

# 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.

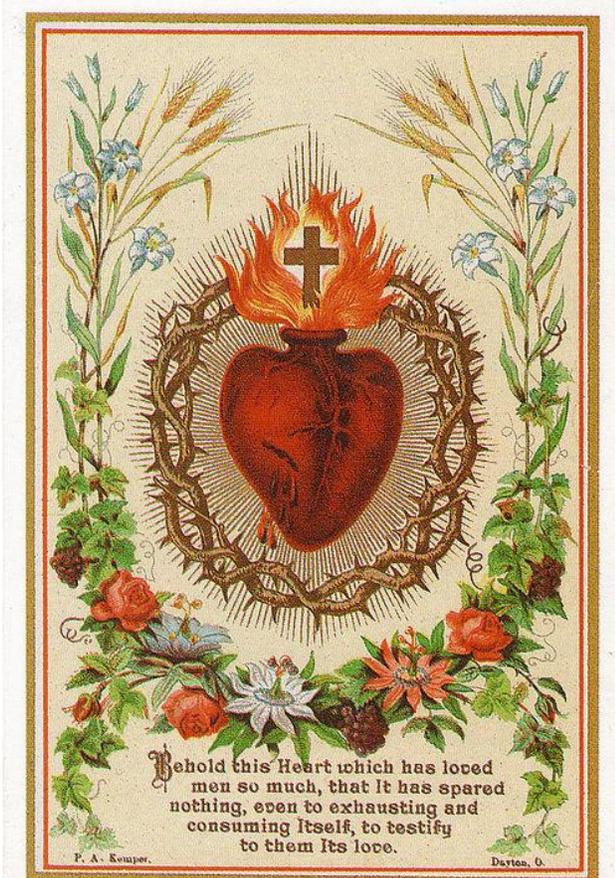
**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025*  
*24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

|        |       |    |            |                                     |
|--------|-------|----|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mon.   | Sept. | 15 | NO MASS    |                                     |
| Tues.  | Sept. | 16 | 8:00 a.m.  | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>          |
| Wed.   | Sept. | 17 | 7:00 p.m.  | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>          |
| Thurs. | Sept. | 18 | 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Ronnie &amp; Patricia Meyers</b> |
| Fri.   | Sept. | 19 | 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Joyce Spence</b>                 |
| Sat.   | Sept. | 20 | 4:30 p.m.  | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>          |
| Sun.   | Sept. | 21 | 6:30 a.m.  | <b>Walter Lacey</b>                 |
|        |       |    | 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Margaret Armstrong</b>           |
|        |       |    | 10:30 a.m. | <i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>          |

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:** Faith Formation Registration is currently open. You may register your child by going to the parish website, and selecting Faith Formation Registration, under the Faith Formation tab.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the Main Altar, Blessed Mother Altar and St. Joseph Altar were given in memory of Eleanor Quade. The flowers were donated by Kevin & Sherry 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 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our Annual October Drive-Thru Dinner will be on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Much help will be needed. More information and ways to volunteer will be included in upcoming bulletins.

**FAITH DIRECT PLATFORM CHANGE:** Faith Direct online giving has upgraded 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 their existing information will transfer automatically. New brochures for those signing up for ParishSoft Managed Giving will be available soon.

**ST. GEORGE 2025 ANNUAL CRAB CAKE DINNER:** St. George Church in Valley Lee will be having their annual Carry out (Drive Thru) Dinner on Sunday, September 14, 11:30am – 5pm or until sold out. Dinner includes 3 crab cakes, fried chicken, ham, potatoes, green beans, beets and dinner rolls. Cost is \$30. Bake Goods will also be available to purchase. St. George Catholic Church (Community Center) 19197 St. George Church Road, Valley Lee, MD. For information call 301-994-0607 or email secretary@stgeorgerc.org

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & WORSHIP NIGHT** - Join us at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 21st at St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown for an evening with Adoration, worship, reflection and Eucharistic procession. Music provided by: Fiat! Contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at (301) 475-7139. You can also visit us online at [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org).

**FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK:** Save the Date! The St. Vincent de Paul Society's (SVDP) 18th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held October 4, 2025. The goal of the Walk is to raise money to assist our neighbors with basic needs including rent, utilities, medicine and food. Starting at Father Andrew White School, the walk route goes through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post-walk brunch, music, theme baskets for a silent auction, balloons for children, and door prizes. Registration begins at 7:30 am, Walk begins at 9:00 am. The Walk is sponsored by the SVDP Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Churches. There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or donate. Donations can be made at [Friends of the Poor Walk - St. Aloysius Church - Leonardtown, MD](#) Please note that the donation is for the Walk. For further information, contact Patty Belanger at (301) 904-7990.

