

# 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.

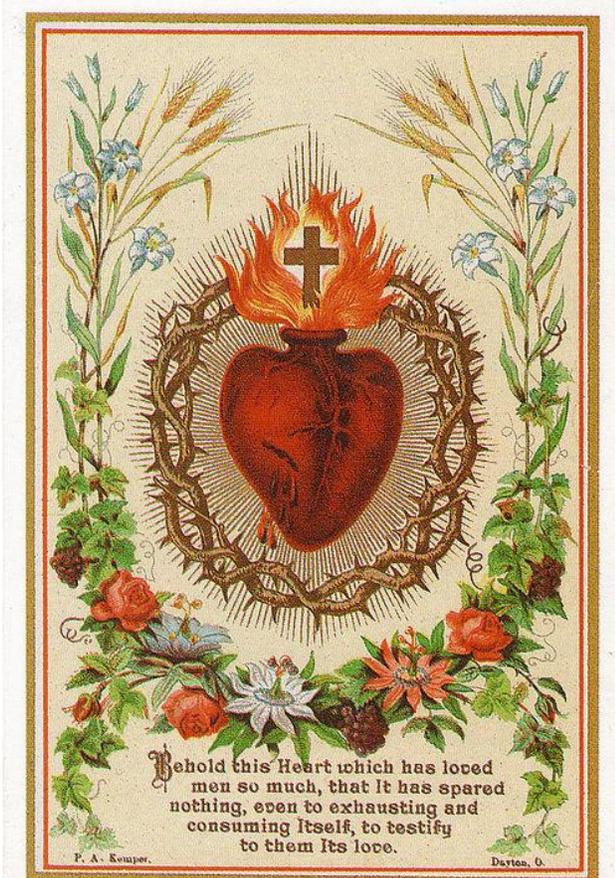
**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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 24, 2025*  
*21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon. Aug. 25	NO MASS	
Tues. Aug. 26	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed. Aug. 27	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs. Aug. 28	8:00 a.m.	<b>James Arthur Farrell</b>
Fri. Aug. 29	8:00 a.m.	<b>Sylvia Mast</b>
Sat. Aug. 30	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun. Aug. 31	6:30 a.m.	<b>Parishioners of S.H. &amp; H.A.</b>
	8:00 a.m.	<b>Barbara Hall</b>
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave your non-perishable gift at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you!

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:** 2025-2026 Faith Formation Registration has begun. Registration may be completed exclusively online at [sacredheartbushwood.org](http://sacredheartbushwood.org). Please return your Registration and payment by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes begin Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM, at the Holy Angels Sacred Heart School. If you have any questions, please contact Kimmie Gibson at [HASHfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:HASHfaithformation@gmail.com).

**FAITH FORMATION SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:** Our Faith Formation program is in need of substitute teachers. Please consider whether the Lord may be calling you to be a part of this very important ministry for our church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on all of the altars were given in memory of Everett Quade. Donated by Renie Quade.

**FIELD MASS – THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS:** A special Field Mass and Rosary will commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Monday, September 15, 2025, at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery at 38888 Doctor Johnson Road in Mechanicsville (Helen), Maryland (located behind the Mother Catherine Academy School). Rosary and Mass are offered for the deceased members of our community, and the Church especially encourages those who have recently suffered a loss of joining us. Rosary and Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Father Chip Lockett from Our Lady of the Wayside as our celebrant. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, you may contact the office of the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional Office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766.

