

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.	Nov.	14	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Nov.	15	7:00 a.m.	Francis Swann
Wed.	Nov.	16	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Nov.	17	NO MASS	
Fri.	Nov.	18	7:00 a.m.	Adele Farrell
Sun.	Nov.	20	6:30 a.m.	Stephen M. Lacey, Sr.
			8:00 a.m.	Mary “Bitsy” Ellis

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Something struck me as I was reading about the results of the Presidential election: how much of a surprise this was to the pollsters and media, and how much their predictions and expectations were not grounded in reality. This reminded me of how possible it is to live in a bubble and to be blindsided by the truth.

But this is possible also for us in the spiritual life. We can sometimes get into the habit of coasting along, living in a bubble of our own making, thinking that our spiritual life is doing just fine, when the reality is much different. In this month of November, we are reflecting about the end of time when the Lord will return again, but also the end of our own lives here on earth. When it is time to see Jesus face to face, as Catholics we believe there will be a judgment of what we have done with the gifts our Lord has given to us, and how we have responded to the mission he has entrusted to us. We do not want to be like the pollsters and the media and be in for a shock as we are faced with the truth of our relationship with Jesus.

As we hear the Sunday Mass readings over the next couple of weeks, we can take this as an opportunity to take stock of our relationship with Jesus. Do I honestly seek to put Jesus first in my life? Do I pray every day? Do I come to Mass every Sunday? Have I gone to Confession recently? Do I trust in God the Father so much that I am willing to make hard decisions to change my life so I can be more faithful to his call to be a Christian witness by what I say and do? These are hard questions for me, too. It is so easy to make small compromises with our faith that lead to rapidly getting off track in our relationship with the Lord. But how much Jesus has given himself to us and how much he desires for us to surrender in turn to him! Jesus once wept over Jerusalem, saying: *“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you were unwilling!”* I pray that the Lord can enlighten all of us as to where we may be off track in our relationship with him, and so be open to his call to draw near to his love

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY Lucy Ann Black daughter of Christopher & Kayla Black. She was Baptized on November 6th.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER: Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on Monday, Nov. 14th, at 6 p.m. in the rectory.

ANNUAL CEMETERY COLLECTION: The annual collection for the upkeep of Sacred Heart Cemetery will be taken next weekend, November 19th & 20th at both Sacred Heart and Holy Angels. All registered parishioners have been mailed a letter and an envelope.

eGIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT: This month we are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make their Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You can enroll by responding to the mailing you will receive this week or visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is MD789.

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

ADVENT TREE: Sacred Heart will be having our Advent Gift Tree in church. If you know of a family who needs help in providing their child or children with presents for Christmas, please submit their names and phone number to the parish office with clothing types and sizes or toy information no later than November 14th.

SENIOR TREE: Sacred Heart will have a tree for seniors in need. If you know someone you would like to put on our tree please contact the parish office with their information.

ADVENT CELEBRATION: Sacred Heart will host an Advent Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 27th, from 12 noon until 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your children to make Advent wreaths and Christmas cookies, and to listen to Christmas stories. There will be other fun activities too! The event is open to parishioners of both Sacred Heart and Holy Angels and is for families with children. Families with high school aged students are also welcome. All materials will be provided, and a donation of \$10 is suggested to help defray costs. Please contact Isabel Williams 301-904-7557 if you can volunteer much help is needed.

TURKEY DINNERS: Catholic Charities is providing each church with turkey dinners to be given to those in need this Thanksgiving. If you or someone you know is in need this Thanksgiving, please call the parish office to reserve a turkey dinner. The turkey dinners will arrive for pick-up at Sacred Heart on Friday, Nov. 18th between 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

WARM PROGRAM: Every winter, homeless single men and women are given a place to stay at night through the WARM program (Wrapping Arms 'Round Many). This program enlists churches and other organizations in St. Mary's County to host the homeless for one week from November to March. Holy Angels/Sacred Heart's WARM Hosting week will be Sunday, January 22nd, thru Sunday, January 29th. Overall Hosting Chairs and Committee Chairs are needed. To volunteer as a chair person or if you would like additional information contact Cindy Guy @ 301-904-8167.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION: Our Lady of the Wayside Parish in Chaptico will be offering an Evening of Recollection for Men on November 15th and Women on November 22nd. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Meditation talk. At 7:30 p.m. Confessions and Silent Prayer with Benediction and Conclusion at 8:20 p.m.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers will be Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park. Confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER 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.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Bernadette & Bennie Combs in memory of Shirley & John Lacey, Sr.
Sacred Heart Altar – Given by her caregivers in memory of Myrtle Thompson.