**SOMD CATHOLIC FAMILY FESTIVAL:** Sunday, October 12th, from 2-7PM at Cardinal Gibbons Memorial Park in Ridge, MD. We are excited to announce this day of faith, fellowship and fun! Sponsored by Bread of Life Center for Peace, the day's events include a potluck meal, activities for all ages: children's games, kickball, cornhole, pickle ball, live music, etc., and ending the day with a Eucharistic procession and rosary. This is a family, community building event for all ages. Come celebrate our vibrant Faith! All are welcome!

**GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE:** If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and trying to learn how to cope, you are encouraged to attend a 6-week Catholic-based grief support workshop "Grieving with Great Hope" (GWGH). Guided by the Holy Spirit, GWGH is presented in a DVD format that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning, and personal fellowship. Sessions will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Parish Center (28299 Old Village Rd., Mechanicsville) beginning Tuesday, September 30th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm and scheduled as follows: Tuesdays, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 and the final session on Tuesday, November 4th (which will include a special candle ceremony in the church). All participants must register to ensure we have enough people to hold this workshop. Please register at ([ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org](mailto:ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org), [NguyenP@adw.org](mailto:NguyenP@adw.org) or 301-884-3123).

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** Sick: Melvin Armstrong, Wendy Onstead, Nancy Cortinovic, 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.

#### **SEPTEMBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS**

**Blessed Mother Altar** – For the Intentions of our Teachers. Donated by Bernadette Combs

**St. Joseph Altar** – In memory of Bert Dean. Donated by Carol Dean

**Sacred Heart Altar** – In memory of John K. Armstrong. Donated by the Armstrong Family

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

### The Transforming Power of the Cross

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16–17

If Jesus would never have given His life on a cross for the salvation of the world, then a cross would never have been seen in “exultation.” A cross, in and of itself, is an instrument of death, a horrific and violent death. It’s also an instrument of humiliation and torture. Yet, today, the Cross is seen as a holy and blessed object. We hang crosses in our homes, wear them around our neck, keep them in our pocket on the end of the rosary, and spend time in prayer before them. The Cross is now an exalted image by which we turn to God in prayer and surrender. But that is only the case because it was on a cross that we were saved and brought to eternal life.

If you step back and consider the amazing truth that one of the worst instruments of torture and death is now seen as one of the holiest of images on earth, it should be awe inspiring. Comprehending this fact should lead us to the realization that God can do anything and everything. God can use the worst and transform it into the best. He can use death to bring forth life.

Though our celebration today, the “Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross,” is first and foremost a feast by which we give glory to the Father for what He did in the Person of His divine Son, it is also a feast by which we must humbly understand that God can “exalt” every cross we endure in life and bring forth much grace through them.

What is your heaviest cross? What is the source of your greatest suffering? Most likely, as you call this to mind, it is painful to you. Most often, our crosses and sufferings are things we seek to rid ourselves of. We easily point to crosses in life and blame them for a lack of happiness. We can easily think that if only this or that were to change or be removed, then our life would be better. So what is that cross in your life?

The truth is that whatever your heaviest cross is, there is extraordinary potential for that cross to become an actual source of grace in your life and in the world. But this is only possible if you embrace that cross in faith and hope so that our Lord can unite it to His and so that your crosses can also share in the exaltation of Christ’s Cross. Though this is a profoundly deep mystery of faith, it is also a profoundly deep truth of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon your own crosses. As you do, try not to see them as a burden. Instead, realize the potential within those crosses. Prayerfully look at your crosses as invitations to share in Christ’s Cross. Say “Yes” to your crosses. Choose them freely. Unite them to Christ’s Cross. As you do, have hope that God’s glory will come forth in your life and in the world through your free embrace of them. Know that these “burdens” will be transformed and become a source of exaltation in your life by the transforming power of God.

*My exalted Lord, I turn to You in my need and with the utmost faith in Your divine power to save. Please give me the grace I need to fully embrace every cross in my life with hope and faith in You. Please transform my crosses so that You will be exalted through them and so that they will become an instrument of Your glory and grace. Jesus, I trust in You.*