

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.	May	21	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	May	22	7:00 a.m.	Levi & Loretta Dean
Wed.	May	23	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	May	24	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	25	7:00 a.m.	Robert & Lucy Pogue
Sun.	May	27	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	John J. & Attaway Hill

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Today the entire Church unites all around the world to celebrate the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is the last major feast day of the Easter Season, and the Holy Spirit is the final and most important gift of Jesus' passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. Pope Francis, in a homily given two years ago, gives some wonderful insight into this feast day.

He said: "*The Spirit is given to us by the Father and leads us back to the Father. The entire work of salvation is one of 're-generation', in which the fatherhood of God, through the gift of the Son and the Holy Spirit, frees us from the condition of being orphans into which we had fallen. In our own day also, we see various signs of our being orphans: in the interior loneliness which we feel even when we are surrounded by people, a loneliness which can become an existential sadness; in the attempt to be free of God, even if accompanied by a desire for his presence; in the all-too-common spiritual illiteracy which renders us incapable of prayer; in the difficulty in grasping the truth and reality of eternal life as that fullness of communion which begins on earth and reaches full flower after death; in the effort to see others as 'brothers' and 'sisters', since we are children of the same Father; and other such signs.*

Being children of God runs contrary to all this and is our primordial vocation. We were made to be God's children, it is in our DNA. But this filial relationship was ruined and required the sacrifice of God's only-begotten Son in order to be restored. From the immense gift of love which is Jesus' death on the cross, the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon humanity like a vast torrent of grace. Those who by faith are immersed into this mystery of regeneration are reborn to the fullness of filial life."

On Tuesday, we will welcome 19 young men and women from our parish and Holy Angels into the fullness of the Body of Christ, the Church, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Angels church.

But this gift of the Spirit only finds a home in those who are open to receiving it. How can we open our hearts to the Spirit of our Father in Heaven? By seeking forgiveness of any serious sins we may have from our past by going to Confession, and by desiring to follow Jesus in our actions by putting God first in our lives and by loving our neighbor as

ourselves. This Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit come with new strength into our minds and hearts and make them a worthy temple of the presence of God.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CONFIRMATION: This year, nineteen 8th grade students from Sacred Heart and Holy Angels parishes will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Please join them for a special Holy Hour on Monday, May 21st from 7:00-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church as they prepare to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Then join us the next evening, Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm at Holy Angels Church as they receive this sacrament from Bishop Dorsonville. All are welcome!

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave your bag of non-perishable items at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for May is Kristie Norris of Mechanicsville.

CEMETERY GRASS CUTTING: Grass cutting season has begun. Please remove all artificial flowers and decorations from the cemetery.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: *"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."*- Mt 9:37-38 Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi" on June 1st from 10:00-11:00am at Sacred Heart. Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the Ordination of our Priests on June 25! A Holy Hour for this intention will also be offered at Holy Angels on Tuesday, June 5th from 7:00-8:00pm. *"Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us, ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because it leads to God, to sharing in God's own life."* – Pope John Paul II

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office will be closed on Friday, May 25th and on Monday, May 28th. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 29th.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS: The 42nd Annual Memorial Day Mass at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery will be held on Monday, May 28th, at 10:00 a.m. We are pleased to announce that Rev. David W. Beaubien will be our main celebrant. Mass is offered each year at this time for the deceased members of the parishes of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Prince George's Counties and especially for those who have passed away during the past year. Commemorative readings of the faithful departed will begin at 9:30 a.m. The cemetery is located in Helen, MD on Doctor Johnson Road adjacent to the Mother Catherine Academy. (Route 238). An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. If you need additional information, you may contact our office at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766.

BABY BOTTLE BLITZ: CareNet Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is having a Baby Bottle Blitz to raise funds for the Center's ministry to women and babies. Bottles are available today to take home and use as a bank during the month. Please return them to church on Sunday June 17th – Father's Day. If you have any question, please call the Center at 301-737-4604. Thank you for your support.

MCA ANNUAL CAR SHOW: Join us for the annual MCA Car Show on Saturday, June 2nd from 8:00am – 2:00pm (rain date is Sunday, June 3rd). Registration is now open for all vehicles and vendors. Please contact Mark Muir at 240-925-1438 for more information.

DRIVE THROUGH CHICKEN DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be holding a drive through chicken dinner on Sunday, May 20th, at the Optimist clubhouse from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Menu includes; ½ chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, roll & dessert. Cost is \$12.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Jim Gibson, 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

