

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.	13	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	14	7:00 a.m.	Barbara McWilliams
Wed.	Apr.	15	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	16	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	17	7:00 a.m.	John William Hall, Jr.
Sun.	Apr.	19	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Lawrence “Boy” Hayden

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that all of you have had a joyful and blessed Easter Week. With Lent over, I have been able to enjoy desserts again, so it has been a good week for me! But I also hope that some of my other Lenten practices involving prayer and almsgiving will continue and become long-term habits.

I would like all of us to extend a warm welcome to George Warring, a young man who was baptized at the Easter Vigil last week at Holy Angels. Please keep him in prayer as he enters our family of faith. A big thank you is also in order for the beautiful Triduum liturgies celebrated by our guest priest, Fr. Dennis McManus. He was very impressed with all of you, and now has a special place in his heart for the 7th District.

As I mentioned last week, this Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Saint John Paul II instituted this feast day for the entire Church in the year 2000, and he was influenced by the writings of a Polish nun, Saint Faustina, who encountered the Risen Lord and wrote about it. Her diary contains beautiful passages about the deep mercy of Jesus' heart. In one passage, Our Lord tells St. Faustina that on the Second Sunday of Easter, the feast of Divine Mercy, "...all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity." As I wrote in last week's flyer, the Church attaches special graces to those who receive the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday and entrust themselves to God's incredible mercy, and who also receive the Sacrament of Penance/Confession soon after .

St. Faustina's diary also includes passages describing the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Our Lord told St. Faustina, "Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy....When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior". Pamphlets describing how to recite this prayer are available in the back of the church. I encourage you to pray this often and also to recommend it to others.

May this feast day of Divine Mercy draw us closer to the incredible love of God the Father and enable all of us to imitate His love by being just as merciful to each other.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on Thursday, April 16th, at 7 p.m. If you have any concerns that you would like addressed, you can contact one of the members of our Parish Council. Our Parish Council members are: Garner Morgan, Jim Spence, Donnie Williams, Patrick Goode, Agnes Tyer, Amber Ripple and Sarah Jean Pingleton.

PRAYER GROUP: This Tuesday, April 14th the Sacred Heart Prayer Group will meet at Sacred Heart at 1:50 p.m. to pray the Rosary at someone's home.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the 6:30 and 8 a.m. Masses next weekend, April 19th.

ROSARY MAKING CLASS: If you would like to learn how to make a Rosary or you if you already know how and would like to help make Rosaries, we will be having a class on Sunday, April 26th at 12 noon in our Parish Hall.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY: Mother Catherine Academy will be holding its second open house to showcase the new school next Sunday, April 19th, from 1 – 3 p.m. The families of the Parish, and the community are welcome to attend. There will be optional events for the children that will demonstrate the caring, creative, and Christ centered learning environment this school will offer our youth.

STEAK AND SHRIMP DINNER: American Legion Post #221 in Avenue will be having a Steak and Shrimp Dinner on Friday, April 17th, from 5-8 p.m. The menu includes; New York strip steak, steamed shrimp and burgers. Platters and sandwiches are both available. Eat in or carry-out.

SWING INTO ART AND MOVEMENT DAY: All Saints Episcopal Church will be hosting a Swing into Art and Movement Day on Saturday, April 18th starting at 9 a.m., in their parish hall. The day will include yoga, and a water color class followed by afternoon facials, belly dancing, mindful moves and nutritional demonstrations. Bring your own lunch. Space is limited, call 301-769-2920 for more information. All Saints Parish Hall is located on Oakley Road in Avenue.

24th ANNUAL FESTIVAL & DINNER: Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville will be holding their 24th Annual Festival & Dinner on Sunday, May 3rd from 12 noon until 5 p.m. in their Parish Center. The menu includes: Ham, Crab Balls, Southern Maryland Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Beets, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Potatoes, Garden Salad, Rolls and beverages. The cost is \$20 for adults, eat-in and carry-out, \$7 for children ages 6 – 12, and children under 6 eat free. For information/tickets call the parish office at 301-884-3123, Linda Morris at 240-538-6728, or George Briscoe at 301-448-5237.

GARDEN TOURS AT THE HISTORIC FRANCISCAN MONASTERY: Get an insider's tour of one of Washington's hidden gems, the gardens at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. Learn about the history of the monastery, the gardens and friars who designed them, plus the outdoor shrines from the Holy Land and Lourdes. Free tours every Saturday at 11 a.m. and noon, are led by guides from the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild. Meet at the visitor center, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017; myfranciscan.com; 202-526-6800.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: 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.

