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.

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. Nov. 23 Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. Tues. Nov. 24 7:00 a.m. Wayne Baird Wed. Nov. 25 Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.

Thurs. Nov. 26 **9:30 a.m.** Joseph "Frankie" Quade

Fri. Nov. 27 7:00 a.m. Arlene Cullins

Sun. Nov. 29 6:30 a.m. Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

8:00 a.m. George Guy

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving, a uniquely American holiday that I appreciate so much more after living overseas. When I was studying in Rome, my classmates from Europe, Africa, South America and Asia were always intrigued by the concept of Thanksgiving Day because they do not have anything like it in their home countries. It was very different for us Americans to live in a place that had no concept of this holiday. We were so used to having Thursday off from work or school as well as the Friday after. It was jarring to see everyone around us viewing the 4th Thursday in November as just another day of work and school. But the Rector always gave us permission to miss class on Thanksgiving, and every hall in the seminary had a tradition of gathering together to have an American-style breakfast, pancakes, bacon and all! We then celebrated Mass together, had a large seminary-wide afternoon meal, before taking a nap and gathering in the evening for a movie. No matter what the European culture said, it was still Thanksgiving for our seminarian family!

We are uniquely blessed in our country (and Canada, which also has a Thanksgiving Day), to have this celebration. We are blessed to have the tradition of taking time to gather with family to have a dinner together and to thank God for all his blessings. Making a point of gathering with family and thanking God together is very important, and Thanksgiving is a wonderful way to keep our faith and family strong. Many families suffer from relationships that are wounded, but it is important on Thursday to gather with those whom we love to strengthen these ties and to root them in gratitude to God. Time together with family is increasingly in short supply, and there is a temptation to overlook the great opportunity we have to simply gather with loved ones for the day. Movies will still be playing the next day, and saving a few dollars extra at a Thanksgiving Day sale does not outweigh the gift of time to be with family and loved ones. This is a great investment in time, as it brings the fruit of lasting joy. As you gather with your loved ones this Thanksgiving, thank God for the gift he has given you of your family, and ask Him to bless those in the world who do not experience this gift.

May God bless you, Fr. Anthony Lickteig

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass on Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. The Thanksgiving Collection is used to help the needy during the holidays. Mass at Holy Angels is at 8 a.m.

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.

PRAYER GROUP: Sacred Heart Prayer Group will not meet on Tuesday, November 24th. They will meet again on Tuesday, December 1st at 2 p.m. All are welcome

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed from Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

ADVENT GIFT TREE: Please return the gift tags with the un-wrapped gifts to Sacred Heart by December 13th. Please make sure that the gifts for the Seniors' Tree are in boxes. Thank you.

WARM PROGRAM MEETINGS: Sacred Heart and Holy Angels Parishes will host participants of the WARM program from January 31 - February 7, 2016. The next coordinating meeting will be at Sacred Heart Church hall on November 30 at 7:00pm.

ADVENT CELEBRATION: Sacred Heart will host an Advent Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 6th, from 12 noon until 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your children to make Advent wreaths and Christmas cookies, and to listen to Christmas stories. There will be other fun activities too! The event is open to parishioners of both Sacred Heart and Holy Angels and is for families with children. Families with high school aged students are also welcome. All materials will be provided, and a donation of \$10 is suggested to help defray costs. Please contact Sacred Heart rectory at 301-769-3100 or Isabel Williams if you are interested in volunteering.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY NEWS: MCA and the Archdiocese of Washington are conducting an Estate Planning Workshop on Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. at MCA. Estate planning with a heart! This practical, sensitive workshop helps you face the difficult process of centralizing financial, legal and personal information so family and friends can take care of you and know how you would like end-of-life issues handled. Light refreshments will be served. Mother Catherine Academy Tuition Assistance (3 yr old – 8th grade): ADW Tuition Assistance is now available for existing families and the deadline to apply is December 4. The deadline for new families is February 22. Go to ADW.org and scroll over/click Education, Catholic Schools, Tuition Assistance, TADS. MCA students are also eligible for MCSS Legacy Scholarship funds which is made possible from the MCSS Endowment and the generosity of the five parishes that were associated with MCSS (see ADW Tuition Assistance page). You are welcome to call the school at 301-884-3165 for additional information and to learn about other financial assistance possibilities.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Robert Jacobs. Sick: Walter Russell Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Eleanor Clarkson, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Carol Ann Hall, Kyle Tyer, Roy Lassiter, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

NOVEMBER VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar - Given by Satch & Carol Ann Hall for the intention of Cathy Bailey. St. Joseph Altar - Given by Dr. & Mrs. Garner Morgan for the intentions of their family. Sacred Heart Altar - Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs for the intentions of Virgie Banagan.

OCTOBER COLLECTION RESULTS

Loose \$1,074.05 Env. \$10,911.00 Total \$11.985.00

Other Income +1,058.00

\$13,043.00

School Support - \$871.00 Oct. Expenses - 13,560.28 World Mission/Prop. of Faith - \$872.00

-517.28

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!