

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

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| Mon. | Nov. | 21 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Tues. | Nov. | 22 | 7:00 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Wed. | Nov. | 23 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Thurs. | Nov. | 24 | 8:00 a.m. | Myrtle Thompson |
| Fri. | Nov. | 25 | 7:00 a.m. | Joseph F. Quade |
| Sun. | Nov. | 27 | 6:30 a.m. | Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels |
| | | | 8:00 a.m. | Arlene Cullins |

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and the last day in Ordinary Time, and thus the close of the Church's liturgical year. But this Sunday also marks the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Almost a year ago, on December 8, 2015, Pope Francis opened this special year, and one Friday a month, he made surprise visits to various places to practice one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy. Among the many places he visited were a homeless shelter, a retirement home, a nursing home for people in a persistent vegetative state, a home for people recovering from drug addiction, a refugee center for those seeking asylum, a home for people with intellectual disabilities, a nursing home for retired priests, a community for women rescued from the slavery of prostitution, a neonatal unit at a hospital, a hospice home, and a special children's home for those under the age of 12 whose parents cannot care for them. By his example, the Pope reminds us that God's mercy often comes to others through us. He challenges us to open our eyes to see where people are suffering or in need right in our own backyard.

One of the greatest expressions of God's mercy is through forgiveness. And yet this is the hardest thing for us to do as disciples of Jesus Christ. But as this special year of mercy draws to a close, I encourage you to identify people in your life who have harmed you in some way. And to forgive them. Who knows, perhaps this is the neediest person you know. They may not be materially in need, but they may be in need of mercy and forgiveness.

But to better share the mercy of God the Father with others, we need to experience it ourselves. If we have need of forgiveness we need to ask for it, first from God and then from each other. A great prayer for the close of this year of mercy would also be to ask God for the grace of seeing where we need to ask Him for forgiveness.

To help us with these prayers, we can turn to our Blessed Mother. As you recall, we prepared for the year of mercy by together praying to our Blessed Mother for 9 consecutive Sundays, asking her to use this special year to undo the knots in our hearts and to bring us closer to her Son, Jesus. I am printing this prayer again below. It might be a good occasion to invoke her intercession again to help us receive the mercy we are called to share with others.

Powerful Mother who unties our knots, hear our prayers and the prayers of all the faithful. Intercede for our brothers and sisters, and with your influence, loose the entanglements and knots which hold them captive. Forgive the human race for its unbelief and lead us all to faith in your Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. Last of all, most Blessed Virgin, pray for us, who are most in need of your grace and mercy. We beg you, Mother, by your powerful intercession and long fingers of love

and grace, undo the knots in our hearts and in our lives that keep us bound to sin, anxiety and hopelessness, and free us to love as Christ loves.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at **8:00 a.m.** The Thanksgiving Collection is used to help the needy during the holidays. Mass at Holy Angels is at 9:30 a.m.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please bring your gift of non-perishable food and leave at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed from Wednesday, November 23rd through Friday, November 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for November is Sara Vance of Owings.

ADVENT GIFT TREES: Please return the gift tags with the gifts to Sacred Heart by December 18th. Please make sure that the gifts for the Seniors' Tree are in boxes. Thank you.

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!

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. Please contact Isabel Williams 301-904-7557 if you can volunteer. Much help is needed!

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION: Our Lady of the Wayside Parish in Chaptico will be offering an Evening of Recollection for 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.

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.

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.

OCTOBER COLLECTION RESULTS

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| Loose \$1,335.10 | Env. \$13,768.00 | Total \$15,103.10 |
| | | Other Income 1,435.87 |
| School Support \$952.00 | | Memorials 970.00 |
| World Mission/Prop. of Faith \$660.00 | Fundraising (Not including Fall Dinner) | +14,937.50 |
| Hurricane Relief \$726.56 | Total October Income | \$ 32,446.47 |
| | Oct. Expenses | - 18,398.54 |
| | | \$ 14,047.93 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!