

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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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.	June	11	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	June	12	7:00 a.m.	Joseph “Buster” Lacey
Wed.	June	13	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	June	14	NO MASS	
Fri.	June	15	7:00 a.m.	Johnny Pingleton
Sun.	June	17	6:30 a.m.	Tucker Lacey
			8:00 a.m.	Johnny Pingleton

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

I certainly cannot believe it is the month of June! How time is flying! However, just as the month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, so too the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In fact, last Friday was the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, and since it is our parish feast day, this Sunday we are celebrating this feast in our parish.

We focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus because as the Catechism says, “[Jesus] has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that... love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings’ without exception.”

One of the most beautiful passages of the Gospels is our Lord saying, “Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light” (Matthew 11:28-30). Therefore, while meditating on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are called to share in the love of the Lord and strive to express our own genuine love for God, ourselves, and our neighbors.

Jesus made known to a saint in the 1600s, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque a special way of honoring his Sacred Heart: the First Friday devotions. St. Margaret Mary wrote how Jesus told her about this special devotion: “On a Friday during Holy Communion, He said these words: I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that Its all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on nine first Fridays of the month consecutively, the grace of final repentance; they will not die under My displeasure or without receiving their Sacraments, My Divine Heart making itself their assured refuge at the last moment.” This is a beautiful devotion that has continued for centuries in the Church. How important it is to pass it on!

We can see the more recent devotion to Divine Mercy, popularized by St. Faustina, a continuation and deepening of our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His heart burns for love of all mankind and yearns to receive that love in return.

So in addition to the First Friday devotion and Divine Mercy Chaplet, how else might we increase our devotion to the Sacred Heart? Well, the Church gives us one that is not optional but obligatory: doing penance all Fridays during the year. That’s right, all Catholics are supposed to make every Friday a day of penance. The Bishops of the United States have

written: "For this reason, we urge all to prepare for that weekly Easter that comes with each Sunday by freely making of every Friday a day of self-denial and mortification in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ." The Bishops said the best way to do this is by abstaining from meat every Friday. But every Catholic is free to choose their own form of penance and self-denial – there is no exception for age. So I encourage you to choose a form of penance and self-denial that you can do every Friday during the year and in this way to unite yourselves more closely to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the St. Joseph Altar were donate by Aggie Lacey in memory of Buster Lacey.

BABY BOTTLE REMINDER: Please remember to turn in your filled baby bottles for Care Net Pregnancy next weekend, June 17th.

FARAWELL PARTY FOR FR. LICKTEIG: Sacred Heart will be having a Farewell Party for Fr. Lickteig on Sunday, July 1st, at 12:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar.

ANNUAL JUNE DINNER: Sacred Heart's Annual June Dinner is on Sunday, June 24th. Please keep this date open. Our chairperson is Helene Farrall. Much help will be needed the week before and the day of the dinner. Please consider baking an item for our Cake Table. (Please no store bought cakes.) You can also donate items to our Country Store, handmade crafts, jewelry etc. There are dinner flyers on the tables at the entrance to the church. Please take some and post them wherever you can to help advertise our dinner. Raffle tickets are being distributed by the Lyon Family.

SETTING CAPTIVES FREE (NEW DATES): Join our seminarian Stefan Megyery as he discusses how to overcome discouragement and distress in your spiritual life. He will present a series of three talks – June 12th, June 19th and June 26th from 6:00-6:45pm at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. All are welcome!



FISHING DERBY: On Saturday, June 16th the 7th District Optimist Club will be holding its Annual Allie Raley Memorial Kids Fishing Derby for ages 3-16, beginning at 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Allie Raley Farm on Dennis Road in Avenue.

QUO VADIS CAMP FOR YOUNG MEN: The Archdiocese of Washington's annual Quo Vadis Camp, sponsored by the Office of Priest Vocations, is for mature young men in high school who desire to grow in holiness. This year's four-day camp will take place from July 15-18 at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. It includes daily Mass, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, recreation, sports, and fraternity. Bus transportation is available, and for more information and registration, visit www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

MCA 2018-2019 ENROLLMENT: The open Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! Visit <https://mytads.com/a/mothercatherineacademymechanicsville> to enroll your child/children at MCA and become a part of the wonderful family that is MCA! The registration rate is \$150.00 for all students. Contact the school office at (301) 884-3165 if you have any questions or need any assistance with the enrollment process.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: C.C. Gravetts, Joann Beavers, Johnny Williams, Roger Munday, Wendy Gibson, Matthew Quade, Leo Osborn, 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.

JUNE VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Tucker Lacey
St. Joseph Altar – Given by Sarah Pingleton in memory of Johnny Pingleton
Sacred Heart Altar – Given by Annie Bowman in memory of Matthew & Dorothy Bowman