

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.

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.	Aug.	25	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Aug.	26	7:00 a.m.	Joseph E. St. Clair
Wed.	Aug.	27	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Aug.	28	NO MASS	
Fri.	Aug.	29	7:00 a.m.	Mary E. Trossbach
Sun.	Aug.	31	6:30 a.m.	Sylvia Mast
			8:00 a.m.	Susie M. Hill

Dear Sacred Heart parishioners,

If you turn on the evening news you will find something about conflict in our world, whether it be in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Africa, or elsewhere. Increasingly the animosity of these conflicts either affects or is directly aimed at Christians. You may have read about the violence in Iraq, where Islamic militants are intentionally trying to eliminate any Christian presence in the north of that country. While some Christians left their homes with some possessions, many more have been forced to leave with nothing. Others have been cruelly tortured or executed for professing their belief in Jesus.

In our country, such acts of violence against people of faith are almost unthinkable. We take for granted our ability to worship our God as we choose, and to live out our faith. So it might be hard for us to conceive of the hate that is needed to kill innocent people simply because of how they worship God. Yet that is exactly what is happening. By some estimates in Iraq over 150,000 Christians have fled their homes or have been murdered. It is said that the apostles St. Thomas and St. Jude Thaddeus preached the Gospel there. Now there are no more Christians present, and precious little has been done to help by the international community.

Pope Francis has spoken out very strongly against these atrocities, and has sent a personal representative to Iraq to help the Christians there in any way possible. Cardinal Wuerl recently wrote in a letter to the priests of the archdiocese that "In the face of this systematic, organized and well-funded push by extremists to drive Christians and others from their homes, we cannot remain idle bystanders. First and foremost as people of faith, we turn to God in prayer on behalf of all of those who are suffering so much in this present crisis. But we need also to raise our voices in solidarity with our Holy Father as he calls on all people of good will to recognize this overwhelming human tragedy, to speak out against it and to urge all to proclaim that this inhuman behavior is unacceptable." Please pray for those helpless Christians in Iraq who are suffering so much, and that the fighting may end.

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus reminds us that the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against his Church. I always go back to that passage when I see such terrible deeds done against Christians to remind myself that Christ's Church will not disappear. At the same time, Jesus has warned us that we should not be surprised if we suffer for our faith. In the end, Jesus' Church will remain because it is not simply a human institution. But in the meantime, our prayers matter and are needed for those who suffer so terribly and share the Cross with their Master.

Your servant in the Lord,
Father Charles Cortinovis

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave your bag of non-perishable food at the Sacred Heart altar. Thank you for your generosity in providing for the needy of our community.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the main altar were given by Barbara Lacey in memory of Leonard "Satch" Lacey. The flowers on the Blessed Mother altar were given by Sherry & Kevin Quade in memory of Eleanor Quade. The flowers on the St. Joseph altar were given by Sherry & Kevin Quade in memory of William Pilkerton. The flowers on the Sacred Heart altar are in memory of Mary Agnes Plunkett. The flowers in front of the pulpit were given by Sacred Heart Choir in memory of Mary Agnes Plunkett.

PRAYER GROUP: Sacred Heart Prayer Group will be meeting in the Chapel every Tuesday at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS: Father Cortinovis will be training new altar servers. If you would like to be an altar server please contact Father Cortinovis at ccortinovis@adwparish.org or call the rectory during normal business hours.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH ANNUAL SEAFOOD DINNER: On Sunday, September 7th, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Holy Angels Church 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 and pickled beets. Adults \$ 25.00, children 6-12 \$8.00 and children 5 and under eat free. Carry-outs are \$23.00 each. There will be a homemade dessert table and craft sale. Raffle tickets are available at \$10 per chance, 1st Prize - \$1,000.00, and 2nd Prize - \$500.00.

MOTHER CATHERINE SPALDING SCHOOL NEWS: MCSS has made many changes over the summer. Every classroom has a whiteboard which equips the classrooms with the Mimio Interactive Program and LCD projectors. The classrooms have updated computers for their educational learning centers. Fine Arts is now located in the upstairs section of the school, along with their newly designed science lab. In the back of the school they have an on-sight agricultural lab with three learning gardens for the children to have hands on science. MCSS will continue their student council leadership program with a strong focus on serving their school, parishes and the community.

22ND INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: Imploring God's Mercy, September 20th – 28th. This is a worldwide prayer and fasting movement to pray and fast for three goals: for the conversion of nations, to build a culture of life and to promote peace throughout the world. People can participate in many ways in their parish communities to include fasting, attending daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. There will be a Eucharistic Prayer Vigil on Saturday, September 20th, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration is free but an RSVP is required. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Johnnette Benkovic and Fr. Dermot Rouche. For more information and to register, please visit their website at www.iwopf.org or call 1-888-478-7729.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: **Deceased:** Mary Agnes Plunkett **Sick:** Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Harold Redmond, Ed Healy, Lisa Quade, Billy Pilkerton, Madeline Hutchins, Jr. Farrell, Aloysius Butler, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

AUGUST VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Charles & Marjorie Boyers in memory of John Fox.

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by the Hall family in memory of Tink & Thelma Hall.

Saint Joseph Altar – Given by the Thompson family in memory of Robert "Butch" Thompson.

Altars are available next month. If you would like to dedicate a candle, please call the rectory during office hours.

JULY COLLECTION RESULTS

July 6	Loose \$387.00	Env. \$3,314.00	Total \$3,701.00
July 13	Loose \$407.00	Env. \$2,664.00	Total \$3,071.00
July 20	Loose \$521.00	Env. \$2,337.00	Total \$2,858.00
July 27	Loose \$364.00	Env. \$3,237.00	Total \$3,601.00
			\$13,231.00
		July Expenses	-19,521.99
			-6,290.99

School Support - \$948.00

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