

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

**Rev. Anthony Lickteig, Pastor**

**Deacon Joseph Lloyd**

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**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday - 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.

**Emergency Phone:** 301-904-7750

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Dec.	24	6:30 a.m.	William A. Lacey
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			4:30 p.m.	Joe Farr
			Midnight	Intentions of the Flower Donors
Mon.	Dec.	25	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Tues.	Dec.	26	7:00 a.m.	Zach Hill
Wed.	Dec.	27	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Dec.	28	NO MASS	
Fri.	Dec.	29	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sun.	Dec.	31	6:30 a.m.	George Guy
			8:00 a.m.	Mary Trossbach
Mon.	Jan.	1	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

As we prepare to celebrate the wonderful feast of Christmas, we remember that Christmas helps us understand that Jesus wants to be with us. Even when we are at our worst, even when we think that there is not hope for us, or that we have been abandoned by everyone, or even when we are indifferent to His presence, Jesus wants to be with us. As we contemplate that wonderful gift, we can also reflect on some words by Pope Francis from last Christmas, at his Christmas Eve Mass homily. Our Holy Father said: *“If we want to celebrate Christmas authentically, we need to contemplate this sign: the fragile simplicity of a small newborn, the meekness of where he lies, the tender affection of the swaddling clothes. God is there. Jesus was born rejected by some and regarded by many others with indifference. Today also the same indifference can exist, when Christmas becomes a feast where the protagonists are ourselves, rather than Jesus; when the lights of commerce cast the light of God into the shadows; when we are concerned for gifts, but cold toward those who are marginalized. This worldliness has taken Christmas hostage. It needs to be freed.”*

Just as Jesus wants to be with us in our every situation in life, Jesus wants us to be with Him in those who are most in need around us. If Jesus is the reason for the season, then others needs' must become our own. Because Jesus now dwells within them. As we enter this joyful season of Christmas, I pray that the Christ Child may bring you joy and comfort, but that you also may hear His call to return His love by loving those around us who are most in need.

May you and your family have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Anthony Lickteig

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4:30pm and 12 midnight, and 8:00am on Monday, Dec. 25. Holy Angels will offer Christmas Masses on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4:30pm and 9:00pm, and at 10:30am on Monday, Dec. 25.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>. The office will only be open a few hours on Wednesday, Dec. 27 through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave your non-perishable items at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

**MCA NEWS:** MCA will have a New Year's Eve Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. with early bird games and regular bingo starting at 7 p.m. A jackpot of \$2018.00 is guaranteed.

**HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Christmas Day doesn't end the season, it begins it! Sacred Heart Church is hosting a Holiday Christmas Concert featuring the Chesapeake Orchestra Brass Players on the 6th Day of Christmas, Saturday, December 30th, starting at 6:30pm. The concert will feature classical works as well as Holiday Favorites at the beautifully decorated Sacred Heart Church in the heart of the Maryland country. Conductor will be the Music Director of the River Concert Series, Jeffrey Silberschlag, Admission is free and doors open at 5:45pm.

**BORED AGAIN CATHOLIC: WHY MASS IS ALWAYS THE SAME:** Sunday after Sunday after Sunday, we gather at Mass to celebrate in the same way over and over again. No wonder we can get bored! If you want to understand why we as Catholics worship the way we do, join Fr. Lickteig for a 4-part lecture series on the Mass, and transform your boredom! Learn that our Catholic worship is rooted in how God first asked to be worshipped over 3000 years ago! We will meet every Wednesday beginning January 11th from 6:30-8:00pm at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Bring a friend!

**WARM PROGRAM:** Our parish's Hosting Week is Sunday, January 21 thru Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Holy Angels Church Hall. WARM (Wrapping Arms 'Round Many) is an interfaith non-profit organization that provides safe and welcoming shelter during the nights of the coldest months of the year (November – March) to men and women impacted by homelessness. Faith communities involved with WARM partner with local social and human service organizations to open their doors and offer a safe place to sleep, a sense of community and hot meals for up to 25 homeless guests. All guests are assessed before being able to participate in WARM. WARM exists because there are more men and women impacted by homelessness in St. Mary's County than our shelters can serve. Volunteer to serve the Lord! Host sites are staffed entirely by volunteers and host one week a season. Volunteers needed are:

- 66 monitoring volunteers (33 men and 33 women – at least 18 years old) Training to be provided
- Volunteers to provide and assist with 14 meals (breakfasts, dinners & desserts) for ~35 people
- At least 6 volunteers to clean some linens and repack at end of hosting week
- 15 volunteers to setup and breakdown the hall
- Volunteers, of all ages, are needed to interact with guests and coordinate group activities from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each evening.

Plan to attend a coordination meeting or contact a coordinator to obtain additional information regarding WARM, our hosting week and how you can help. Coordination Meeting Dates & Times: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Holy Angels/Sacred Heart School Class Room, Monday, January 8, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart Church Hall Monday, January 15, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Holy Angels/Sacred Heart School Class Room Please contact the following coordinators if you would like to volunteer or have any questions:

Holy Angels Church Coordinators - Cindy & Howie Guy @ 301-904-8167

Monitoring – Tammy Pilkerton @ 301-475-5105

Meals – Kim Oliver @ 301-769-2834

Food & Kitchen Supplies - Carol Ann Hall @ 301-247-3283

Linens – Pinky & Butch Morgan @ 301-481-3023

Setup & Breakdown of Hall – Karen & Steve Dent @ 443-677-8976

Activities – Michelle Radez @ 240-925-1060

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick:** Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, 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 & Anne Marie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

#### **DECEMBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS**

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Bobby & Mary Jo Thompson in memory of Myrtle Thompson.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Ruth Wise in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wise

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by John & Ann Hall in memory of Helen Hall.