

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.	Dec.	18	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Dec.	19	7:00 a.m.	Sony & Zita Kerwin
Wed.	Dec.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Dec.	21	NO MASS	
Fri.	Dec.	22	7:00 a.m.	Joseph H. & Marie Somerville
Sun.	Dec.	24	6:30 a.m.	William A. Lacey
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			4:30 p.m.	Joe Farr
			12 Midnight	Intentions of Flower Donors
Mon.	Dec.	25	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Since Christmas is on a Monday this year, many perhaps are wondering if they have to go to Mass twice. The answer is yes: the 4th Sunday of Advent is obligatory and Christmas is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Now this means you can go to Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent either on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, just like normal. And the Christmas Mass obligation can be fulfilled by going to Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday evening or Christmas Day Mass on Monday morning.

On December 17th, we journey into the second phase of Advent. From December 17th – December 23rd, the Church observes the ancient custom of praying each day one of the seven “O Antiphons”. These are prayed in several different ways, but the most recognizable is right before the Gospel, in between the Alleluias. The “O Antiphons” are given this name because each one addresses Jesus with a different biblical title, beginning with the invocation “O”. For example, the “O Antiphon” for December 17th is: “*O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!*” You may also recognize these antiphons as forming the verses of the popular song, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”. These antiphons help us yearn even more for Jesus’ coming these last days before Christmas.

And what better way to prepare for Jesus’ coming, whether on Christmas, or when we see Him face to face at the end of our time on earth, or during Mass, than by going to Confession and experiencing the great mercy of God. Special times are set aside this week on Tuesday and Wednesday evening with me and a guest priest.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4:30pm and 12 midnight, and 8:00am on Monday, Dec. 25. Holy Angels will offer Christmas Masses on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4:30pm and 9:00pm, and at 10:30am on Monday, Dec. 25.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar, Blessed Mother Altar & St. Joseph Altar were given by Kevin & Sherry Quade in memory of Joseph Quade, Sr. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were given by Joanne Beavers in memory of James T. Beavers.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will be practicing for Christmas on Mon., Dec. 18th, at 7 p.m. New members are welcome!

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month winner for December is Amy Gray of Hollywood.

SENIOR GIFT PACKAGING: We will be putting together the senior gift bags on Tues., Dec. 19th at 9 a.m. in the rectory, Much help is needed along with donations of homemade cookies to add to the gift bags.

CHURCH DECORATING: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 23rd, at 9 a.m. Lots of help is needed!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 21st.

ADVENT ADORATION: During Advent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the church with an opportunity for Confession.

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!

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. Our last meeting will be on December 20th. Bring a friend!

WOMEN'S ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION: Our Lady of the Wayside Church will have an Advent Evening of Recollection for Women on Monday, December 18th starting at 5 pm with a Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Meditation (Talk by Fr. Michal Sajnog), Confessions, Silent Prayer, Benediction, Rosary and confessions.

MCA NEWS: The MCA Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 2 p.m. MCA will also have a New Year's Eve Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. with early bird games and regular bingo starting at 7 p.m. A jackpot of \$2018.00 is guaranteed.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Seventh District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their annual Seniors' Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 12 noon, at Holy Angels Hall.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland mass with Healing Prayers will be on Monday December 18th at 7:00pm. The location is Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park. Confessions will start at 6pm. All are Welcome!

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Christmas Day doesn't end the season, it begins it! Sacred Heart Church is hosting a Holiday Christmas Concert featuring the Chesapeake Orchestra Brass Players on the 6th Day of Christmas, Saturday, December 30th, starting at 6:30pm. The concert will feature classical works as well as Holiday Favorites at the beautifully decorated Sacred Heart Church in the heart of the Maryland country. Conductor will be the Music Director of the River Concert Series, Jeffrey Silberschlag, Admission is free and doors open at 5:45pm.

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.