

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Masses: Sunday 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. and Wed. & Fri. 7:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Baptisms: By appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

CCD Classes: Sunday 9:05 a.m. at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School

Rectory Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Feb. 17	NO MASS
Tues.	Feb. 18	7:30 a.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Feb. 19	7:00 a.m. Holy Souls
Wed.	Feb. 19	7:00 p.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Feb. 20	7:30 a.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Fri.	Feb. 21	7:00 a.m. James Craig Anderson
Sat.	Feb. 22	4:30 p.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Feb. 23	6:30 a.m. Joseph P. Nelson, Sr.
		8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Hill
		10:30 a.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

Dear Parishioners,

Two Fridays ago, I was asked to preach at the all-school Mass at St. Mary's Ryken. The first reading that day had the words from St. Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" The fact that he was commanding others to rejoice implies that joy is actually a choice. I pointed out to the students that St. Paul was writing this in prison where he was being beaten and tortured for the faith. St. Paul himself was choosing to be joyful even in the difficult circumstance he was in. After Mass, I hopped in the car to head back to the 7th. It was in the car ride back where I received the phone call that I was being transferred. My initial reaction was one filled with sadness. As I got off the phone and began to process the news I had just received, I was reminded of the very words that I spoke to the students at Ryken. Even in difficult circumstances, we can choose to rejoice. Why? Because whenever there are difficulties and challenges along the way, we know that God is all the more closer to us.

Yes, my time here in the 7th was too short. I didn't quite make it 20 years, but I made it 20 months! And it's the year 2020! I will be forever grateful for the love, support, kindness, and prayers you have

shown me. I know the people in the 7th don't like change and neither do I! But I am grateful for all of you in helping me to change into a better priest, pastor, and man. What makes this move easier for me is knowing that you will be in good hands with Fr. Wyble. I know him to be a good and holy priest. God, in his infinite wisdom, knows that Fr. Wyble is the priest you need at this point in time and that I am the priest that St. Margaret of Scotland in Seat Pleasant needs at this point in time. So while I am sad to be leaving, I know that Jesus is inviting me to have joy even in this difficult circumstance. I pray that you may have this joy as well. For we know that God is good, God is faithful, and God is trustworthy. God's will is always better than ours!

God Bless,
Fr. Sam Plummer

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17th, in observance of President's Day.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for January is Jean Lacey of Chaptico.

FAMILY PRE-LENTEN BREAKFAST AND MEET & GREET FR. WYBLE: There will be a family pre-Lenten breakfast & meet and greet with Fr. Wyble on Sunday, February 23rd, from 7 – 10 a.m. CCD classes will be cancelled on that weekend so that our families can enjoy a wonderful breakfast and get to know and welcome Fr. Wyble. There is no charge for the breakfast, but donations will be gladly accepted. All are welcome to attend!

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL: This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please be generous in making your pledge. No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

OPTIMIST ANNUAL FEBRUARY DINNER: The 7th District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their Annual February Dinner on Sunday, February 23rd, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mechanicsville Fire Department, 28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville. The menu includes fried oysters, spiced shrimp, stuffed ham, fried chicken and vegetables. Cost is Adults \$30, Kids 6-12 \$8, Kids under 5 eat free, and drive-thru carry-outs are \$28.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Vickie Hayden, Kitty Swann, Ruth Hayden, Jeff Woodward, Ken Cheseldine, Ella Pilkerton, Lily Williams, Calestard Gravett, Joann Beavers, Matthew Quade, Larry Hill, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Virgie Banagan, Ann Robrecht, Bert & Carol Dean, Elaine Frederick, and Anna Marie Quade.

FEBRUARY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – In memory of Mary Agnes Plunkett given by Sarah Jean Pingleton.

Saint Joseph Altar – In memory of Johnny Pingleton given by Sarah Jean Pingleton.

Sacred Heart Altar – In memory of Mary Agnes Hammett given by Sarah Jean Pingleton.