SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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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. Sept. 11 Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. Tues. Sept. 12 7:00 a.m. Dylan Brown Wed. Sept. 13 Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 14 NO MASS

Fri. Sept. 15 7:00 a.m. Mary Helen Dean

Sun. Sept. 17 6:30 a.m. Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

> 8:00 a.m. Donna Farrell

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This Sunday, we begin with Catholics across St. Mary's County the preparation for October 13th, the 100th Anniversary of the great Miracle of the Sun and the last appearance of Mary to three children in Fatima, Portugal. On October 13th, we are invited as Catholic Christians to renew our dedication to Jesus Christ by offering ourselves completely to Him through Mary. The main purpose of this consecration is to renew the promises made in our baptism, when we first became Christian, to accept Jesus' gift of eternal life by rejecting sin and professing our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Practically speaking, this means accepting Jesus not just as our Savior but also as our Friend. Deepening friendship with Jesus is how we dedicate ourselves to Him through Mary. There is a wonderful prayer written by St. Colombiere called "Jesus, My True Friend." May it be helpful to you as you begin this time of preparation.

My Jesus, you are my true friend, my only friend. You take part in all my misfortunes; you know how to change them into blessings. You listen to me with the greatest kindness when I tell you all my troubles, and you always have something with which to heal my wounds. I find you at any time of the day or night for I find you wherever I happen to be; you never leave me. If I change my dwelling place I find you wherever I go; you never weary of listening to me; you are never tired of doing me good. I am certain of being loved by you, if I but love you. My worldly goods are of no value to you, but by bestowing yours on me, you never grow poorer. However miserable I may be, no one more noble or cleverer or even holier can come between you and me and deprive me of your friendship; And death, which tears us away from all other friends, will unite me forever to you. All the humiliations attached to old age or the loss of honor will never detach you from me; On the contrary I shall never enjoy you more fully and you will never be closer to me, than when everything seems to conspire against me to overwhelm me, and cast me down. You bear with all my faults with extreme patience, and even my want of fidelity and my ingratitude do not wound you to such a degree as to make you unwilling to receive me back when I return to you. O Jesus, Grant that I may die loving you, that I may die for the love of you.

May God bless you, Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO ...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a welcoming setting with others. For information please contact Fr. Lickteig.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Kitty Swann in memory of Dylan Brown. The flowers on the St. Joseph's Altar were given by Joanne Beavers in memory of Jason Beavers.

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

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the Masses next weekend.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS: A special Mass and Rosary to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows will be held on Friday, September 15th, at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery located on Doctor Johnson Road, behind Mother Catherine Spalding School. The Rosary and Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. This event will be held rain or shine. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort.

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. Carryouts 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.

ANNUAL RETREAT AT MT. CARMEL: On Saturday, October 7, 2017, the Restorers' of Mt. Carmel annual retreat will be held at Mt. Carmel Monastery. The Retreat begins with Mass at 8:00 am in the Church at Mt. Carmel, 5678 Mt Carmel Road (off of Mitchell Road), LaPlata. Father Michael Briese, Pastor of St. Mary's in Newport, will be Retreat Master. Cost of the Retreat is \$30 and includes welcome bag, breakfast snacks, and boxed lunch. The retreat includes mass, confessions, several talks, rosary, and time to visit with your friends and to meet and make new friends. For more information and registration form, please contact Suzanne Carr at 301.645.5203 or suzannemcarr@verizon.net.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Roger Mundey, 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.