

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.	25	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Jan.	26	7:00 a.m.	James A. Gray
Wed.	Jan.	27	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	Jan.	28	NO MASS	
Fri.	Jan.	29	7:00 a.m.	Arlene Cullins
Sun.	Jan.	31	6:30 a.m.	Thomas J. Hall
			8:00 a.m.	Francis DeSales Gibson

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

St. Paul in the second reading from Sunday Mass this week tells us: *“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”*. This verse underlines something the Church does every January – for a whole week, from January 18-25, the Church prays for Christian Unity. Every baptized Christian is united in a very fundamental way – we all belong to the one Body of Christ. But there still exists separation among the baptized into different visible communities – Orthodox, Catholic and the thousands of Protestant denominations. Jesus Christ founded one Church, united visibly by the Apostle Peter, the first pope. While there is real unity among all those who are baptized – whether they be Catholic or Orthodox or Protestant – this unity is not made visible in one Church. While we believe that each community not united by the Apostle Peter and his successors the popes still has a real connection with the Church Jesus founded, each is missing something that prevents them from being fully united to the one Church of Jesus Christ. The goal of the prayers for the week of Christian Unity is that all Christians may be able to unite one day to share in the one Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ. Until that happens, the visible division of Jesus’ followers *“contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature”* as Vatican II taught, because visible division makes it seem like Jesus is divided or that his message is divided.

Despite this constant struggle to be united visibly under the common celebration and sharing of the Eucharist, we are reminded that we still share the same dignity as Christians. As Pope Francis recently said, this Week of Prayer invites us to *“reflect on, and bear witness to, our unity in Christ as God’s People.”*

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016
A TIME FOR REFLECTION**

This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive in your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is "Seek First the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33). The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months. **A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.** As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us. If you received your pledge form in the mail earlier this month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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

\$100 A MONTH CLUB REMINDER: Please turn in your \$100 A Month Club tickets to CD & Patty Raley as soon as possible. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & HEALING PRAYERS: The next Southern Maryland Area Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers will be Tuesday, January 26th, at 7pm. It will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, confessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!!!

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.

MOTHER CATHERINE ACADEMY NEWS: MCA has expanded the way it fulfills its mission to nurture and challenge children to realize their full potential by adding a 3 year old program to its accredited and state-certified pre-k through 8th grade curriculum. The all day program promotes self-esteem, a love of learning, and strong moral and spiritual values while incorporating the children into all the school's regular activities, weekly Mass, including pageants, pep rallies and much more. Children in the program have a dedicated space for age appropriate learning and play, and also have access to all the resources used by the higher grades including an outdoor agriculture lab, state of the art computer lab, music lab and much more. With individual attention from our certified teachers, as well as small and whole group activities, participants learn how to succeed in a safe, fun environment, where Christian values are the core of all they do. If you or someone you know is interested, come to the MCA Open House on Sunday, January 31st, at 1 p.m. or contact the school at 301-884-3165 or mcasecretary15@gmail.com to schedule a tour and learn more about what MCA has to offer. Visit their website at mothercatherine.org for information about affordable tuition, unique multi-family rates and tuition assistance through the Archdiocese of Washington.

WARM: The next coordinating meeting will be at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School on Monday, January 25th at 7:00 pm.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Owen Deal, 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.