

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

Mon.	Jan.	18	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Jan.	19	7:00 a.m.	Dylan Brown
Wed.	Jan.	20	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Jan.	21	NO MASS	
Fri.	Jan.	22	NO MASS	
Sun.	Jan.	24	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Lucy Pogue

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Friday, January 22nd is the 43rd Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. Since that time, approximately 50 million abortions have been performed just in the United States, a truly tragic number.

The tragedy of abortion is not just a women's issue. A study that was done on women who have had an abortion revealed that more than 50% of them cited concerns about their relationship or single motherhood as a reason for their abortions. The report said, "*These relationship problems included a partner's drinking, physical abuse, unfaithfulness, unreliability, immaturity, and absence (often due to incarceration or responsibilities to his other children). Many of these women were disappointed because their partner had reacted to the pregnancy by denying paternity, breaking off communication with them, or saying that they did not want the child.*" Our prayers for the women who are contemplating abortion must also include the fathers of these children. But our prayers must be accompanied by our support for those in this situation. CareNet Pregnancy Center in Leonardtown (301-475-5333) provides free assistance for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Please consider supporting them or spreading the news.

While our faith tells us in no uncertain terms that abortion is wrong, we also know that the mercy of God is greater than our sins. Many women have found great healing in receiving forgiveness for their abortions through Confession and also through Project Rachel, a post-abortion healing ministry sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington that offers compassionate help to men and women who have experienced emotional and or spiritual pain after abortion. Their confidential helpline is 301-853-4565.

The other good news is that the number of abortions is declining and more and more young people are becoming Pro-Life. Thousands of men and women from across the United States will converge in DC this Friday for the March for Life. Our Archdiocese also sponsors a Youth Rally and Mass for Life which fills the Verizon Center with 20,000 young people. It became so large that another Mass for youth is held at the DC National Guard Armory near RFK.

This Friday, please offer prayers and sacrifices for the healing of so many children and women and men abortion has wounded. Pray that abortion, like slavery which also once denied that others were a human being, may be relegated to the dustbin of history.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL BEGINS
"SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (Matthew 6:33)

Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl, asking for a pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal. The Appeal funds services that are of great help to the ministries in parishes, such as the education and formation of all our seminarians. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Seek First the kingdom of God", and we have the capability of helping the Kingdom to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us. How does this happen? Through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offer each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 19th, at 9 a.m.

REGISTERED PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: If you have contributed \$100 or more in 2015, you will be receiving a statement in the mail. If you contributed less than \$100 and still wish to receive a statement, please call the parish office.

MARCH FOR LIFE: The 43rd Annual March for Life will be on Fri., January 22nd in Washington. Bus transportation is available and a \$15 offering is requested to help defray the cost of the bus. An early bus will leave Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park at 4:30 a.m. to attend the Youth Rally and Mass, and second bus will leave Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will go directly to the March. Space is limited and seats need to be reserved. Please call Pat Poole at 301-862-2479 or e-mail at patforlife06@yahoo.com for reservations. A bus will also be leaving from St. Aloysius Church at 10:00 a.m. Please call St. Aloysius rectory at 301-475-8064 for information on that bus.

PICTURES NEEDED! Our parish history committee is looking for pictures of the inside and outside of the second Sacred Heart Church (1892-1944). If you have any pictures that you would like to share please contact the parish office at 301-769-3100. Thank you.

50'S SWEETHEART DANCE: Mother Catherine Academy will be hosting a 50's Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 13th at Bowles Farms. Mark your calendars, put on your 50's outfit and swing the night away!!! For more information contact the school at 301-884-3165.

ADVENT GIFT TREES: A big thank you to all those who provided gifts for our Advent Children's and Senior Gift Trees. So many needy children and homebound seniors in our parish were assisted by your generosity. On behalf of all of them, thank you!!

WARM: The next coordinating meeting will be at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School on January 25th at 7:00 pm. For additional information on how you can help please contact the following coordinators:

Holy Angels Church Coordinators - Cindy & Howie Guy @ 301-904-8167

Monitoring Coordinator - Tammy Pilkerton @ 301-475-5105

Meals Coordinator- Kim Oliver @ 301-769-2834

Cleaning Linens Coordinators - Carol Ann Hall @ 301-247-3283

Setup & Breakdown of Hall Coordinators- Karen & Stephen Dent @ 443-677-8976.

If you are interested in donating any of the following, please contact Carol Ann Hall at 301-247-3283:

Paper Products: 9" Plates, Dessert Plates, Bowls, Silverware, Cold & Hot Drink Cups, Dinner Napkins, Coffee Stirrers

Drink Products: Coffee, Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate, Milk, Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, & Soda.

Other Supplies: Salt & Pepper shakers, Sweet & Low packets, Splenda packets, Creamer, Sugar, Butter, Ziploc bags sandwich & quart size, Foil, Name Tags, Cooking oil, Sternos, Lysol Spray.

Food Products: Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Breakfast Ham, Pancake Mix, Bread, Snacks, Candies, Pastries, Oatmeal Packets, Individual Cereal Boxes, Vanilla for French toast, Jelly, Pancake syrup, fruit.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Trudy Quade, Carroll Farrell, Miles Mattingly, Kyle Tyer, Ginny Guy, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Jr. Farrell, Nancy Rueckert & Myrtle Thompson.

JANUARY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Diane Quade in memory of Alice & George Quade, Sr. and George Quade, Jr.