

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Apr.	4	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Apr.	5	7:00 a.m.	Frank & Helen Hall
Wed.	Apr.	6	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Apr.	7	NO MASS	
Fri.	Apr.	8	7:00 a.m.	Int. of Lucille Doepkens
Sun.	Apr.	10	6:30 a.m.	Tommy Combs
			8:00 a.m.	Leonard & Barbara Lacey

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Today we celebrate the 8th day of the Octave of Easter. For the past seven days, the Church has celebrated Easter Sunday over and over. The graces of that day are so great, that the Church provides multiple days for us to receive them.

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus Christ appeared to St. Faustina, a Polish nun in the early 20th century, wanting her to spread devotion to his infinite Mercy. Saint John Paul II, the first Polish pope, designated this Sunday in honor of the Mercy of God. Pope Francis has called for us to open our hearts in a special way to this Mercy with a Holy Year of Mercy. The pope wants us to reflect in a deeper way on God's Mercy for us and the whole world. The greatest act of God's Mercy is raising Jesus his Son from the dead. In this 8th Day of the Octave of Easter we ask God to remove any doubts we have about His love being greater than our sins. Then filled with that love and mercy, we can share that love and mercy with others. Below is a prayer of Pope Francis for this Holy Year of Mercy. On this day above all, let us pray this prayer in union with the Pope:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for March is Joan Raley of Avenue.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 6th, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School.

PARISH POTLUCK: Save the date! Our Annual Parish Potluck will be held on Sunday, April 24th. Details to follow. Please plan to attend!

CONFIRMATION: Our 8th grade students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 7 p.m. at Holy Angels Church.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER: Save the date! Our 260th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, June 4th at the parish. Details to follow. Please plan to attend!

PARISH ANNIVERSARY MASS: Save the date! Our 260th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 5th, with Cardinal Wuerl as our principal celebrant. The time for this special Mass will be at 10 a.m. Please plan to attend!

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 19th, 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. To register, please call the parish office during office hours.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, April 12th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. followed by adoration and healing prayers. All are welcome!

STEAK AND SHRIMP DINNER: American Legion Post #221 in Avenue will be having a Steak and Shrimp Dinner on Friday, April 15th, 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.

BENEFIT AUCTION: The Auxiliaries of the 7th District Fire Department and Rescue Squad will be holding a Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 16th, at the fire department, starting at 5 p.m. with a preview and the auction starting at 6 p.m. Items for auction include a child's picnic table, antiques, furniture, hand crafted bird houses, picnic cooler, garden wheelbarrow, jewelry, gift baskets and more. There will be a cash raffle, food & drinks, and games.

THE ART OF STORYTELLING: Mother Catherine Academy will be hosting The Art of Storytelling on Sunday, April 24th from 1-5 PM at the school. This event is free and open to the public. Nationally acclaimed storyteller Dr. Gail N. Herman will tell interactive stories that will inspire reading and intrigue both children and parents. There will also be additional activities so bring the kids for a fun and educational day!

QUO VADIS EVENTS: For young men in high school, there will be an all-day excursion to Sugarloaf Mountain in upper Montgomery County on Sunday, April 10th. The day will include hiking, lunch, a talk, Mass, fellowship, and the opportunity to discuss the priesthood with seminarians and priests. On June 26-29th, the annual *Quo Vadis* Camp will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The four-day camp includes prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Registration is now open for both of these events at www.dcpriest.org, and for more information, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Don Morgan, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

APRIL VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of Mary C. Dorsey.

St. Joseph Altar - Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of John A. Dorsey.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of Wanda Randalson.