

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

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| Mon. | Sept. | 4 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Tues. | Sept. | 5 | 7:00 a.m. | Sue Gibson |
| Wed. | Sept. | 6 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Thurs. | Sept. | 7 | NO MASS | |
| Fri. | Sept. | 8 | 7:00 a.m. | Steve Mattingly |
| Sun. | Sept. | 10 | 6:30 a.m. | Francis & Eloise Gibson |
| | | | 8:00 a.m. | Jason E. Beavers |

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

As we continue to witness the tragic effects of Hurricane Harvey, many of you have asked about my family in Texas. My brothers in Austin and Dallas are doing fine. My parents, who live in Corpus Christi, did board up their home and evacuate about 50 miles inland. They experienced some wind and rain but nothing serious. They returned safely home and found no damage to their house. While they have no power, there is no flooding. But I do have a first cousin who lives in Houston with his family. He did evacuate last week, so he and his family are safe. However, I am not sure about his home. So I am thanking God for the safety of my family but asking Him to help others who have lost family or homes.

To help all those affected by this tragedy, we will be taking up a second collection this weekend which the archdiocese will send directly to the Catholic dioceses most affected by the storm in Texas and Louisiana, including the Diocese of Corpus Christi (where Port Aransas and Rockport are located) and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Our school support collection will be taken up on the weekend of September 16-17th as there is already a second collection scheduled for next weekend to support the Catholic University of America.

It is during times like this that we can all thank God for the gifts we have, that perhaps at times we can overlook or take for granted. One of these gifts is certainly the gift of work. As we celebrate Labor Day on Monday, this is an opportunity to thank God for the work that we have through which we can support ourselves and our families. The Church asks us to honor work precisely because it provides the conditions for a decent life and it helps us stay out of poverty. Work is not a punishment or a curse from God – He after all entrusted the whole of creation to Adam and Eve to cultivate and care for it, a point repeated by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato si'* where he exhorted us to care for our common home.

But even as we thank God for the gift of work, we also recall that work is not an absolute. In other words, it is easy to treat work as an idol. To put it above everything else, including God, family and community. Work is essential, but what gives meaning to life is God. That is why God also gave us the command to honor the Sabbath. As Christians, we realize that this means taking a break from work to praise and thank God for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our redemption from death. This command keeps us from becoming enslaved to work and gives us an opportunity to take legitimate rest. This helps us to remember and experience anew the work God has done in creating and redeeming us, and to thank Him for our lives and our daily sustenance. We do this primarily by worshipping God at Sunday Mass.

I pray that as we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, we can take a moment to give thanks to God for all his gifts, and out of this gratitude, help our brothers and sisters in Texas and Louisiana who are in such need with our prayers and our resources.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Frankie Bowles. The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Edward & Agnes Ridgell. The flowers on St. Joseph's Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Anita Russell. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were given by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Harold Redmond.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend will be the annual collection for Catholic University.

SCHOOL SUPPORT COLLECTION: Our monthly School Support collection has been moved to the weekend of Sept. 16-17.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4th, in observance of Labor Day. The office will also be closed on Wednesday, Sept. 6th.

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

WOMEN OF FAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Bread of Life Center for Peace is excited to offer our Women of Faith Prayer Breakfast. It will be held on Saturday, September 16th, 8:30 am to 12 noon at our new location: Leonardtown Grille. Anyone who spends only a few moments with Francine "Fran" Dove Hawkins walks away convinced that she is on fire for the Lord! The cost for the breakfast is only \$15. To give the restaurant a count, please register by Thursday, September 14. Space is limited, register now to ensure your seat by calling (301) 475-9704 or (301) 475-9770. You can also register online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org/Events/WomensPrayerBreakfast.aspx. Mass is offered at St. Aloysius Church at 7:30 am on Saturday mornings.

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.saintaloyiuschurch.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.