

# 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.	May	18	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	May	19	7:00 a.m.	Levi & Loretta Dean
Wed.	May	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	May	21	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	22	7:00 a.m.	Sister Sara Ann
Sun.	May	24	6:30 a.m.	John J. & Attaway Hill
			8:00 a.m.	Michael Johnson

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven, a feast that has been moved from this past Thursday. The Acts of the Apostles records how Jesus appeared to his disciples for 40 days after he was raised from the dead before ascending into heaven. Forty days from Easter Sunday was this past Thursday. So this feast is often called “Ascension Thursday”. But all the dioceses in the United States, except 6, have transferred this feast day to the following Sunday, that is, today.

The point of all of this is that as he ascended into heaven, Jesus told his disciples to “wait for the promise of the Father...for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Those “few days” corresponded to the feast of Pentecost, which is Greek for “fifty” and corresponded to the Jewish feast of Weeks, which happened 50 days after another Jewish feast, First Fruits, which always occurred the day after the Sabbath after Passover (that is the Sunday after Passover). So Jesus was raised from the dead on the Jewish feast of First Fruits (the day after the Saturday Sabbath after Passover), and sent the Holy Spirit on the Apostles 50 days later on Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks. If Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after Easter, that means the Holy Spirit descended on the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the Ascension.

What is the point of all of this? That the Apostles prayed for 9 days before the Holy Spirit came upon them, making the period between the Ascension and Pentecost the first novena in the history of the Church. A novena is a 9-day period of prayer for a special intention. For example, we have the St. Francis Xavier novena. But the original and most powerful novena is the one for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit between the Ascension and Pentecost.

I would encourage you to pray during this week for the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And consider making the following prayer a part of your daily routine. It came from Cardinal Mercier from Belgium who said that the secret of sanctity was submission to the Holy Spirit.

*“O Holy Spirit, Soul of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me. Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it. I promise to be submissive in everything you ask of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me, only show me what is your will. Amen.”*

May God bless you,  
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

## **DEACON CONRAD MURPHY'S ORDINATION:**

Dear Holy Angels and Sacred Heart Parishioners,

During the summer of 2010 I was blessed to get to know the 7th District by being assigned as the summer Seminarian for Holy Angels Parish. It was a wonderful experience and helped me on my way to the priesthood. In thanksgiving for all you have done to help on this path, I would like to invite you all to my Ordination Mass and first Mass of Thanksgiving. It would mean a lot to me to see you there! The details are as follows:

Ordination to the Priesthood: **June 20<sup>th</sup>**, 2015, 10:00am, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

First Mass of Thanksgiving: **June 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2015, 11:00am Saint Stephen Martyr Parish, 25th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington DC

Thank you for your prayers and support!  
Deacon Conrad Murphy

**RETREAT:** The Holy Angels Our Lady of Fatima Sodality will sponsor a mini - retreat from Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House. Fr. Anthony Lickteig will direct the retreat. For advance registration and more information call Joan Warczynski at 301-769-4223.

**PICTURES FOR 260<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** If you have any old photos of the parish, including pictures from inside the pre-1945 church or the Sacred Heart School, that you would like to share, please contact the parish office.

**260<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OPENING PICNIC:** A reminder that the parish Anniversary picnic will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Park from 12 – 5pm. Games will be available for all ages. More details to come soon.

**ROSARY MAKING CLASS:** If you would like to learn how to make a Rosary or if you already know how and would like to help make Rosaries, the next Rosary making class will be on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon in Holy Angels Sacred Heart School library.

**SUMMER SUNDAY EVENING MASS:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park will be offering a 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening Mass starting on May 31<sup>st</sup> through late August thanks to a coordinated effort of guest priests.

**BABY BOTTLE BLITZ:** Help us change lives and save babies! The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is having their yearly Baby Bottle Blitz to raise funds for the Center's ministry to women and babies. Bottles are available on the tables at the entrance of the church to take home and use as a bank during the month. The bottles are to be returned to Sacred Heart on Father's Day weekend, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**MOTHER CATHERINE SPALDING SCHOOL NEWS:** Please join MCSS on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> after the 9 a.m. school Mass for their May Procession in the front of the school by the Blessed Mother statue. Mark your calendars, MCSS will be holding their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, on the school grounds. This event is a major fundraiser for the school raising thousands of dollars last year. Please call the school office to be a sponsor or to donate at 301-884-3165.

**DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER:** The Seventh District Optimist Club will be holding a Drive-thru Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Ball Field. Menu includes ½ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. The price of each dinner is \$13.00.

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick:** Sue Gibson, Raelynn Cook, Ginny Guy, Patricia Beaver, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

## **MAY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS**

**Sacred Heart Altar** – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of John A. Dorsey.

**Blessed Mother Altar** – Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs in memory of Shirley Lacey & Marie Combs.

**St. Joseph Altar** – Given by Lou & Rose Marie Billard in memory of Michael Johnson

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