

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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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.	27	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Nov.	28	7:00 a.m.	Ben Hewitt
Wed.	Nov.	29	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Nov.	30	NO MASS	
Fri.	Dec.	1	7:00 a.m.	Gwynn & Loretta Swann
Fri.	Dec.	1	11:00 a.m.	Leonard Lacey
Sun.	Dec.	3	6:30 a.m.	Stephen M. Lacey, Sr.
			8:00 a.m.	Mary “Bitsy” Ellis

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This Sunday is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Church. And we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe. What a joy to have such a king! Jesus is not like the rulers of the earth – He is a Good Shepherd who looks over his flock, who gathers those who are dispersed, who leads them into pasture, who brings them to rest, who seeks the lost sheep, who leads back the confused, who bandages the wounded, who heals the sick, who takes care of them, who pastures them. Our king is one who is close to us and is tender with us.

So on this Christ the King Sunday, I invite all of us to ask Jesus for the grace to know him as the compassionate and tender Shepherd. Are these the words I use to describe Jesus? Or are there certain tragedies or wounds in my life that prevent me from knowing Jesus in this way? Do I only know Jesus as being indifferent or even worse, as a master who demands obedience? This is such an important question, because, as Pope Francis has said, “...it reminds us that closeness and tenderness are the rule of life for us also, and that on this basis we will be judged.” I only give what I have received. If I only experience indifference from Jesus, that is what I will give. If I only experience my life as one of obeying commands in fear, that is how I will treat others.

But Jesus today tells us that we need to treat others as he treats us. Again, as Pope Francis has said, “*The starting point of salvation is not the confession of the sovereignty of Christ, but rather the imitation of Jesus’ works of mercy through which he brought about his kingdom. The one who accomplishes these works shows that he has welcomed Christ’s sovereignty, because he has opened his heart to God’s charity. In the twilight of life we will be judged on our love for, closeness to and tenderness towards our brothers and sisters. Upon this will depend our entry into, or exclusion from, the kingdom of God: our belonging to the one side or the other. Through his victory, Jesus has opened to us his kingdom. But it is for us to enter into it, beginning with our life now, by being close in concrete ways to our brothers and sisters who ask for bread, clothing, acceptance, solidarity.*”

One of the ways we can do this in a concrete way is through our WARM program, where we shelter, feed and clothe the homeless for 7 nights at Holy Angels Hall. Please see the notice below for the dates and consider volunteering to help.

May God bless you,

Fr. Anthony Lickteig

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.

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 OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, November 27th.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will begin practicing for Christmas on Tues., Nov. 28th, at 7 p.m. New members are welcome!

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!

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND VIVIAN MESTEY HEALING MINISTRY: On December 8th, St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church will be hosting Our Lady of Guadalupe and Vivian Mestey Healing Ministry. Come see and venerate a 6'x 4' copy of the Image of the 1531 Tilma of Juan Diego that is displayed in the Basilica of Mexico City. From 4:00 to 6:30pm there will be veneration, Prayers of Healing and Testimony followed by the 7:00 pm Mass of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass from 8:00 – 9:00pm. There will be another time for veneration. You may also touch the Image – some are able to feel the heartbeat of Our Blessed Mother and the Heartbeat of the Baby Jesus. Others have experienced warmth when touching her hands and some have smelled the scent of roses. There have been instances of the Blessed Virgin weeping tears of oil and she has been known to leave Holy glitter in the church. Pray, Venerate, Worship the Son of the Living, God, Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

"WARM" SAVE THE DATE! Every winter, homeless single men and women are given a place to stay at night through the WARM program (Wrapping Arms 'Round Many). This program enlists churches and other organizations in St. Mary's County to host the homeless for one week from November to March. Holy Angels / Sacred Heart's WARM Hosting week will be Sunday, January 21st, thru Sunday, January 28th. Overall Hosting Chairs and Committee Chairs are needed. To volunteer as a chair person or if you would like additional information contact Cindy Guy @ 301-904-8167. Also, during the season, November to March, the WARM Program is in need of van drivers (vans are provided) to take guests from the Three Oaks Center in Lexington Park, MD to hosting churches in the evenings @ 5:30 p.m. and pick the guests up from the hosting churches in the mornings @ 7 a.m. and take them back to the Three Oaks Center. Contact Ursala Harris @ 240-682-4953 if you are able to be a van driver for any day, any time, and any length of time.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Joann Beavers, Anne Marie Quade, Johnny Williams, Helen Hall, Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, Larry Hill, Rholland & 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.