

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.	Dec.	29	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Dec.	30	7:00 a.m.	Albert & Susan Long
Wed.	Dec.	31	4:30 p.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton
Thurs.	Jan.	1	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels Parish
Fri.	Jan.	2	7:00 a.m.	Carroll Cusic & Br. Dennis Flynn
Fri.	Jan.	2	11:00 a.m.	Minna Marie Freeman
Sun.	Jan.	4	6:30 a.m.	Calvin Lacey
			8:00 a.m.	Michael Johnson

Dear Holy Angels parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I hope that all of you had a very joyful and blessed Christmas, and enjoyed the company of your family members and friends. I would like to thank Fr. Gurnee who generously came down to help me with the Christmas Masses at both parishes. I would also like to thank so many of you who sent me cards, gifts, goodies, or simply gave kind words. I am very grateful for your kindness and generosity to me! Christmas is always a special time where we experience the spiritual presence and joy of the Christ Child, even two thousand years after his birth.

While in most homes and businesses the Christmas lights have been up for a while and are coming down soon, in the Church our celebration is only beginning. Catholics celebrate Christmas not for just one day but for a total of eight days, including Christmas Day. This period of time is called an “Octave” and is also observed at Easter. The Christmas season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is on Sunday, January 11th. The idea of an octave goes back to the Jewish tradition of celebrating major feasts for eight days. The Sunday that falls within that eight days is devoted to the Holy Family.

It is an amazing fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, chose to be part of a human family. He could have lived his life here in some other fashion, but he chose to be born as an infant like us, to grow up and experience life as a toddler, a child, a teenager, and as an adult. The Scriptures tell us very little about Jesus’ time with Mary and Joseph. We do know that when he was an infant, they protected him as any good parents would, particularly on their flight into Egypt when King Herod massacred the innocent children. When Jesus remained behind in the temple in Jerusalem when he was twelve, his parents were worried about him. Amazingly, even though Jesus is God, the Scriptures say that when he was in Nazareth he was obedient to his human parents! Surely Jesus learned some of his mannerisms from them, perhaps their accents, and the customs of his time. He was pleased to be known as the carpenter’s son, and I’m sure showed great love to both of his parents.

On Christmas I went to visit my family, and even now as an adult, they still show me great affection and care. I can only imagine how Mary and Joseph loved Jesus, and how those so-called “hidden years” in Nazareth were a great blessing to everyone. Jesus must have shared his most intimate thoughts with them, and blessed them in incredible ways. His love for his family calls us to love our families, and to thank God for the blessings that they are to us. We are also called to pray for those families that are broken or hurting in any way, that through the intercession of the members of the Holy Family they may have hope and healing.

Your servant in the Lord,
Father Charles Cortinovis

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE: Thursday, January 1st, New Year's Day, is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on Wednesday, New Year's Eve at 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, New Year's Day at 9:00 a.m.

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

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of the New Year. 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

RECTORY HOUSEWARMING: Sacred Heart will be hosting a housewarming party for the newly completed rectory on Sunday, December 28th, from 12 – 2 p.m. Parishioners are invited to tour the rectory and enjoy refreshments.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be open on Wednesday, December 31st and closed on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd. The office will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

CCD CLASSES: CCD classes will resume on Sunday, January 4th, at 9:05 a.m. at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School.

WARM MEETINGS: The next meeting will be Monday, January 5th, at 7 p.m. at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Please consider giving a monetary donation to help cover the heating, electric, cleaning of the linens, and food costs associated with the WARM program. Checks should be made to Holy Angels Church with "WARM" in the memo section.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Elizabeth Graves, Bernie Quade, Agnes Pilkerton, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Billy Pilkerton, Madeline Hutchins, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

2015 \$100 A MONTH CLUB TICKETS: Sacred Heart 2015 \$100 A Month Club is now being formed. Tickets are being distributed. C.D. & Patty Raley are the raffle chairmen. The winners for 2014 were:

January – Rita Vukovich, Mechanicsville
February – Christopher Bell, Leonardtown
March – Rita Vukovich, Mechanicsville
April – Diane Bean, Hollywood
May – Kimberly Pilkerton, California
June – Glenn Norris, Hollywood
July – Dale Ridgell, Mechanicsville
August – Anthony Listorti, Bowie
September – Marie Thompson, Colton's Point
November – Rose Ellen Guyther, Abell
December – James L. Dorsey, Sr., Chaptico

DECEMBER VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by George McWilliams in memory of Barbara McWilliams.

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Charles & Marjorie Boyers in memory of Alfrieda Boyers.

Saint Joseph Altar – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of Wanda Randalson.

If you would like to dedicate a candle, please call the rectory during office hours.