

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

Rev. Samuel Plummer, Administrator

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - 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.

Emergency Phone: 301-904-7750

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Aug.	13	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	Aug.	14	7:00 a.m.	Donna Hill
Wed.	Aug.	15	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Wed.	Aug.	15	12 Noon	Holy Soul
Wed.	Aug.	15	7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Thurs.	Aug.	16	NO MASS	
Fri.	Aug.	17	7:00 a.m.	Robert S. Pogue
Sun.	Aug.	19	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Bowman Family

Summer is the traditional time to go on vacation and “get away from it all” – whether that means spending time at the beach, going hiking in the glories of creation, visiting a new city, or seeing wondrous sites. While it is good to take a vacation from the over-busyness of work, study, and what Pope Francis calls the “rat race” in his exhortation on attaining to a holy life (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 29), the one thing we would be unwise to “get away from” when we travel is the Mass and the pursuit of holiness and virtue.

The Eucharist, as the source and summit of the Christian life (*Lumen Gentium*, 11; CCC 1324), is both the source of our strength and the earthly manifestation of our heavenly goal. It is food for the journey, as well as the closest we can be to heaven on this earth. Pope Benedict XVI spoke beautifully of this Blessed Sacrament, saying that in the Eucharist, “heaven comes down to earth, the tomorrow of God descends into the present and it is as if time remains embraced by divine eternity.”

Giving us his Body and Blood as our spiritual nourishment in the Mass, Christ stoops down from heaven to join us in our weary earthly wanderings and in our restful leisure time. It is no wonder that we call this Holy Communion “Eucharist,” which is derived from the Greek word *eucharistian*, meaning “giving thanks,” especially to God.

How can we possibly, and why would we want to, “take a vacation” from this wondrous encounter which truly rejuvenates us in a way that nothing else in this world can, and which elevates us to a more magnificent place than we could ever hope to enjoy on earth? And the astounding thing is that it is available at the nearest church wherever we go.

Apps and websites such as masstimes.org make finding a Catholic Church, Mass times and Confession opportunities convenient and easy. You simply enter the city, state, or zip code you are visiting. You may even be inspired to plan your

vacations to see the breathtaking beauty, historical significance, and peaceful grounds of Catholic churches throughout our country and world.

Let us use our vacation time, then, with the sacrament of the Eucharist to recharge and invigorate ourselves for the work and the journey ahead, “to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 29). Visiting these holy sites and attending Mass there may just become the best part of your vacation. It certainly will be the most important part. (Cardinal Wuerl’s Blog/July 9, 2018)

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on all of the Altars were given in memory of Alice Guy.

EMAIL SCAM ALERT: If you receive an email from Fr. Plummer requesting that you purchase gift cards for him it is a scam, please delete it immediately.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed Monday – Thursday and will reopen on Friday, Aug. 17th.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Faith Formation Registration is now underway. Please find registration forms on the tables at the entrance of the church or visit angelsinavenue.org to download the forms. Forms and payments can either be placed in an envelope labeled Faith Formation and put in the collection basket or brought to Holy Angels Rectory. Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 16th. All 8th graders wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must have attended 7th grade CCD. This sacrament requires two years of Faith Formation. If you have questions regarding Faith Formation feel free to contact Holy Angels rectory at 301-769-3332 during normal business hours.

E-GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT: *Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make their Church contributions through either direct debit from their checking/savings account or through their credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You can enroll by responding to the mailing you will receive this week or visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **MD789**.

OPEN HOUSE: Mother Catherine Academy will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, August 12th, from 1 – 3 p.m.

CHILDREN’S DAY AT ST. CLEMENT’S MUSEUM: St. Clement’s Island Museum will be holding their annual Children’s Day on Saturday, August 18th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Museum grounds. There will be games, crafts, entertainment and more! The 7th District Optimist will be serving burgers and hot dogs. There will also be water taxi rides to St. Clement’s Island where you can explore St. Clement’s Island State Park and Blackstone Lighthouse. For more information please call the St. Clement’s Island Museum at 301-769-2222.

ST. GEORGE’S ANNUAL DINNER: St. George’s Catholic Church will be holding their Annual Dinner on Sunday, August 19th, from noon until 5:00 p.m. The menu will include Crab cakes, Fried Chicken, and Ham with all the trimmings. Adult dinners are \$28.00, children 6-12 are \$10.00, and children six and under are free. Drive thru carry-outs \$26.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SEAFOOD DINNER: On Sunday, September 10th from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at \$26.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The First prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Robert Hill. Sick: C.C. Gravetts, Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Matthew Quade, Larry Hill, Rholand & Mary Ann Hayden, Ken Cheseldine, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Elizabeth Graves, Virgie Banagan, Bill Finegan, Ginny Guy, Aloysius Butler, Harrison Robrecht, Bert Dean, Bernie & Anne Marie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, and Jr. Farrell.

AUGUST VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – In memory of Agnes Hall, given by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
St. Joseph Altar – In memory of Robert “Butch” Thompson, given by his family.