

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Oct.	10	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Oct.	11	7:00 a.m.	Joseph Walter Hill, Sr.
Wed.	Oct.	12	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Oct.	13	NO MASS	
Fri.	Oct.	14	7:00 a.m.	Patrick Zuza
Sun.	Oct.	16	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Bernie Doepkens

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

The month of October, in addition to being the month of the Rosary, is Respect Life Month. This month focuses our attention on the great gift that human life is and how much dignity each of us has in being made in the very image and likeness of God! As Catholics, we believe that God directly wills and wants every single human life, and because of that, we each have a dignity that no one can take away, and therefore everyone must respect. This is important because the very concept of the dignity of human life is being called into question, from cradle to grave.

At the beginning of life, many mothers and fathers struggle with accepting this gift – their new child could be unexpected or they may feel unable to care for this life, so they contemplate abortion; or their child may have some defects in development so they feel their child would be better off not being born. We are called to support these couples and teach them to trust in God's decision to bring this life into the world. Mothers and fathers who make a decision to abort often regret it later but feel they cannot be forgiven, something that is absolutely NOT true. We are called to accompany these couples and proclaim the great mercy and forgiveness of God awaits them in Confession and counseling. On the opposite end are couples who struggle with infertility. They often feel hopeless and experience a deep loss. But we are called to proclaim that not all reproductive technologies respect the dignity of life and that God still wants to make their marriage fruitful through adoption or other means.

At the end of life, many struggle with seeing a loved one suffer. But we are called to help family members realize their loved ones never lose their dignity. Also at the end of life, many people feel like they are useless or a burden or even have felt abandoned in this last stage of life. Some states have allowed assisted suicide, thinking that somehow committing suicide gives one "dignity". Yet 48% of those who ended their lives under Oregon's law cited being a "burden" to their family as the reason for taking their life. No human being should experience this sense of uselessness or being a burden to others. We are called to walk strongly in our faith, accompanying those who suffer in this way so they are never alone and are never without the love of God.

More information about all of this can be found at www.usccb.org or on our new Facebook page under Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood. Please "like" us and spread the word that all life, from conception to natural death, is precious!

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALL SOULS' ENVELOPES: Registered Parishioners received an All Souls' envelope with their October envelope packet and there are envelopes in today's bulletin. Please list all those you wish to have remembered in the Masses during November and throughout the year on your envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Please make sure that you put your name on the envelope to ensure that it will be listed on your contribution statement.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER: Our Annual Fall Dinner is fast approaching. The Craft Table is in need of homemade crafts, jams, jellies, etc. Please plan to bake your favorite cakes, pies, breads, etc. for our Cake Table. Items should be brought to the Hall on the morning of the Dinner. We still have plenty of raffle tickets to be sold Charles Beaver is the raffle chairman.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is the annual collection for World Missions.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the Masses next weekend.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, October 10th, for Columbus Day.

HARVEST HOME TOUR will take place on Sunday, October 9th. The tour will feature six (6) local homes plus Sacred Heart Church. The tour will cost \$50 or \$10 per home. There is no charge to tour the church. The tour begins at any home you choose and will take place from 11:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Each site will have hostesses within who can explain features of the homes/church. Lunch can be purchased for \$10 at Sacred Heart Church Hall.

YARD SALE: On October 15th a yard sale will be held from 7 a.m. to 12 noon at the home of Robert & Diane Anderson, 24162 Budd's Creek Road, Clements, to raise money for new chairs in the hall. Donations of usable items (no clothing) will be accepted along with monetary donations. Please contact Isabell Williams at 301-904-7557 or Margie Boyers at 301-848-0585 for donation drop off times.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY: On Saturday, October 15, the Bread of Life Center for Peace -- Heavenly Presents, will be participating in the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade with over 15,500 gatherings across America to pray for our country. We will begin opening prayer on the Square in Leonardtown at 11:45 am, the rosary begins at 12 noon. At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the Rosary is the supernatural solution to our earthy problems. St. Louis de Montfort stated that "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer...." We hope you will join us during this election year to pray for God's blessing and grace.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: On October 18th representatives from local Knights of Columbus Councils will conduct an informational/recruitment drive for Sacred Heart & Holy Angels Parishes. This event will be held @ 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Angels/Sacred Heart School. We are looking for eligible Catholic men @ least 18 years old to help fill voids in our church, community, youth, culture of life and family activities. Please consider joining our Order and experience what the Knights can offer you, your family, and your faith. You won't regret it! Please contact George Kennett @240-298-4200 or Jim Russell @301-481-1390 for more information

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Mass with Healing Prayers will be Monday, October 17th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Mass will start at 7 p.m. followed by healing prayers. Confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m.

MCA NEWS: Mother Catherine Academy will be hosting a "Come and Get It" yard sale on Saturday, October 15th, 8-11 a.m. Multiple families will be donating items. Come take whatever you need for you or your kids. There will be clothing, shoes, home decor, toys, etc. Everything will be FREE, but "admission" which is either a pack of dry erase markers, dry eraser cleaner, pack of Post-It notes, pack of scotch tape, large box of tissues, ream of 8 1/2x11 paper, or Clorox wipes to donate to the teachers at Mother Catherine Academy. Each person entering must donate one of the above-listed items or another school supply item to attend. We will also have bigger items. These items will have prices marked accordingly and will not be part of the free items in the yard sale. If you have any donations or questions, please contact Kim Beachy at eventsatmca@gmail.com or 301-904-8114. **MCA TRUNK OR TREAT COMMUNITY EVENT** Friday, October 28th, from 7-9 p.m. This event is free to all community members. It offers a safe and fun place for kids to trick or treat. We will have games and activities in the school. We will have a prize for best decorated trunk. Please feel free to pass the word to others so they may attend or decorate their trunk. Setting up will take place between 5:30-6:30 p.m. Due to kids arriving, we ask that you are parked in your spot no later than 6:30 PM. We will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. with handing out candy and activities for the kids. Please bring age appropriate candy/items to hand out. If you are interested in decorating a trunk, please call MCA at 301-884-3165. Thank you for supporting MCA!

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Myrtle Thompson **Sick:** Janice Blackistone, Ken Cheseldine, Janet Farrell, Margaret Deal, Rholand Hayden, Matthew Quade, Roger Raley, Mike Bailey, Owen Deal, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Miles Mattingly, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, & Nancy Rueckert.