

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.	Dec.	4	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Dec.	5	7:00 a.m.	Myrtle Thompson
Wed.	Dec.	6	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Dec.	7	NO MASS	
Fri.	Dec.	8	7:00 a.m.	Helen Hall
Fri.	Dec.	8	7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sun.	Dec.	10	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Candy Farr

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

We have begun the great season of Advent! The word Advent means “coming.” During these next four weeks, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by remembering his birth in Bethlehem (the past), anticipating his coming in glory (the future), and by celebrating his coming to us in Word and Sacrament at every Mass (the present). The Church has chosen scriptures for Advent that tell of God’s coming in Christ. The first Sunday focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time (future). The second and third Sundays focus on John the Baptist and the coming of Christ today in our world (present). The fourth and last Sunday of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ as a child born in Bethlehem.

As we journey in Advent, we are reminded once again that God is a God of surprises, and no matter how settled and sure we are in our expectations, God always does something new. Our task during Advent is to immerse ourselves in the Word of God and prayer and to perform concrete acts of charity for others. In this way, we will learn more about who God is and what God wants to do in our lives through the presence of Jesus, who comes again in our midst. I would also highly recommend going to Confession before Christmas; there will be lots of opportunities.

This Friday, the Church also celebrates a great feast day – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; that is, the recognition that by God’s grace, from the very moment of Mary’s conception, she was free from all sin because she had been chosen to be the Mother of God. People sometimes confuse Mary’s Immaculate Conception in the womb of her mother with the Virgin Conception of Jesus in Mary’ womb (the Annunciation) through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast of our country. A patron saint is a canonized man or woman who has been designated by the Church or chosen by the people through a long-standing popular devotion as their special intercessor and protector before God, either on behalf of a nation, ethnic group, locality or for a group of similar people (e.g., cooks, St. Martha; musicians, St. Cecilia) or a special concern (e.g., headaches, St. Theresa of Avila; lost articles, St. Anthony). The feast of the Immaculate Conception is the day when we Americans celebrate Mary as our patron saint. December 8 is a holy day of obligation, when we are required to attend Mass. Two Masses will be offered here at Holy Angels and two at Sacred Heart.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is the annual collection for the Retired Religious.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations for Christmas flowers are now being accepted. There are envelopes located on the tables at the entrance of the church. Please put your name and the names of those you wish to be remembered at the Midnight Mass. Please return your envelopes by **December 17th**.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office will be closed on Friday, December 8th in observance of the Immaculate Conception.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will be practicing for Christmas on Tues., Dec. 5th, at 7 p.m. New members are welcome!

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS: To prepare for the great feast of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 20 minutes before every Mass, as well as during Adoration at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesdays in Advent from 5:30-6:00pm and at Holy Angels Church on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:00pm. A special penance service with Fr. Lickteig and a guest priest also will be offered on Wednesday, December 20th from 5:30-6:30pm. Don't worry if it has been a long time – the love of God the Father awaits you!

CHILDREN'S TREE: Please return your gifts with the tag attached to Sacred Heart by Dec.10th. Thank you.

THIS ADVENT PREPARE WITH MARY: What better way to prepare for Christmas and the coming of Jesus Christ than to journey with Mary! Join us for an Advent Journey with Mary: A Biblical Reflection, every Wednesday evening until Christmas, from 6:45-8:00pm at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. We will meet on, December 6th, December 13th and December 20th. Bring a friend!

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2018: We are now scheduling Mass intentions for 2018. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please contact the parish office during business hours.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY: On Friday, December 8th, join us at the 7th District Volunteer Fire House for our community Christmas party. Doors open at 5:30pm and Santa and Mrs. Claus will also make an appearance at 6:00pm. Event includes fire truck rides, a gift from Santa, face-painting, games, and refreshments.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: The 7th District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 10th, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, bacon, hash brown, scrambled eggs, baked apple dessert, coffee, milk & juice.

BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING: Bear Hugs is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To participate, please drop off your bear donations at the Heavenly Presents store in Leonardtown, before December 12th. Store hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10am to 3pm and Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 6pm. An after-hour's drop box is also available on our front porch. Your tax-deductible donations, to purchase bears at a discounted price, can be made through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org or make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Please contact Patricia Disandro at 240-681-3606.

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.

OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Offertory	\$13,272.08	School Support	\$991.00
E-Giving Offertory	2,700.50	World Missions	\$723.00
Other Income	+ 858.49		
Total Income	\$16,831.07 (Not including Fall Dinner)		
October Expenses	<u>-14,174.53</u> (Not including Fall Dinner)		
	\$+2,656.54		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!