**“WELCOME BACK WARM”** - Wrapping Arms ‘Round Many: Hosted by Holy Angels Church and Sacred Heart Church. Hosting Week: Sunday, November 23 thru Sunday, November 30, 2025. For those parishioners who are not familiar with WARM (Wrapping Arms ‘Round Many), it is an interfaith non-profit organization that provides safe and welcoming shelter during the nights of the coldest months of the year (November through March) to men and women impacted by homelessness. Faith communities involved with WARM partner with local social and human service organizations to open their doors and offer a safe place to sleep, a sense of community and hot meals for up to 15 homeless guests. Since 2009, WARM has grown into a highly successful initiative, with over 50 local churches collaborating to provide food, shelter and fellowship. Holy Angels and Sacred Heart is proud to be starting our 16th consecutive year has participants in the program. All guests are assessed before being able to participate in WARM. WARM exists because there are more men and women impacted by homelessness in St. Mary’s County than our shelters can serve. The guests are transported each day from the Church of the Ascension in Great Mills arriving at Holy Angels, the host site location, at 6:00 pm, departing at 7:00 am the following morning. For the 2024-2025 season, Holy Angels and Sacred Heart will serve as the host during the week of November 23 thru November 30, 2025. Volunteer to serve the Lord! Host sites are staffed entirely by volunteers and host one week a season. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- 30 monitoring volunteers (15 men and 15 women – at least 18 years old). Shift times daily will be 6:00 - 9:30 pm, 6:00 – 10:30 pm, 10:30 pm – 2:30am, 2:30 am – 7:00 pm. It is critical that we have monitors for each time slot as this required by WARM for us to participate in the program. Training to be provided.
- Volunteers to provide and assist with 14 meals (breakfasts, dinners & desserts) for 25 people.
- At least 6 volunteers breakdown repack the guest cots for transport at end of hosting week.
- 15 volunteers to setup Holy Angels Hall on the morning of November 23.
- Volunteers, of all ages, are needed to interact with guests and coordinate group activities from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each evening.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the Host Site Coordinator Tony Ventre at (301) 606-6315/tandtventre@comcast.net.

**PRE-LABOR DAY FESTIVAL:** St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in St. Inigoes 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.

**MCA BINGO:** MCA is hosting Bingo on Saturday evenings. Doors open at 5:00pm, Early Birds start at 6:30pm, and regular games start at 7:00pm.

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased:** Sean Campbell and Carole Dean **Sick:** Nancy Cortinovis, Terry Abell Johnson, Robin “Bertie” Guy, Daniel Quade, Paul Guy, Charles Beaver, Keith Polk, Joann Beavers, David & Barbara Hill, Robert & Diane Anderson, Virgie Banagan, Barbara Lilly and Elaine Frederick.

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

### Perceiving the Dignity of Others

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” He answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” [Luke 13:22–24](#)

The context of this passage provides insight into Jesus’ mission and His concern for each and every person. Note that Jesus was traveling toward the large and populous city of Jerusalem. But as He traveled, He passed through “towns and villages” and taught the people as He went. This might seem like a small detail, but it is also a significant one.

A city like Jerusalem was large and often had wealthy, influential, and “important” people. The less-populated towns had borders and often some form of local government. Villages were much smaller rural areas, often made up of poorer, less educated, less influential, and simpler people. One historian, Josephus, wrote that there were about 240 villages throughout Galilee at the time Jesus lived. It’s interesting to note that Jesus wanted to teach everyone. He didn’t care if they were wealthy and powerful people in the large city or peasant farmers and shepherds from the countryside. His mission was to all.

One thing this teaches us is that we, also, must have love and concern for everyone, regardless of their social status. Each and every person is equal in dignity. From the president of a large country, to the beggar in an alleyway, everyone deserves our respect and attention in an equal way.

Our fallen human nature experiences various forms of temptation. Among them are temptations for riches, power and prestige. For that reason, we tend to admire those who have obtained worldly success because we want it for ourselves. As a result, we tend to show greater respect for those who have achieved what we covet and give less attention to those who do not have that success. This, of course, goes to the heart of the problem.

When you think about the people whom you have encountered recently, what comes to mind? Perhaps your “encounter” was to read about someone’s great success in the financial world. Or perhaps it was to read about someone’s demise in another way. Perhaps a neighbor has done well and purchased a new car, or a friend got fired from a job. Whatever the case may be, it is important to consider the level of personal respect and love you show for each person. It must be equal. Worldly status cannot determine how we treat others. This is hard to avoid.

The teaching that Jesus gave to those in the towns and villages was an exhortation to holiness. “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” And at the end of today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” The latter statement must have especially resonated with those who felt somewhat insignificant and unimportant in life. Those who felt like they were “last” would have received a certain hope. This tells us that God never measures us by our successes from a worldly standpoint. He measures us only on the level of our fidelity to His holy will.

Reflect, today, upon how you look at all people. Do you see every person in the way that God sees them? Do you see everyone with equal dignity and worth? Or do you elevate those whom you envy and whose success you covet? Seek to eliminate all worldly ways of looking at others so that you will only look at others through the lens of their dignity and fidelity to the will of God.

*Lord, as You journeyed through life, You looked only at the hearts of those You encountered. You treated each person with dignity and love. Please help me to shed all temptations to see others through the eyes of the world and to show full respect to all of Your sons and daughters. Jesus, I trust in You.*