

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.	July	11	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	July	12	7:00 a.m.	Beezie & Dennis Tippett
Wed.	July	13	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	July	14	NO MASS	
Fri.	July	15	7:00 a.m.	Beatrice & Iona Swann
Sun.	July	17	6:30 a.m.	Calvin Quade
			8:00 a.m.	Int. of the Bowman Family

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This week holds special significance for me because it was on July 11, 2004 that the Lord spoke to me in a very powerful way about my vocation. I had been dating a wonderful woman and believed that she was perhaps “the one”. However, after I met her, I began praying the rosary again for the first time on my own. This had been a prayer my family prayed every day when I was growing up, so I turned to it during this time of special need. I had had some thoughts when I was younger about becoming a priest, and I asked Mary to help guide me in this relationship so that I would be able to discern God’s will for me. Well, on July 11, I thought I knew God’s will – this was the woman I was going to marry. But just to be sure, I asked Mary for that favor I had been praying about for months – to make sure this was also God’s call. And it was on that morning of July 11 that I heard loud and clear that God was definitely calling me to be a priest. It wasn’t a voice, but a deep, deep internal understanding that could not be mistaken. A lot of suffering followed because this was still not something I saw in my future – I did not think being a priest would bring me happiness and fulfillment. But deep down, I knew I had to trust Him – there was no other way I could be at peace. So after weeks of internal debate with myself, I broke up with my girlfriend and plunged into a new, unknown future. I still needed lots of reflection and guidance and formation before I entered the seminary, and then lots of reflection and guidance and formation once I entered the seminary, to be sure of God’s will, but all of this started on July 11. This also happens to be the feast day of St. Benedict and my aunt and godmother is a Benedictine nun. Go figure.

But I want to reassure anyone who may be struggling with doing God’s will not to let fear of the future stop you. There certainly is suffering and struggle involved with placing our lives and our future in the Father’s hands, but He knows what He is doing. And He will bring you the peace and happiness you seek. As Pope Benedict XVI once said, “*If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great...Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything.*” Amen to that!

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Kitty Swann in memory of Francis Swann.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Mike and Jenna Anderson who were married at Sacred Heart on June 11th and to Mr. & Mrs. Dylan and Nicole Raley who were married at Sacred Heart on July 9th.

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

FAITH FORMATION/CCD: If you are interested in joining the Faith Formation team of parishioners who help pass on the faith to the next generation, please contact the office or Fr. Lickteig directly.

RETREAT: Our Lady of Fatima Sodality of Holy Angels Church will again sponsor a mini-retreat on Friday, July 29-30th, at Loyola on the Potomac in Faulkner, MD. The cost is \$125.00 and is open to men and women and you do not have to be a Sodality member or Holy Angels parishioner to attend. Our retreat master will be Fr. Anthony Lickteig. For more information please contact Joan Warczyński at virgo1938@hotmail.com, 301-904-1956 or Peggy Spranger peggyspranger@yahoo.com, 301-481-6749. Deposit of \$25.00 is due as soon as possible.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY GALA: MCA will host its annual Gala on Friday, August 26th, at the Olde Breton Inn in Leonardtown. The Gala will include a Silent and Live Auction from 6 – 7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., dancing and open bar. If you would like tickets, donate items or become a sponsor, please contact Kim Bailey at 301-904-5272 or kimbailey2754@gmail.com.

DENTAL MISSION OF MERCY: In 2010, the first Maryland Mission of Mercy was held in Cumberland. This was a gathering of volunteer dental professionals who along with a volunteer staff of several hundred held a free, two day dental clinic for those who were either uninsured or underinsured. The next Mission of Mercy in Southern Maryland will take place from July 29-30th at North Point High School in Waldorf. The last Mission in 2014, also in Waldorf, served 700 patients and provided \$873,000 in free dental care. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer for this year's Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy, visit www.southernmdmom.org.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP: The next High School Youth Group meeting will be July 22nd at Mother Catherine Academy beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you would like additional information contact Corey Hayden at somdyouthgroup@gmail.com or Father Gallagher at 301-884-2502.

SUMMER SUNDAY EVENING MASS: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park will be offering a 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening Mass through late August thanks to a coordinated effort of guest priests.

ANNUAL ST. MARY'S COUNTY NATIONAL LAWN MOWER RACES: The races will be held at Bowles Farm in Clements on Friday, August 5th, with gates opening at 5 pm & Saturday August 6th, with gates opening at 2 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person and children 8 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the Seventh District Rescue Squad & Seventh District Optimist Club. For detailed information visit www.bowlesfarms.com or call 301-475-2139.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S MUSEUM: St. Clement's Island Museum will be holding their annual Children's Day on Saturday, August 20th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Museum grounds. There will be games, crafts, entertainment and more! The 7th District Optimist will be serving burgers and hot dogs. There will also be water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island where you can explore St. Clement's Island State Park and Blackstone Lighthouse. For more information please call the St. Clement's Island Museum at 301-769-2222.

BOOST CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: 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 the BOOST (Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today). A Maryland state program providing scholarship, your family must meet the household income guidelines. For more information please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule, or by contacting your local Catholic school office and ask about the BOOST program or visit www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: George McWilliams, Jim Gibson, 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.

JULY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Bob & Helen Rotzinger in memory of Barbara Lacey.