

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.	July	30	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	July	31	7:00 a.m.	Lenox Dean
Wed.	Aug.	1	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Aug.	2	NO MASS	
Fri.	Aug.	3	7:00 a.m.	Jim Gibson
Fri.	Aug.	3	11:00 a.m.	Wendy Gibson
Sun.	Aug.	5	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	George & Barbara McWilliams

In the [Declaration of Independence](#), when our nation's founders spoke of an inalienable right to the "pursuit of happiness," they did not have in mind a mere feeling or emotional state, as happiness is today often understood. They did not mean the pursuit of money or self-indulgent pleasures, which invariably are fleeting. Much less did they claim a right of seeking enjoyment in various vices or iniquity.

Instead, the founders used the term "[happiness](#)" in the classical sense of *eudaimonia*, meaning to lead a good and virtuous life, from Greek and Roman philosophy and later expanded upon by Christian thinkers like Saints [Augustine](#) and [Thomas Aquinas](#), who taught that the [happy life](#) is the blessed life found in God, who is Truth and Love. For most of western civilization, in fact, education was directed toward helping the student identify virtue and then develop a life based on it.

Basically, [virtue](#) is habitual and firm disposition toward doing what is right and good, seeking the excellence of personal perfection so as to govern one's actions and be the master of one's desires. Principal among the virtues are prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude, in that all other manifestations of good human activity in some way hinge upon these four "cardinal virtues," which are knowable by human nature.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that *prudence* guides the judgment of our conscience in discerning our true good and in applying moral principles to particular circumstances ([CCC 1806](#)). Following Aristotle, Saint Thomas Aquinas described prudence as "right reason in action." Helping us to manage well our lives so as to do good and avoid evil, prudence is the guide and measure for all the moral virtues.

The virtue of *temperance* "moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods" ([CCC 1809](#)). God endowed human life with many good instincts and desires, but as a result of Original Sin, many of these desires have become disordered, leading us to sin. Temperance allows us to exercise self-control and keep our worldly passions within the limits of what is good and honorable, rather than being a slave to them. Perhaps another way to

describe it is “moderation in all things.” Temperance involves the balanced use of the many goods given us so that their use remains ordered and at the service of the development of a good, well-rounded and complete person.

Certainly all of us want to be a part of and contribute to a good and just society. *Justice* is the virtue that consists in giving to God and neighbor what is due to each, giving to them what rightly belongs to them ([CCC 1807](#)). A social virtue, justice disposes us to respect the rights and freedoms of others and seeks to establish the peace and harmony that bring together people and allow them to prosper while living in community.

When life presents its inevitable trials and tribulations, the virtue of *fortitude*, or courage in the face of these challenges, goes to work. Fortitude provides the ability to persevere in adversity. When we are confronted with moral choices, fortitude allows us to remain strong and constant in our pursuit of what is good and gives us the strength to resist temptation that would pull us in the wrong direction ([CCC 1808](#)).

The pursuit of happiness passes by way of virtue. However, it is not always easy or automatic. The old adage “practice makes perfect” is applicable not only to one’s golf stroke, tennis swing or piano playing, but also to virtue.

The strength of our character will reflect the perfection of our virtue. Moreover, the highest happiness corresponds to the highest virtues – the [theological virtues](#) of faith, hope and love which relate us to God and then, ultimately, to one another. (Cardinal Wuerl’s Blog, July 16, 2014.)

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is the First Friday of August. 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 is the annual Catholic Communication and Human Development collection.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for August is LaKasha Randalson of Georgia.

ANNUAL ST. MARY’S COUNTY NATIONAL LAWN MOWER RACES: The races will be held at Bowles Farm in Clements on Friday, August 3rd with gates opening at 5 pm & Saturday August 4th with gates opening at 2 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person and children 8 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the Seventh District Rescue Squad & Seventh District Optimist Club. For detailed information visit www.bowlesfarms.com or call 301-475-2139.

CHILDREN’S DAY AT ST. CLEMENT’S MUSEUM: St. Clement’s Island Museum will be holding their annual Children’s Day on Saturday, August 18th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Museum grounds. There will be games, crafts, entertainment and more! The 7th District Optimist will be serving burgers and hot dogs. There will also be water taxi rides to St. Clement’s Island where you can explore St. Clement’s Island State Park and Blackistone Lighthouse. For more information please call the St. Clement’s Island Museum at 301-769-2222.

SAVE THE DATE!!!: Mother Catherine Academy Annual Benefit Auction and Social Event is scheduled for August 24th. For more information contact the school, 301-884-3165 [mailto: bfarrell@frinc.net](mailto:bfarrell@frinc.net). Silent and Live auction items such as trips/vacations, event tickets, furniture, etc. are needed!

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY! OCTOBER 2019 Join Fr. Rory T. Conley, pastor of St. Mary’s Bryantown, on a pilgrimage to Rome, Sorrento, Naples, Assisi and more. See firsthand the major shrines and basilicas of Rome, visit the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican museums, Padre Pio’s church where he received the stigmata, the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, and much, much more. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included and accommodations are first class. Dates are 10/13/19- 10-23/19 with a possible two day extension to Florence. For more detailed information visit our website at www.pilgrimages.cpm/frconley or contact Sam Oliver at [Samuel_oliver @comcast.net](mailto:Samuel_oliver@comcast.net) or at 301-848-3206.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: C.C. Gravetts, Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Matthew Quade, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, Ken Cheseldine, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Ginny Guy, Aloysius Butler, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie & Anne Marie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

JULY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Jean Lacey in memory of James “Doc” Lacey.
St. Joseph Altar – Given by Emily Armstrong & Family in memory of Ernest J. Armstrong.
Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Ruth Wise memory of Paul & Ruth Wise.