

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.	Aug.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.
Tues.	Aug.	21	7:00 a.m. Robert A. Hill
Wed.	Aug.	22	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.
Thurs.	Aug.	23	NO MASS
Fri.	Aug.	24	7:00 a.m. Mabel Norris
Sun.	Aug.	26	6:30 a.m. Sue Gibson
			8:00 a.m. Martin Hayden

The encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendor of Truth), by Pope Saint John Paul II, brings us face-to-face with one of the transcendent joys of Christ's Church – its capacity to proclaim the truth clearly, unequivocally and pastorally. Published 25 years ago today, on August 6, 1993, this magisterial document addresses one of the great issues of our time – human morality – and offers us the Church's perennial response to the all-important question: *How should I live?*

Today, we often hear that there are no correct answers, that there is no absolute truth or definitive good and evil. Objective truth, we are told, does not exist and traditional notions of what is right or wrong are turned on their head, leading many people astray or leaving them in a vacuum of moral ambiguity, uncertainty and confusion. Conversely, in *Veritatis Splendor*, Pope Saint John Paul II upholds the conviction that not only is there fixed, absolute objective truth, but that we are all capable of knowing it.

The encyclical is divided into three parts: It begins with a meditation on Jesus' encounter with the rich young man who asked, "Teacher, what good must I do to have life?" (Matthew 19:16-22) Next, the document looks at certain trends in moral theology. Finally, the Holy Father shows the relevance of Catholic teaching on moral good for the life of the Church and the world.

The teaching affirms that by divine revelation and through human reason, we are capable both of knowing objective truth and of clinging to that truth in a way that will free us of the errors of the world and darkness of sin, and lead us to God, who is goodness itself – Truth, Love and Life in person. Moral precepts, being ultimately grounded in Christ, thus possess a universal and permanent character. Conforming our choices and actions to this moral truth, which is a participation in God's divine wisdom and eternal law, is the answer to how we should live and is the path that leads to the authentic realization of freedom.

In opposition to relativism and situational ethics promoted by some, Pope Saint John Paul II makes clear that certain kinds of behavior are always wrong. They are "intrinsically evil," that is, always opposed to the truth of God and our being and to the good of the person. The personal subjective justification of the choice of such an evil action does not change the objective nature of the action. It may impact on the person's culpability before God. But that is another matter.

The profound renewal of social and political life, which is increasingly needed today, can only occur if freedom is once more linked to truth, moral and otherwise. Only in the truth, affirms *Veritatis Splendor*, does our freedom become truly human and responsible in its personal and social dimensions.

(Cardinal Wuerl's Blog/August 6, 2018)

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given by Kevin and Sherry Quade in memory of William Pilkerton.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed Tuesday – Thursday and will reopen on Friday, Aug. 24th.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Faith Formation Registration is now underway. Please find registration forms on the tables at the entrance of the church or visit angelsinavenue.org to download the forms. Forms and payments can either be placed in an envelope labeled Faith Formation and put in the collection basket or brought to Holy Angels Rectory. Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 16th. All 8th graders wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must have attended 7th grade CCD. This sacrament requires two years of Faith Formation. If you have questions regarding Faith Formation feel free to contact Holy Angels rectory at 301-769-3332 during normal business hours.

MCA NEWS: Mother Catherine Academy is poised to welcome back students for our fourth year as an Independent Catholic School! We have several events that are open to the community. Please consider joining us.

- Every Saturday Bingo at MCA. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:00 p.m. \$5000 jackpot!
- August 24th marks the date for the MCA Social and Auction. This year's theme is "Sweet Home Southern Maryland". The event will be held at MCA and begins at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend or have items that you would like to donate for our auction, please contact Mrs. Betsy Farrell @ bfarrell@ftrinc.net for more information. Tickets are \$75 each or \$500 for a table.
- Script Cards- Please consider purchasing Script cards for your everyday needs. We have cards for gas, groceries, clothing, and food. MCA receives a percentage of the value of each card sold. Please contact the school for more information.
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins the first week of school. School begins on 8/29!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education at Mother Catherine Academy.

ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL DINNER: St. George's Catholic Church will be holding their Annual Dinner on Sunday, August 19th, from noon until 5:00 p.m. The menu will include Crab cakes, Fried Chicken, and Ham with all the trimmings. Adult dinners are \$28.00, children 6-12 are \$10.00, and children six and under are free. Drive thru carry-outs \$26.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: On Sunday, September 10th from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at \$26.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The First prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

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.

AUGUST VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – In memory of Agnes Hall, given by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

St. Joseph Altar – In memory of Robert "Butch" Thompson, given by his family.