

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.

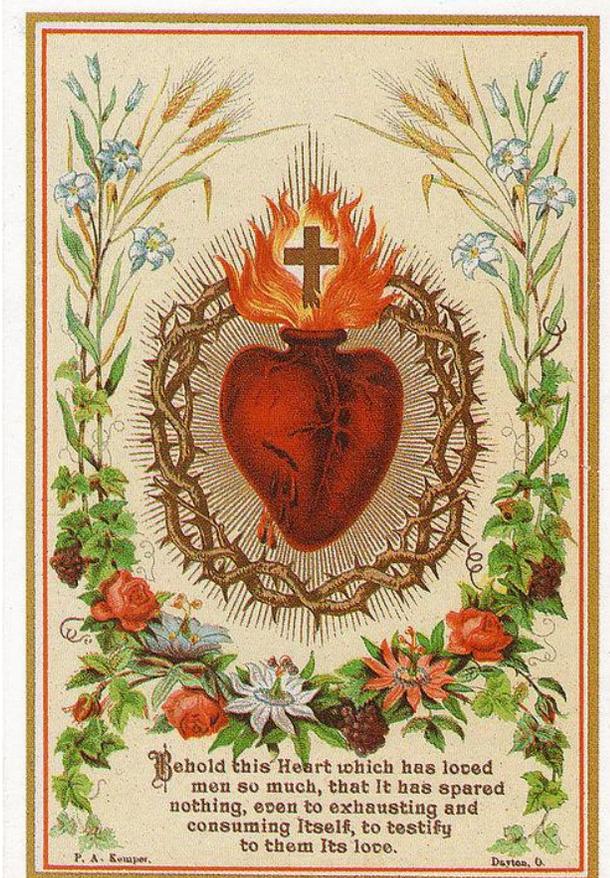
Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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 31, 2025
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Sept.	1	NO MASS	
Tues.	Sept.	2	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Sept.	3	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Sept.	4	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri.	Sept.	5	8:00 a.m.	James Woodburn
Sat.	Sept.	6	9:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
			4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Sept.	7	6:30 a.m.	Irene Spalding
			8:00 a.m.	Bert Dean
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic University of America.

NEW CEMETERY SIGN: A new sign has been put up in the cemetery in the area of the unknown graves honoring the deceased whose graves are marked with a cross.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on all of the altars were given in memory of Joseph W. Lloyd, Sr. The flowers were donated by Dec. Joe & Dale Lloyd.

\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER: The \$100 A Month Club winner for August is Jeff Pilkerton.

HAPPY LABOR DAY: Sacred Heart Parish will observe the federal Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 1st. The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, September 2nd.

FAITH DIRECT PLATFORM CHANGE: Faith Direct online giving is upgrading their platform to ParishSoft Managed Giving. This change reflects Faith Directs commitment to making generosity easier, more secure and more impactful for every member of our faith community. Those already signed up for Faith Direct will be receiving direct communication of the upgrade and that their existing information will transfer automatically. New brochures for those signing up for ParishSoft Managed Giving will be available soon.

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 Luckett 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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE MOVIE: SOMDCatholic and RC Theaters are partnering to bring the new Maximilian Kolbe movie, *Triumph of the Heart*, to the county. Mark your calendars (September 15th and 16th) to come out to RC Theaters and support this new Catholic movie! It is produced by skilled filmmakers who are trying to break the stigma of poorly made Catholic movies! Visit the home page of SOMDCatholic.org, scroll down, and click the button to secure your tickets today!

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: 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

Motivations of Love

“When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” [Luke 14:12–14](#)

This Gospel passage goes to the heart of our motivations in life. Because of our fallen human nature, we can easily do what we do for selfish reasons. We want payment for our labors and acknowledgement for our acts of kindness. We want to get ahead in life and try to elevate ourselves over others. But Jesus makes it clear that our motivation for everything we do must only be the glory of God and the love of others.

The poor, crippled, lame and blind in this passage refer to those who are in need of our love. This certainly will include friends and family. When we encounter those in need, we must offer our love, not because we get something out of it, but because it is the right thing to do. The payment we receive in this case comes directly and exclusively from God. It’s not a payment of societal recognition or praise. It’s not a payment of material things. It’s not a payment that helps us get ahead in life. It’s a payment of grace that makes us holy. This is the only motivation we should have in life—a motivation for holiness by glorifying God through our love of Him and others.

Think about your motivations in life. Why do you do what you do every day? Clearly, we all have certain responsibilities that must be met, such as earning a living, caring for the home and family, strengthening our relationships, etc. But why do you do these things? What is the source of your motivation? Is your motivation based on pure love?

When our love is pure, we are motivated to act in one way or another because we see that it is our holy duty toward God or an act that will benefit another. For example, a loving and holy parent will work hard to earn a living not because they want to get rich so as to indulge in the things of this world, but because they love and care for their family and want to provide for their material needs. Or a friend will seek to be there and listen to another friend not because it is advantageous for them, but because they love their friend and want to provide a listening ear when they need it. True love always looks at the good of the other, looking for the ways they are spiritually poor, crippled, lame and blind so that they can help them in accord with God’s will. True love always seeks to fill a void with what is needed at that moment.

The good news for us is that when our motivations are pure and selfless, looking only to glorify God and care for others, God will lavish upon us eternal rewards that begin now. We will grow rich in virtue and rich in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We will obtain joy, peace, strength, courage, love, goodness and so much more. These good things are the true riches in life and can only be bestowed by God upon a soul whose motivations in life are pure, selfless, sacrificial and merciful.

Reflect, today, upon what motivates you each and every day. Do you think more about yourself when acting or more about God and others? Hopefully you will discover within your motivation a burning desire to serve others and glorify God in everything you do. But where you do see selfishness, know that this motivation can never fulfill you. Humble yourself by turning your attention to the love of God and the needs of others, and make serving them your exclusive mission. Doing so will result in God lavishing upon you more than you could ever imagine.

My merciful Lord, You came to earth to serve, not to be served, and to give Your life to others in an act of the most pure and holy love. I open myself to that gift of Your divine love and pray that, as I receive Your love, I may love You and others in the same selfless way. Jesus, I trust in You.