

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.	24	NO MASS
Tues.	Feb.	25	7:30 a.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Feb.	26	7:00 a.m. Vicki Hayden
Wed.	Feb.	26	12 NOON Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Wed.	Feb.	26	7:00 p.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Feb.	27	7:30 a.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Fri.	Feb.	28	7:00 a.m. Francis Swann
Sat.	Feb.	29	4:30 p.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Mar.	1	6:30 a.m. Parishioners of S.H. & H.A.
			8:00 a.m. Craig Anderson
			10:30 a.m. <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

Dear Parishioners,

I am overjoyed to greet you this weekend as I begin my new assignment as your priest. I feel very strongly that the Lord Himself, through His Holy Church, has called me to your parish; and I look forward to getting to know each of you, and to continue the work and mission that you and your wonderful priests of recent years have already begun. I particularly want to thank Fr. Sam Plummer who, in the midst of his own transition, took the time to help prepare for my arrival. Fr. Sam is a friend and a great priest, and I know it was difficult to say goodbye. While I can't promise to be another "Fr. Sam," I do promise to serve your parish with all my heart.

On June 25, 2016, I was ordained to the priesthood and I have thanked God every day since then. My first year as a priest I spent continuing studies, and then I was assigned to Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac, MD, where I have served as parochial vicar for the last 2 ½ years. It is always hard to leave a community that you love, but I so clearly see the Lord calling me to be your shepherd now. And so, I have thanked God every day these past three weeks for calling me to be your priest.

This past Monday my family drove down from Montgomery County to help me move in to my new home at the rectory. In addition to being a great moving crew, my parents, five siblings, and aunt and uncle have all been so supportive of my priesthood, and they don't seem to mind the drive down to "God's Country" – so you may very well see them visiting on some weekends!

Since moving in on Monday, my priority has been to get to know you and your parish; and I thank you for your patience as I continue getting acquainted in the weeks ahead. I may not be a southern Marylander, but I'm not a complete stranger to 7th District. A few of you remember when I was a seminarian at St. Joseph's, Morganza in the summer of 2011. I was a relatively new seminarian that summer, but the experience I had of the church, the people, and the priests of this area truly confirmed my vocation. I am grateful to be back in this part of Maryland, which is rightly beloved by so many priests of our archdiocese.

Thank you for welcoming me to your parish; I already feel at home here. I pray that I might be a good priest for you, and the shepherd God wants me to be. I promise to pray for you each day, and I thank you for your prayers for me.

God bless you all,
Fr. Stephen Wyble

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: The Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, 12 Noon at Sacred Heart and at 7 p.m. at Holy Angels.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sacred Heart will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 p.m.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence, we fast by eating only one full meal and two smaller meals, and abstain from eating meat. All Catholics from age 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from eating meat every Friday during Lent. Those who are not in good health are dispensed.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is our monthly School Support collection.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Our Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, March 1st, at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend to share ideas and to have any questions that you may have answered

FAMILY PRE-LENTEN BREAKFAST AND MEET & GREET FR. WYBLE: There will be a family pre-Lenten breakfast & meet and greet with Fr. Wyble today, Sunday, February 23rd, starting at 7 a.m. All are welcome to attend!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Thursday, Feb 27th.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Vicki Hayden and Jamie Hayden. **Sick:** 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.