

# 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.

**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.	May	25	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	May	26	7:00 a.m.	Stephanie Campbell
Wed.	May	27	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	May	28	NO MASS	
Fri.	May	29	7:00 a.m.	Laurie Chiamardas
Sun.	May	31	6:30 a.m.	Leonard & Barbara Lacey
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

This week, we are celebrating quite a few events! First and foremost, this Sunday is Pentecost, the great feast of the Church and the Holy Spirit. We do more than just remember how the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples in the upper room. The Holy Spirit descends again, this Sunday, in a new way upon all of us and our entire parish. He brings his gifts - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord – and the fruits of his presence - charity, generosity, joy, gentleness, peace, faithfulness, patience, modesty, kindness, self-control, goodness, and chastity. I pray that these gifts and fruits may be rekindled in all of us this week and unite us more closely as a parish.

This is also Memorial Day weekend, a time when we remember all of those who died in every American war. There is a rich history to this Day. In 1866, many cities and towns began holding "Decoration Day" when the local graves of Civil War soldiers were decorated with flowers. Towns also began honoring local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. In 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans established "Decoration Day" as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead with flowers – the first event at Arlington National Cemetery occurred that year on May 30. After World War I, May 30 was expanded to honor those who died in all American wars, and in 1971, Memorial Day was established by Congress as a national holiday, falling on the last Monday of May. So this week, we take a moment to say "thank you" to the 1.1 million American men and women who have given their lives in our nation's wars, and pray that they rest in peace.

Many graduations are also taking place over the course of the next few weeks. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are getting ready to enter high school, our 12<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing to enter the next important phase in their lives, and some are also graduating college and preparing to enter the workforce. Every major change we undergo in our lives can be a cause of anxiety as we enter the unknown and as more responsibility is given to us. However, as Psalm 18 so eloquently puts it: "*You, O Lord, are my lamp, my God who lightens my darkness. With you I can break through any barrier, with my God I can scale any wall.*"

Last but not least, we welcome to our parish one of our seminarians who will stay with us through July. Gregory Portner just completed his third year of college seminary. He is from Port Tobacco, his home parish is Sacred Heart in La Plata, and he has eight siblings, five older and three younger. He has had the opportunity to serve on four mission trips to three different countries. He also has a love of running, biking and swimming (rumor is that he is bringing his canoe with him), but has a great desire to grow closer to God in all he does. He looks forward to meeting and getting to know all of you more personally. Please keep him in prayer as he continues his journey of discernment.

May God bless you,  
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

**FOOD FOR THE POOR WEEKEND:** Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave a bag of non-perishable food by the Sacred Heart altar. Thank you.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers are dedicated to the parishioners of Sacred Heart.

**BIBLE STUDY:** The last meeting of the Gospel of Matthew is Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. At the end of the meeting we will discuss ideas for our next session of bible study, so even if you have not attended in the past, you are welcome to come and provide input for our next topic.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, at 9 a.m.

**JUNE DINNER RAFFLE:** Our annual June Dinner will be on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets will be distributed after the Masses next weekend.

**SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP:** This Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the prayer group will meet at St. Mary's Nursing Home at 1 p.m.

**FAMILY IN NEED:** We have a family that is in need of summer clothes for a girl size 7-8. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office at 301-769-3100 during office hours. Thank you.

**HEALING SERVICE:** A Mass followed by a healing service and a penance service will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park. Confessions start at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Healing Prayers. All are welcome! Then next Healing Service will be on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FISHING DERBY:** On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club will be holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Allie Raley Memorial Kids' Fishing Derby for ages 3-16 from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Raley farm pond.

**MOTHER CATHERINE SPALDING SCHOOL NEWS:** Please join MCSS on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> after the 9 a.m. school Mass for their May Procession in the front of the school by the Blessed Mother statue. On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother Catherine Academy (MCA) will be participating in the "Fresh from the Farm Spirit Night," sponsored by Russell Brothers' Farm (located across from Chopticon High School). For years, the Russell Family has generously supported MCSS and now would like to support the new school, MCA. They have just recently started selling beef, pork, chicken, honey, eggs, jellies, jams and more, all locally raised or produced, from their farm at 2511 Colton Point Road, Morganza, Maryland. They have offered to donate 10 percent of their sales from these three spirit nights to MCA.

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick:** Raelynn Cook, Ginny Guy, Patricia Beaver, Ernest Armstrong, Aloysius Butler, Madeline Hutchins, Joseph Freddie Morgan, Harrison Robrecht, Mike Bailey, Bert Dean, Bernie Quade, Melanie Gibson, Elaine Frederick, Lisa Quade, Jr. Farrell, Barbara Raley & Nancy Rueckert.

### MAY VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

**Sacred Heart Altar** – Given by Agnes Tyer in memory of John A. Dorsey.

**Blessed Mother Altar** – Given by Bennie & Bernadette Combs in memory of Shirley Lacey & Marie Combs.

**St. Joseph Altar** – Given by Lou & Rose Marie Billard in memory of Michael Johnson

If you would like to dedicate a candle for a particular month, please call the parish office.

### APRIL COLLECTION RESULTS

Sunday Offertory (excluding Easter Sunday)	Loose \$977.00	Env. \$8,020.00	Total \$ 8,997.00
		Easter & Easter Sunday	6,630.00
		Other Revenue	+ 500.00
School Support - \$893.00		Total Income	\$16,127.00
Holy Land - \$777.00		April Expenses	14,274.35
		Replace Septic	- 2,975.00
			<u>\$- 1,122.35</u>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!**