## 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	. Apr.	10 Mass at Holy	Angels - 7:30 a.m.
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Tues	. Apr.	11 7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hall
Wed.	. Apr.	12 6:30 p.m.	Gertrude Cusic
Thur	s. Apr.	13 7:00 p.m.	For Priests and Vocations
Fri.	Apr.	14 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat.	Apr.	15 8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Flower Donors
Sun.	Apr.	16 6:30 a.m.	Francis & Eloise Gibson
		8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Today we enter Holy Week, the most solemn week of the year for us Christians. This week is the heart of our faith – Jesus Christ suffers and dies for us and rises from the dead to give us a new and eternal life. But to more fully experience the joy and freedom of this new life, we first enter into the passion and death of Jesus. That is why this week, beginning today, we focus on Jesus' Passion. But we are not bystanders in this Passion. As we hear the Passion account from the Gospels this Sunday and again on Good Friday, we are meant to see ourselves in it. How many people turn on Jesus this week! It begins with Judas who betrays him, but continues with James and John who fall asleep when Jesus asks them to pray with him, then Peter who not only falls asleep but also denies Jesus three times. Then the religious authorities who falsely accuse him and then beat him and spit in his face. Then Pilate who does not defend the truth, and the soldiers who whip Jesus and humiliate him, and force him to carry a cross, who beat him and strip him naked. Who take all his possessions for themselves and who nail him to the cross. And all those who walk by his suffering and mock him to his face. And the soldier who drives a lance into his lifeless corpse. In the Passion, we have plenty of opportunities to see ourselves, because our sins have done at least one of these things to Jesus.

But we also have the opportunity to see ourselves united with Jesus. How many people and events in life make us suffer! And yet Jesus has suffered all of them first. So our sufferings can unite us to him if we love Jesus by accepting them. It is good to read the Passion this week on our own to see ourselves as one of those who cause Jesus suffering and as one who suffers with him.

It is also good to walk with Jesus this week during the liturgies of the Triduum – Holy Thursday Mass in the evening, the Liturgy of Good Friday, and the solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil at Night. See the insert for the complete schedule. If you have never been to any of these, choose one to attend, or come the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies or all three. You will not regret it!

On Friday, we also begin the Divine Mercy Novena, invoking Jesus' passion and death for the salvation of the whole world. I encourage you to pick up a pamphlet in the back of church and join us in praying this wonderful Novena of the Mercy of God.

If you have not yet been to Confession during Lent, now is the time to do so. We will have special confession services this week. Do not doubt the mercy of God!

May God Bless you, Fr. Anthony Lickteig

**DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** Reminder, Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. No meat may be eaten and only one full meal and two small meals are permitted.

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** For hundreds of the Franciscan Fathers and Brothers have been the guardians of the Sacred Shrines associated with the birth, life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They also care for the dwindling Catholic Palestinian population and the pilgrims who visit the Holy Shrines. More than ever, they need our help. The collection on Good Friday will be sent to help the people of the Holy Land.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish office will be closed from Thursday, April 13 through Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** begins on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Brochures with Novena Prayers are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

**PARISH POTLUCK:** Our Parish Potluck will be on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. Please plan to attend.

**MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY:** MCA will have a living stations of the cross on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. All are welcome to attend. On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, MCA is hosting a Movie on the Lawn featuring *The Secret Life of Pets.* Gates open at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:55 p.m. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy a fun night out with the family. This event is free and open to everyone. Rain date is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Rev. Robert J. Kosty, Senior Priest at the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen on Good Friday at 12 noon. All are welcome.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY:** The 7<sup>th</sup> District VFD Auxiliary will be having Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the firehouse. Menu will include; pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, home fries, baked apple dessert, coffee, juice and milk. Carry-outs are available. Cost is adults \$10, senior citizens \$9, children 4-12 \$3 and 3 & under free.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Optimist Clubhouse beginning at Noon. Hotdogs, chips, drinks and goodies will be served.

**SHRIMP & FRIES:** The 7<sup>th</sup> District VFD Auxiliary will be hosting a shrimp and fries dinner on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Firehouse from 5 – 8 p.m. Menu includes, fried shrimp, fries, cole slaw, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost is \$12 adults, \$11 seniors, children 12 and under \$5. Carry-outs are available.

**JUBILARIAN MASS:** On Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 during office hours.

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased:** Raymond Buckler. **Sick:** Leo Osborn, Sylvia Lacey, Carol Ann Hall, Larry Hill, 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, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

## **APRIL VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS**

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Ricky & Joan Farr in memory of Ruth Farr.