

# 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.	May	16	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	May	17	7:00 a.m.	Mary Cecelia Nelson
Wed.	May	18	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	May	19	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	20	7:00 a.m.	Levi & Loretta Dean
Sun.	May	22	6:30 a.m.	Stephen M. Lacey, Sr.
			8:00 a.m.	George Quade, Jr.

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, when 9 days after he ascended into heaven, Jesus with the Father sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. While it is easy to relate to the person of God the Father and to the person of Jesus Christ, it is less easy to relate to the person of the Holy Spirit. The bible uses many different symbols to help us understand who the Holy Spirit is. One of the most traditional is fire, and indeed at Pentecost, the Acts of the Apostles describes how the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples like "*tongues as of fire*". But there are other places in the bible where the Holy Spirit is described this way. John the Baptist foretold that the Messiah would "*baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire*." Jesus himself said, "*I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!*"

So why is the Holy Spirit described using the image of fire? Because fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. Fire transforms everything it touches. St. Augustine had a wonderful image of what this means. He said each of us are like grains of wheat that have been threshed and ground into wheat. At baptism, we are moistened and formed into one loaf with others who have been baptized. But it requires the Holy Spirit, the fire, to bake this loaf into Jesus, the bread of life. The fire of the Holy Spirit transforms us into Jesus Christ, and thus we are sent into the world to bring the presence of Christ into our families, workplaces and communities. The presence of Christ that we bring is his love. So when we love with Jesus' free, total, faithful, fruitful, sacrificial love, we bring him into the world. And the presence of the Holy Spirit in us, nourished by the Eucharist, is the source of that love. It is no wonder that the famous prayer to the Holy Spirit says, "*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.*" Come Holy Spirit!

May God bless you,  
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

**GALA DECORATIONS:** We will be making decorations for our Gala Dinner on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. here at the church. Much help is needed!

**PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY:** Save the date! Our parish clean-up day will be on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9am. We need help with the following: cleaning the hall kitchen for the Spring parish dinner; cleaning up the carryout shed for the Spring parish dinner; cleaning the interior of church (including that cobweb above the sanctuary!) for the Anniversary Mass; landscaping work outside; and finishing the hall ice machine drain. Much help is needed!!

**MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY NEWS:** MCA's drama department will be performing Peter Pan Jr. at the school on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. They can be purchased at the school office in advance or the night of the performance.

**ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR:** Christ Church in Chaptico will be holding their annual Strawberry Festival and Bazaar on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 5 p.m. at their parish hall. The menu includes; Strawberry Shortcake with "The Works", fresh strawberry ice cream and pies, strawberry desserts and Mike's Barbecue with all the trimmings. Visit with quality artists and crafters. There will be live music all day. For more information about the festival, please call their parish office at 301-884-3451 or visit their website at [www.cckgp.net](http://www.cckgp.net).

**STEAK AND SHRIMP DINNER:** American Legion Post #221 in Avenue will be having a Steak and Shrimp Dinner on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 p.m. The menu includes New York strip steak, steamed shrimp and burgers, eat in or carry out. Platters and sandwiches are both available.

**ART & WINE FESTIVAL:** All Saints Episcopal Church will be holding an Art and Wine Festival on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. in their parish hall located at 21656 Oakley Road in Avenue. Wine tasting will be done by Port of Leonardtown Winery and Still Creek Vineyard. Artists will be displaying their beautiful work. Lunch will be available.

**MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS:** The next Mass with Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park. Mass will start at 7 p.m. followed by healing prayers. Confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**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, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**BOOST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** Have you ever considered a Catholic school education but can't afford the tuition? Your child may be eligible for a scholarship as part of BOOST (Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today), a Maryland state program providing scholarships for low-income elementary and high school students. To be eligible for the scholarship, your family must meet certain household income guidelines. For more information, please contact your local Catholic school office and ask about the BOOST program or visit [www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST)

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased:** Carroll Farrell, Adele Farrell and Helen Seymour. **Sick:** John Lacey, Donna Farrell, Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Don Morgan, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, 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.

### **MAY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS**

**Blessed Mother Altar** – Given by Helen Hewitt in memory of Laurie Chiamardas.

**St. Joseph Altar** - Given by Helen Hewitt in memory of Laurie Gibson, Jr.

**Sacred Heart Altar** – Given by Helen Hewitt in memory of Laurie Gibson, Sr.