

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

Rev. Anthony Lickteig, Pastor

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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

Mon.	Nov.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Nov.	21	7:00 a.m.	Linda Mae Pilkerton
Wed.	Nov.	22	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Nov.	23	8:00 a.m.	Donald J. Morgan, Jr.
Fri.	Nov.	24	7:00 a.m.	Robert Morgan
Sun.	Nov.	26	6:30 a.m.	Arlene Cullins
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

A friend of mine recently sent me a short video entitled "Christmas Presents" by Forest Hill Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. It has been shared over 4 million times on the internet. It cleverly shows how we should see everything we already have as a gift. So the father wakes up wrapped as a Christmas present, as are his wife and his children. His light switch is also wrapped, and his bathroom faucet and shower have bows on them. He marvels at the gift he already has of life, of a spouse, of children, of electricity, of clean water and of a hot shower.

Thanksgiving Day in our country is a special time to do just that – to marvel at the gifts we already possess. To call them gifts also means to recognize that there is a giver of them all. But as we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, I hope we can also see that the greatest blessing God can give us is the ability to love. To love like God. This is what brings us what we truly seek – joy.

An example of this is a story told by Mother Teresa. She said: *“One night, a man came to our house to tell me that a Hindu family, a family of eight children, had not eaten anything for days. They had nothing to eat. I took enough rice for a meal and went to their house. I could see the hungry faces, the children with their bulging eyes. The sight could not have been more dramatic! The mother took the rice from my hands, divided it in half and went out. When she came back a little later, I asked her: ‘Where did you go? What did you do?’ She answered, ‘They also are hungry.’ ‘They’ were the people next door, a Muslim family with the same number of children to feed and who did not have any food either. That mother was aware of the situation. She had the courage and the love to share her meager portion of rice with others. In spite of her circumstances, I think she felt very happy to share with her neighbors the little I had taken her. In order not to take away her happiness, I did not take her anymore rice that night. I took her some more the following day.”*

Receive the gift of love this Thanksgiving Day by coming to Mass. We will offer Mass here at Sacred Heart at 8:00 a.m. And may you share that gift in gratitude with all you meet.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Joann Beavers in memory of Jason Beavers.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:00 a.m. The Thanksgiving Collection is used to help the needy during the holidays. Mass at Holy Angels is at 9:30 a.m.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please bring your gift of non-perishable food and leave it at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASS: Confession is now offered 20 min before 6:30am and 8:00am Sunday Masses (and 20 min before the 10:30am Sunday Mass at Holy Angels).

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Finance Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Bill Gilligan is stepping down after his many years of service. We are grateful for his service.

SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group will not meet this Tuesday, Nov. 21st.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for November is Emory Johnson of Bushwood.

THIS ADVENT PREPARE WITH MARY: This Advent, prepare for the gift of Christ at Christmas by walking with Mary. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. Discover with her the great gift of Jesus. To participate, join us for 4 consecutive Wednesday evenings before Christmas at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School from 6:45-8:00pm. We will meet on November 29, December 6, December 13 and December 20. Bring a friend!

TODAY'S SOCIETY OF JESUS COMMUNITY TALK: Fr. Thomas Clifford, SJ will speak on the topics of the "Early Society of Jesus" and "Today's Society of Jesus Community" at St. Francis Xavier Church Hall on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park will offer the next Mass with Healing Prayers on Monday, November 20th At 7:00pm. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm. All Are Welcome!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: St. Francis Xavier in Compton is holding their Christmas Bazaar with the finest arts and food featuring their unique and handcrafted quilt, homemade arts and crafts. This event will be held on November 18th, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a visit with Santa or purchase goodies from the bake sale. We will also be serving barbecued pulled pork, Chicken Salad sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, and hot dogs for children. For information call the rectory at 301-475-9885.

THANKSGIVING MEAL: Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park will have a Thanksgiving Meal in their parish hall on Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 23rd) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The meal is free of charge, and the menu is roast turkey, dressing and gravy mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, and much more!

ADVENT CELEBRATION: Join us on Sunday, November 26th from 12 noon – 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church Hall. Bring your children to make Advent wreaths, Gingerbread houses, and to listen to Christmas stories. Your child will also create a project to be donated to the children in Angel Watch in Hughesville, a facility for children who temporarily reside there because of difficult family circumstances. 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, but donations will be accepted. If you are interested in volunteering, running a craft table, helping with the play, making advent wreaths, or donating food or craft items, please contact Theresa Friess at: 240.298.3879 or mcaartofgiving@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Joann Beavers, Anne Marie Quade, Johnny Williams, Helen Hall, 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 Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

NOVEMBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by their family in memory of Elmer & Patsy Spalding.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs in memory of John & Shirley Lacey - Tommy & Marie Combs.