

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.	Apr.	6	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	7	7:00 a.m.	Gertrude Cusic
Wed.	Apr.	8	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	9	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	10	7:00 a.m.	Bert Russell
Sun.	Apr.	12	6:30 a.m.	Agnes E. Shotwell
			8:00 a.m.	Doris Guy

Dear Parishioners,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen today!! Our 40 day journey of Lent is over, and the 50 days of the Easter Season now begin! This whole next week, the 1st Week of Easter, is one long celebration of Easter Sunday. The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus are God the Father's central act of mercy for all mankind. The Church celebrates this mercy next Sunday with Divine Mercy Sunday. Through this feast day, God wants to let us know beyond a doubt that no sin is too great for his mercy, and that no matter where we have been or what we have done, through his grace, we can all reach the same goal – eternal life in heaven. After both Masses next Sunday, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. See flyer for more details.

Pope Francis has also announced that the Church will celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, from December 8, 2015 (the feast of the Immaculate Conception) to November 20, 2016 (the feast of Christ the King). In making this announcement, the Holy Father said, "I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' (Lk 6:36)."

This Jubilee, and in fact Easter itself, are opportunities to rediscover the Good News of our faith – Jesus Christ is the revelation of who God is, a God whose Sacred Heart burns for us, who will never rest until he sets us free from whatever chains or burdens us, and who wants to make us divine just like him. I pray that all of you this week may rejoice in this wonderful news, and come to experience, and share, God's great mercy towards us and the whole world.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CONGRATULATIONS to Mikaela Guy, Anthony Inman, Angelina Johnson, and Michael Nichols who received their First Holy Communion on Holy Thursday. May our Lord always keep you close to His Sacred Heart.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA began on Good Friday, April 3rd and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th. Flyers and brochures with Novena Prayers are available on the tables at the entrance of the church.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for March is Sylvia Gibson of Bushwood.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 6th, in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP: The Sacred Heart Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel. Beginning in April, on alternating Tuesdays, they will start visiting people who are homebound and pray the Rosary with them. If you or if anyone you know would like the prayer group to visit and pray the Rosary, please contact Ann Quade at 301-769-3661 or Helen Hewitt at 301-769-3947 to arrange a date.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 21st, at 2 p.m., Donald Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception honoring married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 or more years of marriage. Personalized scrolls signed by Cardinal Wuerl will be distributed to couples following the ceremony, or mailed should they be unable to attend. Registration Forms are located on the tables at the entrance of the Church. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office by April 13th.

WARM PROGRAM UPDATE: The WARM Program has ended for the season and fortunately some of the homeless have found housing. They are in need of household items. When you are doing your spring cleaning please consider donating the following; any type of furniture, air mattress, bed linens, cookware, plates, cups, bowls, silverware, towels & wash clothes, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies etc. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Cindy Guy at 301-904-8167.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Raegan Cook **Sick:** Raelynn Cook, Patricia Beaver, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Virgie Banagan, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Elizabeth Graves, Bernie Quade, Agnes Pilkerton, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

APRIL VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

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

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Barbara Lacey in memory of Wilson Penn.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan for the intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan's Family.

If you would like to dedicate a candle for a particular month, please call the parish office.

EASTER BLESSINGS!