

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Masses: Tuesday & Friday 7:00 a.m., Sunday 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Feb.	2	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Feb.	3	7:00 a.m.	Harvey “Bill” Bailey
Wed.	Feb.	4	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Feb.	5	NO MASS	
Fri.	Feb.	6	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri.	Feb.	6	11:00 a.m.	James McLaughlin
Sat.	Feb.	8	9:00 a.m.	First Saturday Mass at Holy Angels
Sun.	Feb.	9	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart and Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Johnny Pingleton

Dear Sacred Heart parishioners,

A big thank you to so many of you who came together to make the WARM program a big success. You truly treated our guests like they were Christ coming into Holy Angels hall. Our guests were most grateful and I received compliments on the hospitality and kindness of our volunteers. I would particularly like to thank those who coordinated the program in some way, including Pinky and Butch Morgan, our Sacred Heart coordinators; Howie and Cindy Guy, our Holy Angels coordinators; Tammy Pilkerton, the monitoring coordinator; Kim Oliver, who planned the meals; Carol Ann Hall and Margie Boyers who helped with the linens; and Karen and Stephen Dent who helped with the setup and breakdown of the hall. Jesus always rewards us when we help those in need, for he tells us that when we help them, we do it for him.

Second, this coming Wednesday at 6:30 pm there will be a meeting at Mother Catherine School to inform the community of the progress of creating an independent Catholic school in the current MCS building. As I have written earlier, I wish them well and believe that their efforts are worthy of support. There is an insert in the bulletin with further information.

Third, I thank so many of you for your kind words of support after my announcement of my reassignment this past weekend. I know that the announcement was a shock, and as I mentioned I have mixed feelings in some ways. After much time in prayer conversing with Jesus, I am very much at peace that this is God's will for my life, so I know that ultimately he is behind everything. I will write more about my feelings next week.

However, there were other projects that I had hoped to complete during my time here, and those will be left to Fr. Anthony Lickeig, my successor, who will arrive on Wednesday, February 11th. I would briefly like to mention a few of them so that when he discusses these issues with you in the future you will realize that they have been in the works for some time. First, this year is the 260th anniversary for the founding of our parish. I have convened a committee of parishioners to help to plan various events surrounding the celebration. We had decided to celebrate the anniversary from the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart this year to the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart the following year, instead of just using the calendar year of 2015. As part of that, I have been working with our Finance Council and Facilities Committee to evaluate our facilities needs that could be addressed in the near future. There are several large projects that have been in the pipeline. First, the air conditioning and heating in the hall needs a lot of work. It failed shortly before I came to Sacred Heart, and we have been relying on a temporary repair to make it go. I have been actively pursuing replacement options with the help of our Finance Committee and Facilities Committee. I have also been pursuing improvements or

repairs to the stained glass windows and their protective glass, the hall roof, the entrance to the church and to the chapel, the handicapped ramp, the church carpeting, as well as several other projects, but what happens now is up to Fr. Lickteig. Please support him in the projects that are needed to maintain and improve our physical plant.

In the meantime I ask for your prayers for our parish and for Fr. Lickteig and me in this time of transition. He and I both have a learning curve in our new assignments and much to finish up before we move.

Your servant in the Lord,
Father Charles Cortinovis

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015 A TIME FOR REFLECTION

This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Seek first the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months. **A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.** As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify your gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us. If you received your pledge for in the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of February. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Confessions will be held during Exposition.

FAREWELL POT LUCK: We will be having a farewell pot luck dinner for Fr. Cortinovis on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. All Sacred Heart parishioners are invited to say goodbye and wish Father well.

PRAYER GROUP: Sacred Heart Prayer Group will be meeting in the Chapel every Tuesday at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

WOMEN OF FAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST: There will be a Women of Faith Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 21st, at the Café Des Artistes in Leonardtown beginning at 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Peggy Menard. Register now by calling Heavenly Presents at 301-475-9770 or go online at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. The cost is \$15. Space is limited so reserve your seat now.

OPTIMIST ANNUAL FEBRUARY DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their Annual February Dinner on Sunday, February 22nd, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mechanicsville Firehouse Social Hall. Menu includes; fried oysters, spiced shrimp, stuffed ham, fried chicken and vegetables. Cost is Adults \$25, Kids 6-12 \$8, Kids under 5 eat free, and drive-thru carry-outs are \$25.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Elizabeth Graves, Bernie Quade, Agnes Pilkerton, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Billy Pilkerton, Madeline Hutchins, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

FEBRUARY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan in memory of Elizabeth Ann Tomaro.

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan in memory of Tony & Mary DeLuca.

Saint Joseph Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan in memory of Buck & Lil Morgan.

If you would like to dedicate a candle, please call the rectory during office hours.