

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.	Jan.	1	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
Tues.	Jan.	2	7:00 a.m.	Lawrence “Boy” Hayden
Wed.	Jan.	3	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Jan.	4	NO MASS	
Fri.	Jan.	5	7:00 a.m.	Rose Latham
Fri.	Jan.	5	11:00 a.m.	Charles Gass
Sun.	Jan.	7	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Donald Morgan, Jr.

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

I hope you are continuing to enjoy the Christmas Season! This weekend, we celebrate the 7th Day of Christmas and the wonderful feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast shows us how beautiful and holy families can be! It was in a family that God himself decided to come to us and grow and mature. Family life is a gift God gives us! And just as God the Father gave to Mary and Joseph the vocation of being a mother and foster father to His Son, so too God gives to Christian parents the vocation of raising His children to know and love Him. This is an opportunity for all of us parents to ask ourselves (in the words of Blessed Pope Paul VI): *Do you teach your children the Christian prayers? Do you prepare them, in conjunction with the priests, for the sacraments that they receive when they are young: Confession, Communion and Confirmation? Do you encourage them when they are sick to think of Christ suffering to invoke the aid of the Blessed Virgin and the saints? Do you say the family rosary together? Do you pray with your children, with the whole domestic community, at least sometimes? Your example of honesty in thought and action, joined to some common prayer, is a lesson for life, an act of worship of singular value. In this way you bring peace to your homes.*”

This Monday we also celebrate the New Year and the 8th day of the great Octave of Christmas, the great Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. In the words of a saint, *“May spent nearly every day of her life like millions of other women who look after their families, bring up their children and take care of the house. Mary sanctifies the ordinary everyday things – what some people wrongly regard as unimportant and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinarieness, that can be so full of love of God!”* With these feasts, Mary and Joseph can be our models for how to give glory to God in everyday family life by loving Him as we fulfill our duties.

We will have a special 8:00am Mass on January 1st to celebrate the Solemnity, but this is not a holy day of obligation. Please join us anyway to thank and honor our Mother!

May God’s joy fill you this Christmas Season!

Fr. Anthony Lickteig

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of January. 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 will be our monthly School Support collection.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone that gave so generously to the Seniors and Shut-ins gift tree. Your gifts were distributed to a total of 40 parishioners. Your heart would be touched and your spirits lifted to see the gratitude and smiling faces as gifts were delivered on behalf of Sacred Heart Parish.

TAKING DOWN DECORATIONS: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 7th. Much help is needed!

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.

MCA NEWS: MCA will 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.

BORED AGAIN CATHOLIC: WHY MASS IS ALWAYS THE SAME: Sunday after Sunday after Sunday, we gather at Mass to celebrate in the same way over and over again. No wonder we can get bored! If you want to understand why we as Catholics worship the way we do, join Fr. Lickteig for a 4-part lecture series on the Mass, and transform your boredom! Learn that our Catholic worship is rooted in how God first asked to be worshipped over 3000 years ago! We will meet every Wednesday beginning January 11th from 6:30-8:00pm at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. Bring a friend!

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE: The March for Life 2018 in Washington, DC (<http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2018/>) will be held on Friday, 19 January. Knights of Columbus Council 1470 will be sponsoring a 55 passenger coach bus up and back that day, leaving from and returning to the St. Aloysius parking lot. Council 1470 Knights and their families are free, a recommended donation of \$10/adult, children free for non-Council 1470 Marchers. For more information or to reserve seats contact Ed Donohoe at Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or 402-850-8664. Also, Knights can sign up by selecting 'March for Life' in the January 19th date on the website calendar: <https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/events.asp?CNO=1470&DATE=1/27/2018>.

RETROUVAILLE: The holidays can be a very stressful time for many couples. Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com <<http://www.helpourmarriage.com/>>, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org <<mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org>>

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: John Miles. **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.

NOVEMBER FINANCIALS

Offertory	\$11,972.25	School Support	\$843.00
E-Giving Offertory	2,363.00	Priest of ADW Retirement	\$1,335.00
Other Income	+ 2,686.23		
Total Income	\$17,021.48		
November Expenses	- 14,548.37		
	\$+ 2,473.11		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!