

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.

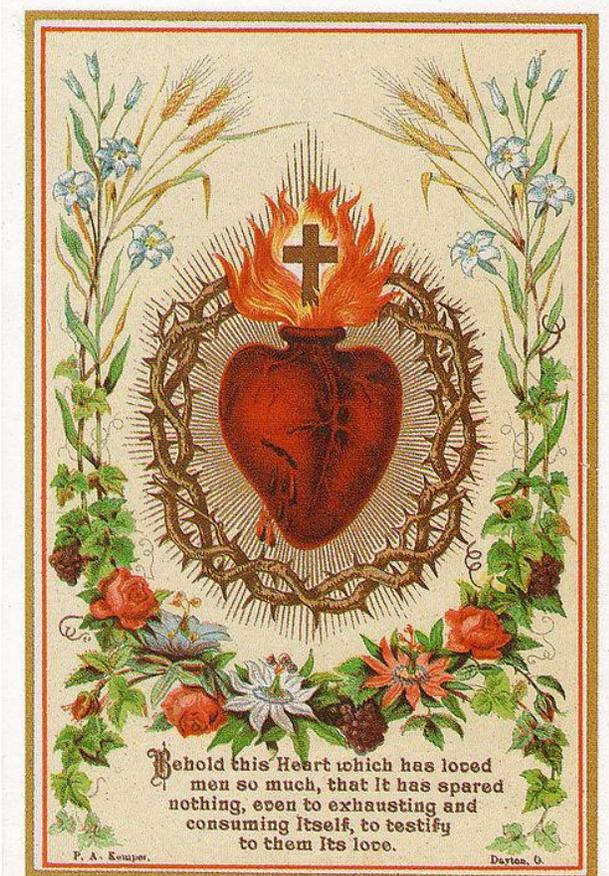
Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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

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

Rectory Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Seventh District Catholic Aid Society: 240-256-4101



Welcome to the Parish Community of Sacred Heart Church! To become a registered parishioner, complete either the online parish registration or the pink registration forms located on the tables at the entrance of the church. If you are interested in participating in any of the ministries available here, beginning new ones, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the rectory. We are glad you have joined us, and may God bless you!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Aug.	4	NO MASS	
Tues.	Aug.	5	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Aug.	6	7:00 p.m.	<i>Communion Service at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Aug.	7	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	Aug.	8	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Sat.	Aug.	9	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Aug.	10	6:30 a.m.	Alice Guy
			8:00 a.m.	Joyce Spence
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: On Friday, August 15th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at the following times and places: Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 PM (Holy Angels) and Friday, August 15 at 8:00 AM (Sacred Heart).

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Registration for 2025-2026 Faith Formation will begin in August. Please be on the lookout for upcoming information soon. If you have any questions, contact Kimmie Gibson at HASHfaithformation@gmail.com.

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

CONFESSIONS: We are halfway between Lent and Advent. If you have not been to Confession since Lent, now is a great time to experience God's merciful healing. For those wishing to go to Confession outside of the 7th District, here are weekday opportunities at nearby parishes.

- Our Lady of the Wayside (Chaptico): Monday 5:30 PM
- St. Joseph (Morganza): Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 4:30 PM
- Immaculate Conception (Mechanicsville): Wednesday 6:30 PM
- St. Aloysius (Leonardtown): Thursday 11:30 AM
- Immaculate Heart of Mary (Lexington Park): Thursday 6:10 PM

SUMMER VACATIONS: Going away on vacation and don't know where the nearest Catholic Church is to attend Mass? Then visit masstimes.org. This website will help you and your family find a church and Mass times while out of town.

SOMD CATHOLIC: SOMD Catholic is your go-to resource for everything related to Catholic life in Southern Maryland. Our mission is to gather and share vital information about events, services, and resources to strengthen our vibrant Catholic community. Whether you're looking for Mass schedules, community events, or spiritual resources, you'll find it all at one convenient location. Just go to www.somdcatholic.org to see more valuable information regarding the Catholic faith in Southern Maryland.

INTEREST IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR COMPLETING INITIATION?: A few adults recently contacted the parish to express their interest to be baptized, received into full communion with the Catholic Church, or complete their Christian initiation with Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you or another adult in our community is interested in completing Christian initiation, please contact the Parish Office or visit sacredheartbushwood.org/becoming-catholic.

