

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.	Aug.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Aug.	21	7:00 a.m.	Cecilia Klinkiewicz
Wed.	Aug.	22	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Aug.	23	NO MASS	
Fri.	Aug.	24	7:00 a.m.	Donna Hill
Sun.	Aug.	26	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Donald Morgan, Jr.

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this, I am in El Salvador and it is the Feast of the Assumption (August 15). I am writing to you with a heavy heart--saddened, angered, disturbed--by the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report that was made public yesterday. I know you all share in this heartache.

On behalf of the Church, I am profoundly sorry first and foremost to all victims of sexual abuse, especially those who had their childhood scarred due to incomprehensible actions by members of the clergy. These incomprehensible actions are not just limited to the priests who are guilty of abuse, but also to the bishops who covered up the abuses. I am sorry to all the Catholics who have placed so much trust in the Church over the years by evidence of your faith, service, and generosity. You deserve better from your shepherds. I am sorry to all of those who have left the Catholic faith or are strongly considering leaving the faith. There is nothing greater in the entire universe than the Holy Eucharist--the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It just goes to show that despicable actions from the clergy can shake people's faith so much that it makes people flee from the greatest treasure there is. I am sorry to all of the ears in the world who have been awaiting an apology and an admission of guilt by priests and bishops who are responsible for the sick, twisted, and perverted mildew that has seeped into Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. For many, their cowardly silence remains in the form of vague, well-crafted legal statements and press releases, and in some cases literal silence.

In the coming weeks, we as a parish will work together on how we can move forward in the midst of this crisis. If anyone would like to meet with me to discuss, please feel free to contact me. There are 3 things that immediately come to mind, which I will discuss in the weeks ahead:

- 1) A call to an increase in prayer and fasting in reparation for sins committed by the clergy
- 2) A call to a deeper personal conversion
- 3) A call to action

In a special way, I want to thank Fr. Early and Fr. George who covered for me while I was away in El Salvador when all of the news about the scandals became public.

God Bless,
Fr. Sam Plummer

SECOND COLLECTION: Our School Support Collection will be collected on the weekend of Sept. 15-16. We will have a visiting Missionary Priest from the Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore, India next weekend.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Faith Formation Registration is now underway. Please find registration forms on the tables at the entrance of the church or visit angelsinavenue.org to download the forms. Forms and payments can either be placed in an envelope labeled Faith Formation and put in the collection basket or brought to Holy Angels Rectory. Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 16th. All 8th graders wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must have attended 7th grade CCD. This sacrament requires two years of Faith Formation. If you have questions regarding Faith Formation feel free to contact Holy Angels rectory at 301-769-3332 during normal business hours.

MCA NEWS: Mother Catherine Academy is poised to welcome back students for our fourth year as an Independent Catholic School! We have several events that are open to the community. Please consider joining us.

- Every Saturday Bingo at MCA. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:00 p.m. \$5000 jackpot!
- Script Cards- Please consider purchasing Script cards for your everyday needs. We have cards for gas, groceries, clothing, and food. MCA receives a percentage of the value of each card sold. Please contact the school for more information.
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins the first week of school. School begins on 8/29!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education at Mother Catherine Academy.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: On Sunday, September 9th from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at \$26.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The First prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

PRAYER BREAKFAST AT CAMP MARIA - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th: Join us for our next Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria! Our speaker will be Diana Phelps, author of the book about the ministry of Fr. John Lubey! The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown) overlooking the beautiful Breton Bay! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. Register now by stopping by Heavenly Presents or by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139. You can also register online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. The cost is still only \$15 if you register in advance by Thursday, September 13. Registration at the door will be \$17. All are welcome men and women!

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Margaret & Owen Deal, C.C. Gravetts, Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Matthew Quade, 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.

AUGUST VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – In memory of Agnes Hall, given by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
St. Joseph Altar – In memory of Robert "Butch" Thompson, given by his family.