

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.	Jan.	8	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
Tues.	Jan.	9	7:00 a.m.	Tucker Lacey
Wed.	Jan.	10	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Jan.	11	NO MASS	
Fri.	Jan.	12	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sun.	Jan.	14	6:30 a.m.	Charles E. Aud, Sr.
			8:00 a.m.	Ray & Helen Billard

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany! Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance”; in this case, of Jesus as the Son of God to the entire world. We celebrate not just Jesus’ revelation to the Wise Men, but also his Baptism in the Jordan, when a dove descended upon Him, revealing him as the Son of God. In fact, on Monday, we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of the Christmas Season. The Wedding Feast of Cana is also celebrated at this time, since Jesus’ first miracle, turning water into wine, also revealed Him as the Son of God. Here in the United States and in the Latin Church, Epiphany takes second fiddle to the feast of Christmas. But in other Catholic and Christian traditions around the world, it is a huge feast day, often celebrated as much or even more than Christmas.

In the Orthodox Church, especially in Greece and Russia, the feast is called the Theophany and customs revolve around the Great Blessing of the Waters, honoring Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan. A long procession is formed and follows whatever road leads to a body of water. At the end of the ceremony a cross is thrown into the water and the men of the community jump in the water to retrieve it. Whoever finds the cross in the icy waters has luck for the rest of the year. Russians cut holes in the ice of lakes and rivers, often in the shape of the cross, to bathe in the freezing water. Participants dip themselves three times under the water, honoring the Holy Trinity.

In Spain, before going to bed on the eve of January 6, children polish their shoes and leave them ready for the Kings’ presents to be put in them. The next morning they will find presents in their shoes, or if they were naughty during the year, coal (usually a lump of hard sugar candy dyed black, called Carbón Dulce). Most towns in Spain arrange colorful parades representing the arrival of the three kings.

In Puerto Rico, Epiphany is an important festive holiday, and is commonly referred to as Día de Los Tres Reyes Magos, or Three Kings’ Day. It is traditional for children to fill a box with fresh grass and put it underneath their bed for the Wise Men’s horses. The three kings visit the children’s homes during the night of January 5, and as their horses feed on the grass, they leave presents for the children.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

SECOND COLLECTION: Our second collection next weekend is the annual Church Missions within the U.S. collection.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday, January 8th, at 6 p.m. in the Rectory.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for the Children's Advent Tree. The children were very grateful and pleased with their gifts.

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 or call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

2018 \$100 A MONTH CLUB TICKETS are currently being distributed. C.D. & Patty Raley are the raffle chairman. The winners for 2017 were:

January – Duff Bailey, Bushwood
February – Rickey Raley, Chaptico
March – Jason Owens, Leonardtown
April – James Dorsey, Chaptico
May -Donald Bean, Hollywood
June – Bert Dean, Bushwood
July – Duff Bailey, Bushwood
August – Kevin Quade, Clements
September – Kevin Quade, Clements
October – Jordan Brown, Clements
November – Emory Johnson, Bushwood
December – Amy Gray, Hollywood

TURKEY SHOOT & OYSTER SCALD: The 7th District Optimist Club will be having a Turkey Shoot and Oyster Scald on Sunday, January 21st starting at 12 noon at the Optimist Ball Field. This event is open to all ages.

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.

JANUARY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by John & Ann Hall in memory of Donna Russell.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Bobby & Diane Anderson in memory of Lucy & Robert Anderson – Daniel & Melba Ellis.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by the family in memory of Butch Thompson.