

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.	30	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Dec.	1	7:00 a.m.	Alice Ann Adams
Wed.	Dec.	2	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Dec.	3	NO MASS	
Fri.	Dec.	4	7:00 a.m.	Cody Lacey
Fri.	Dec.	4	11:00 a.m.	Lawrence Hayden
Sun.	Dec.	6	6:30 a.m.	Holy Souls
			8:00 a.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

It is hard to believe it is Advent already! This season always seems to sneak up on me. But in her wisdom, the Church gives us 4 weeks to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas – I know I need at least that many!

But that is what we do in Advent – prepare. Advent comes from the word *adventus*, which means “coming”. Using the rich readings from the Old Testament, we spend this season reflecting on God’s promises to send us a savior. This he did in Jesus’ first coming 2000 years ago as a baby. But we also reflect on the fact that Jesus will come again at the end of time, so this season also has the sense of preparing for our Savior’s return in the future; in other words, Jesus’ coming is not just a past event.

The primary way we prepare is by participating in the Mass, where Jesus comes to us in a third sense, really and truly in the Eucharist. Preparing for Jesus’ first coming at Christmas helps us understand how he comes every Sunday in the Eucharist, which in turn helps us prepare for when he will come again at the end of the world and at the end of our time here.

Another way we prepare is by going to Confession and participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here at Sacred Heart, there will additional opportunities to go to Confession to prepare for Christmas, so stay tuned! But this is a wonderful way to prepare to receive all the graces God wants to give this Christmas.

To help prepare as a family, a Family Advent celebration is being offered at Sacred Heart Hall next Sunday, December 6th, the Feast of Saint Nicholas. Your children will be able to make an Advent Wreath, Christmas cookies and more. This is open to all families of Holy Angels and Sacred Heart parishes. See below for more details.

Finally, as we enter the Holy Year of Mercy on December 8th, we can look at performing one of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy to help us prepare for Christmas. The Corporal Works of Mercy are to: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; visit the sick; visit the imprisoned; bury the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are to: comfort the sorrowful; bear wrongs patiently; forgive all injuries; pray for the living and the dead; admonish the sinner; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful.

I pray that this Advent, we can focus on preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ, who longs to fill us with a joy that no other present can give.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations for the Christmas flowers are now being accepted. There is a Christmas flower envelope in your bulletin today. Please list the names of those you wish to be remembered and drop the envelope in any of the collections between now and Sunday, December 13th. The Christmas Midnight Mass will be offered for all those listed on the flower offering envelopes.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of December. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Confessions will be held during Exposition and Sacred Heart Devotions will be held after Mass.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass on December 7th will be offered at Sacred Heart at 7:00 p.m. and on December 8th at 7:00 a.m.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for November is Leah Cullins of D.C.

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: If you are a boy in the 3rd grade or older who would like to be an altar server at Sacred Heart, join us for our first practice on November 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart church. Other practices will take place at 6:00 p.m. on December 7th and 6:00 p.m. on December 15th. Please contact Fr. Lickteig if you have any questions.

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.

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 30th at 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: On Friday, December 11th, a community Christmas party and tree lighting will be held at the 7th District firehouse. Activities will begin at 5 p.m. with a visit from Santa. Refreshments will be served.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: The 7th district VFD Auxiliary will be having breakfast with Santa on Sunday December 13th from 9 a.m. until noon. Menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, baked apple dessert, coffee, juice, milk and tea. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, children 4 to 12 \$3 and 3 and under free.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY NEWS: 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 4th. The deadline for new families is February 22nd. 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: Thomas Hill. **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.

