

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.	July	23	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	July	24	7:00 a.m.	Laurie Chiamardas
Wed.	July	25	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	July	26	NO MASS	
Fri.	July	27	7:00 a.m.	Alice McWilliams
Sun.	July	29	6:30 a.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton
			8:00 a.m.	John Billard

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is adorned with many inspiring works of art, including the dramatic relief sculpture, “The Universal Call to Holiness,” which depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary and people of all backgrounds and walks of life being guided by the Holy Spirit.

Holiness is also the central theme of Pope Francis’s recent apostolic exhortation, [*Gaudete et Exsultate*](#), (“Rejoice and Be Glad”). This document is not intended to be a complex treatise, but an effort to encourage people to seek holiness in practical ways.

Some may think that holiness is reserved for the clergy or religious who devote their lives to ministry and prayer, for canonized saints known for their sanctity, or for those who give the supreme witness of martyrdom. But Pope Francis says all people are called to be holy. Instead of emphasizing saints immortalized in paintings, mosaics or sculptures, he writes about the saints next door – “These witnesses may include our own mothers, grandmothers or other loved ones. . . . Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings, they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 3).

In that light, this pastor of souls emphasizes that we need not be superheroes to be holy, which might discourage us from even trying. Rather, through simple things we can all do, we can grow in holiness. We do this “by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves,” he writes (*Id.*, 14).

Christians, the Holy Father adds, should see their lives as a mission to unite themselves to Jesus through prayer and acts of charity that help build his kingdom of love, justice and peace. “Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received,” he urges. “Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today’s world” (*Id.*, 23).

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis says that we can live holy lives in a particular way by taking to heart [the Beatitudes](#), which are “like a Christian’s identity card” (*Id.*, 63). Echoing Jesus’ words and life, he teaches that we can be

holy by being poor in spirit, by being meek and humble, by being clean of heart, by being merciful, by comforting the sorrowful, by working for justice, by sowing peace, and by following the Gospel even when facing challenges (*Id.*, 63-94).

By reflecting in ourselves this life of Christ, we will experience what the pope used as the title of his invitation to holiness – the words of Jesus in teaching the Beatitudes: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” ([Matthew 5:12](#)). (Cardinal Wuerl's Blog, July 16, 2018.)

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Kitty Swann in memory of Francis Swann. The flowers on the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Altar's were given by Daniello Lacey in memory of Cody Lacey.

FOOD FOR THE POOR WEEKEND: Next weekend is Food for the Poor Weekend. Please remember to bring a bag of non-perishable items and leave it at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

DENTAL CLINIC FOR THOSE IN NEED: If you are unable to afford needed dental work or know someone who is in need of assistance with dental services, a dental clinic is being offered on Saturday, August 25th at Immaculate Conception, in the Parish Center. There will be space enough for 15 patients and will be offered on a first-come/first-served basis. You will need to contact the parish office to obtain the 3 required forms (Registration form, Consent & Authorization form, and the Sign-Up/Dental Issues & Complaints Triage form). Please complete the necessary forms and return them to the Rectory Office no later than Monday, August 6th. Someone will contact you to let you know if you've been selected. For forms or more information, please contact Immaculate Conception (301-884-3123) during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.)

ANNUAL ST. MARY'S COUNTY NATIONAL LAWN MOWER RACES: The races will be held at Bowles Farm in Clements on Friday, August 3rd with gates opening at 5 pm & Saturday August 4th with gates opening at 2 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person and children 8 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the Seventh District Rescue Squad & Seventh District Optimist Club. For detailed information visit www.bowlesfarms.com or call 301-475-2139.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR EVANGILIZATION BOOTHE: Volunteer & Change a Life at the St. Mary's County Fair, September 20th-23rd. Each year the Catholic parishes of St. Mary's County have a unique opportunity to spread the Good News of Christ and our Catholic Faith at the County Fair. You have been called. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the Catholic Evangelization booth? You don't need to be a television evangelist or a Catholic theologian to inspire others to know Christ. You can make a difference. If interested, please see the following link on St. Aloysius' home page to sign up or contact us at <http://www.saintaloyuschurch.org/countyfair/>.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S MUSEUM: St. Clement's Island Museum will be holding their annual Children's Day on Saturday, August 18th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Museum grounds. There will be games, crafts, entertainment and more! The 7th District Optimist will be serving burgers and hot dogs. There will also be water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island where you can explore St. Clement's Island State Park and Blackstone Lighthouse. For more information please call the St. Clement's Island Museum at 301-769-2222.

SAVE THE DATE!!!: Mother Catherine Academy Annual Benefit Auction and Social Event is scheduled for August 24th. For more information contact the school, 301-884-3165 [mailto: bfarrell@ftrinc.net](mailto:bfarrell@ftrinc.net). Silent and Live auction items such as trips/vacations, event tickets, furniture, etc. are needed!

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY! OCTOBER 2019 Join Fr. Rory T. Conley, pastor of St. Mary's Bryantown, on a pilgrimage to Rome, Sorrento, Naples, Assisi and more. See firsthand the major shrines and basilicas of Rome, visit the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican museums, Padre Pio's church where he received the stigmata, the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, and much, much more. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included and accommodations are first class. Dates are 10/13/19- 10-23/19 with a possible two day extension to Florence. For more detailed information visit our website at www.pilgrimages.cpm/frconley or contact Sam Oliver at [Samuel_oliver @comcast.net](mailto:Samuel_oliver@comcast.net) or at 301-848-3206.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: C.C. Gravetts, Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, 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.

JULY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Jean Lacey in memory of James “Doc” Lacey.
St. Joseph Altar – Given by Emily Armstrong & Family in memory of Ernest J. Armstrong.
Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Ruth Wise memory of Paul & Ruth Wise.