

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

Rev. Anthony Lickteig, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Lloyd

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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	4	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Tues.	June	5	7:00 a.m.	Madeline Hewitt
Wed.	June	6	Mass at Holy Angels – 7:30 a.m.	
Thurs.	June	7	NO MASS	
Fri.	June	8	7:00 a.m.	Robert Pogue
Sun.	June	10	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart & Holy Angels
			8:00 a.m.	Eleanor “Micie” Guy

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

Last weekend was certainly one of many emotions. Thank you for all of your kind words and support. Transitions are never easy, and some are harder than others. Be assured of my prayers for all of you in this time of changing of pastors.

But in this challenging time, we celebrate one of the greatest gifts God gives to us – the Eucharist. This Sunday, we celebrate the First Holy Communion for our parish children! This is such a huge day for these children. St. Therese of the Child Jesus on the day of her first communion would later write: “*How sweet was the first embrace of Jesus! It was indeed an embrace of love... That day our meeting was more than simple recognition, it was perfect union... all the joy of Heaven had come down into one heart...*” There is a sign I have seen in many sacristies (where the priests get ready before Mass) that says: “*Priest of God, say this Mass as if it was your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass.*” On this day when our children receive their First Holy Communion, we can hear similar advice to us before every Mass: “*Child of God, receive Holy Communion as if it was your first Holy Communion, your last Holy Communion, your only Holy Communion.*”

We celebrate this First Communion for our children on the great Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast helps us to remember that the Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Christ. That when we consume the Eucharist, we are united with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ and thus with God Himself! Pope Francis in a homily for this feast last year, said that the Eucharist is also wonderful way for us to remember what the Lord does for us. The pope said: “*The Eucharist gives us a grateful memory, because it makes us see that we are the Father’s children, whom he loves and nourishes. It gives us a free memory, because Jesus’ love and forgiveness heal the wounds of the past, soothe our remembrance of wrongs experienced and inflicted. It gives us a patient memory, because amid all our troubles we know that the Spirit of Jesus remains in us. The Eucharist encourages us: even on the roughest road, we are not alone; the Lord does not forget us and whenever we turn to him, he restores us with his love.*”

On another note, please keep our seminarian Stefan in prayer. Next Saturday at 10am at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew in Washington, he will be ordained a deacon! This ordination is in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood next year (God willing!). With his ordination, Stefan (like our own Deacon Lloyd) is given the special ministry of service, both in assisting with the sacraments as well as in exercising works of charity for the people of God. Stefan will make three promises: to remain celibate for the rest of his life for the sake of the kingdom and in lifelong service to God and

mankind; to maintain and deeper his prayer life and to faithfully pray the Liturgy of the Hours for the Church and the whole world; and finally to promise respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors.

Stefan will celebrate his first Mass as a deacon in his (adopted) home parish of St. Bartholomew's in Bethesda on Sunday, June 10th at 10am. He wants everyone to know they are invited!

May God bless you,
Fr. Anthony Lickteig

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY: Angel Bowman, Wyatt Friess, Andrea Gibson, John Paul Jenkins, Benjamin Parsons and Jenna Spence.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were donated by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Frankie Bowles. The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar were donated by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Agnes Ridgell. The flowers on the St. Joseph Altar were donated by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Edward Ridgell. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were donated by Joseph & Mary Jane Bowles in memory of Louis Ridgell.

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!



“WHAT IS DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART?”: All are invited to St. Francis Xavier in Compton on June 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:00 pm each evening for a Parish Mission with Fr. Charles Connor on devotion to the Sacred Heart. The final night of the mission will be a Mass for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Connor has authored numerous Catholic books and co-produced several series on EWTN. He currently teaches at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, call St. Francis Xavier Parish Office at 301-475-9885 or email: gertiethomas@outlook.com

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: **Deceased:** Jim Gibson **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

APRIL FINANCIALS

Offertory	\$13,927.14	School Support	\$1,052.00
E-Giving Offertory	3,715.50		
Easter Collection	3,950.50		
Other Income	+ 2,447.88		
Total Income	\$24,041.02		
April Expenses	- 14,426.13		
	+ 9,614.89		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!