

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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Masses: Sunday 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. and Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 – 7:50 a.m. and Friday 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Baptisms: By appointment. **Weddings:** Contact Father six months in advance.

Rectory Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Seventh District Catholic Aid Society: 240-256-4101

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon. | Dec. | 18 | NO MASS | |
| Tues. | Dec. | 19 | 8:00 a.m. | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i> |
| Wed. | Dec. | 20 | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i> |
| Thurs. | Dec. | 21 | 8:00 a.m. | Laurie Gibson |
| Fri. | Dec. | 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Leon Zimmerman |
| Sat. | Dec. | 23 | 4:30 p.m. | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i> |
| Sun. | Dec. | 24 | 6:30 a.m. | Parishioners of S.H. & H.A. |
| | | | 8:00 a.m. | Al Francis Guy |
| | | | 10:30 a.m. | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i> |
| | | | 4:30 p.m. | Lucille Doepkens |
| | | | Midnight | Flower Donors |

ADVENT CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK: A guest priest will join Fr. Fields in offering the Sacrament of Penance at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, December 19 at 5:30 PM and at Holy Angels on Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 PM.

PREPARING HIM ROOM: ADVENT HOLY HOUR SERIES: The final Holy Hour in the "Preparing Him Room" Advent Holy Hour Series will take place this Thursday, December 21 at Holy Angels. The Holy Hour will begin at 4:30 PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, include a reflection by Fr. Fields, feature silent time of Eucharistic Adoration, and conclude with Benediction at 5:30 PM.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will be decorating the church on Saturday, December 23rd, starting at 9 a.m. Much help is needed.

2024 MASS INTENTIONS: We are now accepting Mass Intentions for 2024. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: The 7th District Optimist Club will be hosting their annual Senior's Christmas Party today, Sunday, December 17th starting at 12 noon at Holy Angels Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will have their final practice on Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7 p.m.

WARM PROGRAM MEETING: There will be a WARM Program meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall.

TWO OBLIGATIONS ON DECEMBER 24 & 25: The faithful are called to joyfully fulfill two obligations: the Sunday obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (12/23-12/24) and then the Holy Day obligation for Christmas (12/24-12/25). Christmas Eve Mass does not fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Masses at 6:30 AM and 8:00 AM on Sunday, December 24.

Christmas Masses: Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM on Sunday, December 24. Masses at Midnight and 8:00 AM on Monday, December 25.

WELCOME BACK, FR. ANTHONY: Sacred Heart Church is delighted to welcome back Fr. Anthony Lickteig, Vicar for Clergy & Secretary for Ministerial Leadership. On Christmas Eve, Fr. Anthony will celebrate the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass.

HOUSEHOLD BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE: Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

DIRECTORY PICTURES: If you have not received your pictures, please contact Rachael Lacey at 240-577-1723.

ATLAR FLOWERS: The flowers on Main Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and St. Joseph Altar were given in memory of Joseph Quade, Sr. Donated by Kevin & Sherry Quade.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased: Helen Somerville (wife of the late Deacon James Somerville) **Sick:** Anne Hall, Bernadette Zimmerman, Kitty Swann, Barbara Raley, Nancy Russell, Joseph L. Quade, Jr., Keith Polk, Mary Ann Hayden, Sean Campbell, Anita Lacey, Jeff Woodward, Joann Beavers, David Hill, Ruth Hayden, Matthew Quade, Mike Bailey, Virgie Banagan, Ann Robrecht, Carol Dean and Elaine Frederick.

DECEMBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother's Altar – In memory of Elmer & Patsy Spalding, given by Donna & Steve Gibson.

St. Joseph's Altar – In memory of Francis & Eloise Gibson, given by Donna & Steve Gibson.

Sacred Heart Altar – In memory of Walter & Ada Lacey Family, given by Bernadette & Bennie Combs.