

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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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.	Oct.	17	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Oct.	18	7:00 a.m.	Harvey “Bill” Bailey
Wed.	Oct.	19	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Oct.	20	NO MASS	
Fri.	Oct.	21	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sun.	Oct.	23	6:30 a.m.	Billy Norris
			8:00 a.m.	John Lacey, Sr.

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

On November 8th, we will have the opportunity to vote for who we want as the President of the United States, as well as for other government offices. Pope Francis wrote that *“If indeed ‘the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,’ the Church ‘cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.’”* Our faith informs every decision we make. The obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. Many have told me that they are struggling with choosing a candidate for president this year.

However, the bishops of our country have published some guidelines to help us examine our consciences and make a decision. First, they have listed all the challenges that threaten human life and dignity in our country:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence

The bishops then offer the following: *“Temptations in public life can distort the Church’s defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed.”*

They then wrote: *“The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. When morally flawed laws already exist,*

prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death.”

Next week in my column, I will discuss specific policy goals that we as Catholics must consider as we consider our vote.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Main Altar flowers were given by the Hayden Family in memory of Milfred & Mary Hayden.

SPECIAL MASS: Fr. Early will celebrate a Mass on Sunday at 10 a.m. for his Jubilee Anniversary and his birthday.

OUR ANNUAL FALL DINNER will be next Sunday, October 23rd, beginning at 12 noon. Below is the schedule for this coming week, please volunteer when you can.

Sunday	12:00 noon	Picking kale at Billy & Rose Lyon’s, Friendly Hall Farm on Dr. Johnson Road. If you are able to help pick kale, please call Carolyn Norris by 10:30 Sunday morning at 301-769-3870. Much help is needed!
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Wash kale in the hall. Clean stoves.
Tuesday	5:30 a.m.	Start cooking turkey breasts. We need help from <u>8:30 a.m. – on.</u> Clean up at 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Prepare dressing for hams. Crumble bread. Much help is needed. (Bring knives)
	5:30 p.m.	Fold boxes for carry-outs and cake stand.
	6:00 p.m.	Stuff hams. (Bring knives)
Thursday	5:30 a.m.	Help is needed to put on hams.
	10:00 a.m.	Take hams out of pots and start second cooking. Help is needed to cool and ready hams for the walk-in box.
	4:30 p.m.	Take hams out of pots – empty and wash pots.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Wash dishes and silverware.
	12:00 p.m.	Slice turkey and hams.
	5:30 p.m.	Package ham and turkey for carry-out. Much help is needed.
	6:00 p.m.	Prepare vegetables and finish crumbling bread. Bring knives and scrapers.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Prepare food. Sweet and white potatoes and cabbage. Bring knives and scrapers. We will need lots of help. Please try to come.
	8:00 a.m.	Finish folding boxes & package rolls for carry-out.
	12:00 p.m.	Set up dining room.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	All kitchen help.
	9:00 a.m.	All carry-out help needed to package cole slaw & prepare carry-out.
	11:15 a.m.	Dining room help report to Tammy Pilkerton in the dining room.

COUNTRY STORE: Please bring your donations of canned goods, kale, turnips, potatoes, jellies, pickles, cut flowers, Christmas decorations, homemade articles and any other white elephant items you may have to the hall on Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m. if possible. Donations will be accepted on Sunday morning.

CAKE STAND: We need donations of homemade cakes, pies, breads, cookies, brownies etc. If you are unable to make a homemade baked good, please consider making a monetary donation to the cake table. Baked goods are to be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Sunday morning.

RAFFLE: Please turn in your raffle books. Someone will be at the Masses to take your returns.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER Sick: Janice Blackistone, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, Margaret Deal, Rholand Hayden, Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, & Nancy Rueckert.