were filled with such joy.

But Pope Francis has also said that entering "*into the glory of God requires daily fidelity to his will, even when it requires sacrifice, when at times it requires us to change our plans.*" However, with Jesus now so close to us, we can receive his strength and power as long as we are in communion with him, through baptism and receiving the Eucharist regularly if we are in a state of grace.

As we also crown Mary this Sunday, we can ask her as our mother to help us lean on Jesus in moments of difficulty and seek his strength to do God's will, confident this is the true path to heaven.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar, Blessed Mother Altar, St. Joseph Altar and Sacred Heart Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Frankie Bowles.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is the annual Catholic Relief Services collection.

SEMINARIAN WELCOME: The Cardinal has assigned both Holy Angels and Sacred Heart parishes a seminarian for the summer. His name is Stefan Megyery and he will arrive on Monday, May 7th to stay with us for about 8 weeks. He is in his 3rd year of theology and will be ordained a transitional deacon this summer, on June 9th, at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew in DC, as he prepares to be ordained a priest in the summer of 2019. Stefan was born and raised in Germany, but also has a Hungarian passport. He earned a Ph.D in history, and was a tennis chair umpire and swimming referee. I hope you will join me in welcoming Stefan this week!

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. 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 9th** at 6:30pm at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Bring a friend!

WOMEN'S GROUP: Interested in discussing the faith and sharing fellowship with other women who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ? Join us on Saturday, May 12th at 10am at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. All ages welcome!

CEMETERY 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Pax Catholic Young Adult group will have Theology on Tap this Wednesday, May 9th at the Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown. Happy Hour starts at 6 pm, and a talk will follow at 7 pm. The speaker this month is Mary Rose Depperschmidt a theology teacher at St. Mary's Ryken. She will speak about what the Blessed Virgin Mary can teach us about the nature of femininity and womanhood.

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.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS THEATRE: Our Lady of the Wayside is sponsoring a bus trip to see the musical production "*Jesus*" on Wed., July 4th. Cost is \$120 for adults and children 3-12 \$75. The bus will leave from OLW at 9 a.m. and return at 10:30 p.m. Please contact Shirley Guy to purchase your tickets. (240-538-5244)

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Agnes Holly and Aloysius Herbert. **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.

MAY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Jackson & Mary Ann Hall in memory of Paul & Agnes Hall

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Jackson & Mary Ann Hall in memory of Wilson & Louise Penn

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of John A. Dorsey