

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. | Dec. | 14 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Tues. | Dec. | 15 | 7:00 a.m. | Laurie Gibson, Sr. |
| Wed. | Dec. | 16 | Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m. | |
| Thurs. | Dec. | 17 | NO MASS | |
| Fri. | Dec. | 18 | 7:00 a.m. | George Guy |
| Sun. | Dec. | 20 | 6:30 a.m. | Joseph H. & Marie Somerville |
| | | | 8:00 a.m. | Anita Gass |

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This week, we journey into the second phase of Advent. From December 17th – December 23rd, the Church observes the ancient custom of praying each day one of the seven “O Antiphons”. These are prayed in several different ways, but the most recognizable is right before the Gospel, in between the Alleluias. The “O Antiphons” are given this name because each one addresses Jesus with a different biblical title, beginning with the invocation “O”. For example, the “O Antiphon” for December 17th is: “*O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!*” You may also recognize these antiphons as forming the verses of the popular song, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”.

These antiphons, which trace back to 7th century Europe, are very biblical, and can be used as a rich source of prayer and reflection during the final days of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Below are the titles of Jesus used in each “O Antiphon” for each day (with the Latin title in parenthesis), followed by a scripture verse that can be read and used for private prayer. I owe my thanks for this information to the Magnificat Advent Companion.

Dec. 17th: O Wisdom (Sapientia) – *Wis 9:1-6*

Dec. 18th: O Lord (Adonai) – *Exodus 3:1-6*

Dec. 19th: O Root of Jesse (Radix Jesse) – *Isaiah 11:1-5*

Dec. 20th: O Key of David (Clavis David) – *Revelation 1:12-18*

Dec. 21st: O Dayspring (Oriens) – *Luke 1:76-79*

Dec. 22nd: O King of Nations (Rex Gentium) – *Ezekiel 37:21-28*

Dec. 23rd: O Emmanuel – *Isaiah 7:10-15*

If you take the first letter of the first word in Latin of each of these titles in reverse order, they spell “*Ero cras*”, which in Latin means, “I will be with you tomorrow”. Since the last “O Antiphon” is on December 23rd, when we finish the last one, this is true!

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and St. Joseph Altar were given by Kevin & Sherry Quade in memory of Joseph Quade, Sr. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were given by Robert & Diane Anderson in memory of Daniel & Melba Ellis and Robert & Lucy Anderson.

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS: To prepare for the great feast of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at Sacred Heart church on Mondays in Advent. On Monday, December 14th, confession will be offered from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. A special penance service with Fr. Lickteig and a guest priest will be offered on Monday, December 21st from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Don't worry if it has been a long time – the love of God the Father awaits you!

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE: Sacred Heart's religious goods store will be open after the 6:30 and 8 a.m. Masses next weekend, December 20th.

2016 \$100 A MONTH CLUB TICKETES: Sacred Heart 2016 \$100 A Month Club is now being formed. Tickets will be distributed next weekend Dec. 19th & 20th. C.D. & Patty Raley are the raffle chairmen.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland area Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, December 15th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Confessions will be offered beginning at 6 p.m. and the Mass will begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

WARM PROGRAM MEETINGS: Sacred Heart and Holy Angels Parishes will host participants of the WARM program from January 31 - February 7, 2016. The next coordinating meeting will be at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School on December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY NEWS: MCA will host a Santa Family Bingo on Sunday, December 13th, at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. The school Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please join them for an evening of Christmas spirit.

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CHURCH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Our Lady of the Wayside Church will hold a breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 13th from 8 a.m. – Noon. The menu includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, home fries, orange juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$10, children 5-12 \$6 and children under 5 are free. Have your picture taken with Santa for \$5.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: The 7th district VFD Auxiliary will be having breakfast with Santa on Sunday December 13th from 9 a.m. until noon. Menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, baked apple dessert, coffee, juice, milk and tea. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, children 4 to 12 \$3 and 3 and under free.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Join the high school youth group for the last meeting of the year! They will be going to see the Mother Teresa movie, *The Letters*, playing in California on Sunday, December 13th at 4:20 p.m. The group will meet Our Lady of the Wayside at 3:45 p.m. Join them after the movie for dinner at 5 Guys. The cost for the movie is \$7.50.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Seventh District Optimist Club will be sponsoring their Annual Seniors' Christmas Party Sunday, December 20th, beginning at 12 noon at Holy Angels Hall in Avenue.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius Church will be providing Christmas dinner on Christmas Day from 2 – 6 p.m. at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown for those less fortunate in our community.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Rodney Maddox **Sick:** Walter Russell, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Eleanor Clarkson, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Carol Ann Hall, Kyle Tyer, Roy Lassiter, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

DECEMBER VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Satch & Carol Ann Hall in memory of Joe Farr & Bernie Doepekens.

St. Joseph Altar – Given by Satch & Carol Ann Hall in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hall.

Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Ricky & Joan Farr for the intentions of Myrtle Thompson.