PRE-LABOR DAY FESTIVAL: St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in St. Ingoes invites you to its Annual Pre-Labor Day Festival on its historic grounds on Sunday, August 31, 2025, from 12:00Noon to 6:00pm. Come and enjoy a day of "fun, fellowship and food!" Dinners with crab balls, fried chicken, and baked ham will be for sale, and free entertainment will be provided including a car show, Gospel and R&B entertainment, face painting, and Bubble Balooza. To purchase your pre-paid discounted dinner tickets for only \$32.00, call the Parish Office (301-872 5460) before August 17, 2025, or go to the website (<https://www.stpeterclaverchurch.org/>) to the "Donate" dropdown menu. Discounted dinner tickets are available to EMT, Fire and Rescue workers with identification now through the day of the festival.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL: FAWS is looking to hire for the following positions: Aftercare: Hours are M-F 2:30-5:30 PM. Pay is \$20/hour. Please contact Mrs. Schmidt at schmidt@fatherandrewwhite.org for more information. F/T Middle School Language Arts Teacher Substitute Teachers Please contact office@fatherandrewwhite.org for more information. Thank you!

THEOLOGY ON TAP: YOUNG ADULTS! Join us for a chance to meet fellow Catholics in the SOMD community, as well as hear relevant and timely topics about the faith! Free Appetizers provided! Every 2nd Tuesday | 6:00pm for location, Email: paxcatholicministry@gmail.com or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/PaxCatholic/>

HEAVENLY PRESENTS CATHOLIC STORE: Need a gift, prayer card, rosary or more? Stop by Heavenly Presents in Leonardtown. Managed by volunteers, Heavenly Presents is a Catholic store ministry of the Bread of Life Center for Peace - a nonprofit Catholic organization serving our Catholic community. Store hours are 10:00am-5:00pm Tuesday through Friday, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm. Closed on Sunday and Monday.

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Daniel Quade, Paul Guy, Charles Beaver, Keith Polk, Sean Campbell, Joann Beavers, David Hill, Mike Bailey, Virgie Banagan, Carole Dean, Barbara Lilly and Elaine Frederick.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Being Cheated

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" [Luke 12:13-14](#)

Many things in life are not fair. Children are keenly aware of this any time they sense they have been cheated by a sibling. They complain to their parents, just as the person in the crowd quoted above complained to Jesus about his brother. We want justice and can become quite upset when we feel that we have been dealt an injustice.

The passage above is interesting because Jesus gently but clearly refuses to be the arbiter of justice for this man. It may indeed be the case that he was cheated out of his inheritance by his brother. But it's interesting that Jesus not only refuses to resolve the dispute, He then goes on to teach about greed, suggesting that the cheated man was acting out of greed.

If you were cheated out of your inheritance by a sibling, how would you react? If a sibling were to do this, it would clearly be a sin and an injustice. But the question at hand is your reaction to being cheated. Being cheated by another might result in one of two responses. The most common response is to immediately seek justice, to fight back. But this is not always what God will inspire us to do. Instead, when we experience injustice, we are given an opportunity to love on a very deep level. And this must be our response. This is why Jesus said we must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. In the big picture of eternity, earthly injustices are always an opportunity for grace. This is evident by simply looking at the gravest injustice of the suffering and death of the Son of God. Jesus did not complain about being so cruelly treated. He did not call on the angels of Heaven to destroy the Pharisees and Romans who attacked Him. Instead, Jesus used the injustice inflicted upon Him as a foundation for His gift of salvation.

As we journey through this life, we need to decide whether we are going to live for this life or for eternity. We cannot have both. However, by choosing to live for eternity, we also enhance our lives here on earth in ways that nothing in this world can match. For example, say you experienced the unfortunate situation of extreme poverty. Say you were cheated out of your home and possessions and were left with nothing. Would this make you miserable? It might, but it doesn't have to. Instead, such an unfortunate circumstance has the potential for you to live day-by-day, trusting in God's providential care and to offer mercy in the face of injustice. And that is good. It is good for your eternal soul. It is good because it will motivate you to trust God on a very deep level and to become a beacon of God's mercy. By contrast, if you had everything you could ever want in this world, it would be seriously tempting to rely less upon God and more upon the things you possess in this world. But the things of this world cannot save your eternal soul. In fact, they are a serious hindrance to your ability to trust in God alone. So, truth be told, poverty and injustice actually open the door to an opportunity for much more grace in our lives than material wealth does. But so often we still long to have more and more of the things of this world.

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual and eternal blessings that come from relying solely upon God and not upon material wealth. This is a hard lesson for most people to learn. If this is your struggle, then try to take on the eternal perspective. Try to look beyond the temporary stability and pleasures that come from accumulating earthly wealth, so that you will see the eternal riches that come from seeking God alone. Everything in this world will one day pass away. In the light of that fact, recommit yourself to the embrace of God's riches by loving others through every injustice you encounter in life.

Most merciful Lord, You endured the greatest injustice ever known. But in the face of that injustice, You offered mercy and the gift of salvation, transforming that injustice into the greatest act of love ever offered. Help me to imitate Your merciful heart and to see injustice, poverty, and every difficulty I encounter as an opportunity to turn more fully to You. Jesus, I trust in You.