

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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.	Mar.	6	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Mar.	7	7:00 a.m.	George B. Quade
Wed.	Mar.	8	6:30 p.m.	Thomas “Tucker” Lacey
Thurs.	Mar.	9	NO MASS	
Fri.	Mar.	10	7:00 a.m.	George McWilliams, III
Sat.	Mar.	11	Mass at Holy Angels – 9:00 a.m. (Lent Only)	
Sun.	Mar.	12	6:30 a.m.	Mignonette Bailey
			8:00 a.m.	Adele Farrell

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

The season of Lent is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Many of us have the habit of giving something up for Lent, but fasting is not enough – we also must increase our normal prayer and engage in some form of almsgiving (or mercy or charity). Saint Peter Chrysologus, a renowned preacher who lived in Italy in the 400s, wrote the following about how these three practices go together.

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other. Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

May the Lord help us to grow this Lent in love for Him and each other.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT: Along with the normal Saturday Confession Schedule, Confessions will also be heard on Wednesdays from 5 – 6 p.m. and Fridays during Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

PRAYER IN CHURCH: During Lent Sacred Heart Church will be unlocked Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PARISH POTLUCK: On Sunday, March 12th, at 1 p.m. Sacred Heart will be having its traditional annual potluck dinner in the parish hall to help bring the parish together as a family. Someone from the parish will be contacting parishioners about bringing a main dish or dessert. Come out and enjoy a day of fellowship and good food.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CEMETERY: There will be Stations of the Cross in the cemetery on Saturday, March 18th, at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for January is Duff Bailey of Bushwood and the winner for February is Ricky Raley of Chaptico.

SACRED HEART HISTORY COMMITTEE: If anyone has pictures of the 2nd Sacred Heart Church or pictures of the construction of the current church, could you please contact the parish office. The History Committee would like to scan your pictures for our history library. Thank you.

JUBILARIAN MASS: On Sunday, June 25th, 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 by Monday, April 24th.

FISH AND CHIPS DINNER EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT: The 7th District Optimist Club will be hosting a Drive-thru Fish and Chips Dinner at the Optimist Building every Friday during Lent. (March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, & April 7th) The dinner menu is homemade beer battered wild caught Cod served with thick cut french fries, homemade cole slaw, tartar sauce, roll & butter. Cost is \$10.

MORGAN FAMILY BENEFIT: A benefit for the family of Donnie Morgan will be held on Sunday, March 5th at Bowles Farm in Clements. Doors open 12 noon with a buffet dinner served from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. and from 2 – 6 p.m. an auction, music by the Wanderers and fun activities. Tickets are \$30.00 per person at the door.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: "PAXCatholic presents Theology on Tap on Wednesday, March 8 with Deacon Andy Geisz offering a reflection on "The Root of All Evil? A Catholic Perspective on Finance." Come by Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown at 6 p.m. to meet new and old friends, enjoy a fine brew, and have your questions about Catholicism and money answered! PAXCatholic is a ministry by and for young adult Catholics in St. Mary's and Calvert Counties. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/paxcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/paxcatholic) or join our email list by emailing paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com!"

LENTEN MISSION: Be Inspired! Renew your Journey with the Lord just in time for Lent. Come Experience Renowned Catholic Speaker, Meg Hunter-Kilmer; Hobo for Christ, on March 19th-21st at 7:00 p.m. The Mission will take place each night at St. Aloysius Church with adoration/confessions on Sunday, daily Mass on Monday & Tuesday nights all followed by Meg's inspirational talk each night. Join your Brothers & Sisters in Christ on this spiritual journey. Feel free to look her up on her website: <http://www.piercedhands.com/>

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: Holy Angels Church will be hosting a Seafood Dinner on Sunday, March 26th, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at their parish hall. The menu includes: fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, pickled beets and all the trimmings. Served buffet style all you can eat. Cost for adults is \$27, children 6-12 \$8, and children under 5 free. Carry-outs are available for \$25. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call their rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, William Guy, John Chesley, Wendy Gibson, Janice Blackistone, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, Margaret Deal, Rholand Hayden, David Hill, Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

MARCH VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Charles & Margie Boyers in memory of Don Morgan.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Helen Hewitt in memory of Ben Hewitt.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Helen Hewitt memory of Essie Mae Gibson.