

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - 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.

Emergency Phone: 301-904-7750

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Aug.	28	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Aug.	29	7:00 a.m.	John Walter Lacey
Wed.	Aug.	30	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Aug.	31	NO MASS	
Fri.	Sept.	1	7:00 a.m.	Thomas “Tucker” Lacey
Fri.	Sept.	1	11:00 a.m.	Myrtle St. Clair Family
Sun.	Sept.	3	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Farrell Family

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

As Catholics, we believe that there is a great communion of saints in heaven who, while already glorifying God, are still concerned about us on earth still making our pilgrimage home. When the Church declares certain people saints, she does so in order to give us people we can ask to intercede for us, but also who can serve as examples of how to be a witness and disciple of Jesus Christ.

This Monday we remember St. Augustine. For those who do not know his life, St. Augustine was born in Tagaste (modern Algeria) in Africa. His father was a not Christian, but converted on his death bed; his mother was St. Monica, a devout Christian. He received a Christian upbringing and in 370 went to the University at Carthage to study law and become a lawyer. He later gave up law to devote himself to literary pursuits and gradually abandoned his Christian faith, taking a mistress with whom he lived fifteen years and who bore him a son, Adeodatus, in 372. But Augustine continued to search for meaning in his life. He became a Manichaeon for several years; this way of life taught of a great struggle between good and evil, and featured a lax moral code.

But as he relates in his autobiography, *Confessions*, Augustine gradually, through his mother's prayers and his exposure to the homilies and guidance of St. Ambrose, became convinced that Christianity was the only true religion. But he did not become a Christian right away, because he thought he could never live a pure life – he was still living with his mistress. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt terribly ashamed of himself. "*What are we doing?*" he cried to his friend Alipius. "*Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!*"

Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "*How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?*" Just then he heard a child singing, "*Take up and read!*" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life. He was baptized and eventually became a bishop in North Africa. He practiced great poverty, supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "*Too*

late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion.

It is impossible to underestimate the impact his many, many writings have had on the Church and Western civilization. He is one of the greatest teachers the Church has ever produced. He is a wonderful saint to pray for assistance with purity and for courage in following Jesus. His life shows that it is never too late in God's eyes to begin following Him. And his life also shows how powerful the persistent prayers of a mother for her child really are. No matter when we say "Yes" to being a committed disciple, God can do great things with our lives.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of September. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Confessions will be held during Exposition and Sacred Heart Devotions will be held after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend will be our monthly School Support collection.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for August is Kevin Quade of Clements.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Faith Formation Registration is now underway. Please find registration forms on the tables at the entrance of the church. Forms and payments can either be placed in an envelope labeled Faith Formation and put in the collection basket or brought to Holy Angels Rectory. Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 17th. All upcoming 7th Graders need to begin participating in Faith Formation to be Confirmed in 8th Grade, as Confirmation preparation is now a 2 year program. If you have questions regarding Faith Formation feel free to contact Holy Angels rectory during normal business hours.

MARIAN CONSECRATION: On October 13th, the Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. To commemorate this wonderful event, our parish is offering the opportunity to join with Catholics around St. Mary's county to grow in holiness and to learn about the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our spiritual lives. We will be using a book entitled 33 Days to Morning Glory to prepare to give ourselves to Jesus through Mary in a new way on October 13th. You can participate on your own or with a group, which will meet once a week for 6 weeks. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church, to receive a free book to use on your own or with the group. The groups will be meeting for the first time the week of September 4th. Please contact the rectory if you have any questions.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: On Sunday, September 10th from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. 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! Adults - \$27.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at \$25.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The First prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory on or before Sept. 1st. at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

VOLUNTEER & CHANGE A LIFE AT THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR: Each year the Catholic parishes of St. Mary's County have a unique opportunity to spread the Good News of Christ and our Catholic Faith at the County Fair. You have been called. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the Catholic Evangelization booth on any day from Sept. 21st – 24th? You don't need to be a television evangelist or a Catholic theologian to inspire others to know Christ. You can make a difference. If interested, please see the following link on St. Aloysius' home page to sign up or contact Debra Vavrus at 240-317-5332 or <http://www.saintaloyuschurch.org/countyfair/>.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, Terry Johnson, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

AUGUST VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Shana Ridgell.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Frankie Bowles.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Cody Lacey.

