

# 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.

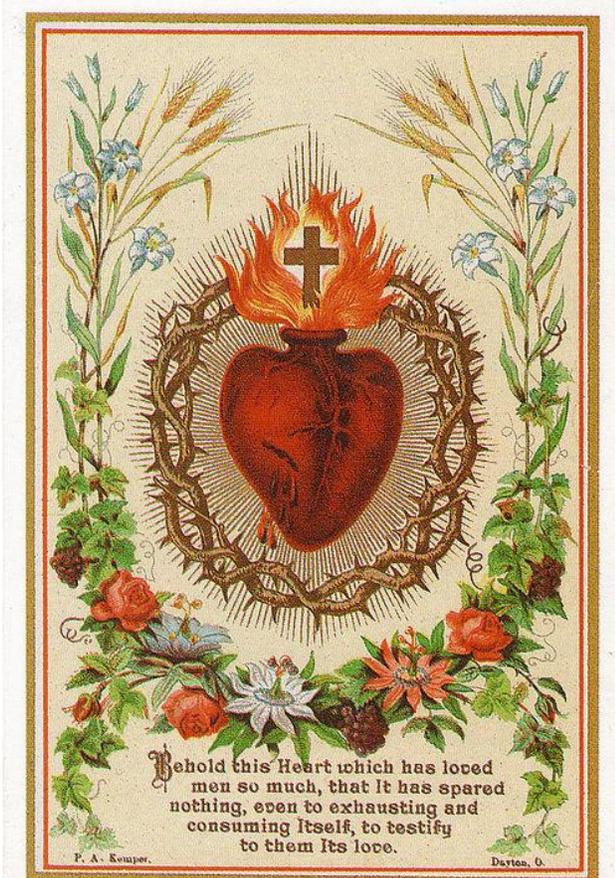
**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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 28, 2025*  
*26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.	Sept.	29	NO MASS	
Tues.	Sept.	30	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Oct.	1	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Oct.	2	8:00 a.m.	<b>Dylan Brown</b>
Fri.	Oct.	3	8:00 a.m.	<b>Ada Lacey &amp; Bertha Burroughs</b>
Sat.	Oct.	4	9:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
			4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Oct.	5	6:30 a.m.	<b>Elmer &amp; Patsy Spalding</b>
			8:00 a.m.	<b>Richard Pilkerton</b>
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

**WELCOME BACK FATHER FIELDS:** Sacred Heart parishioners would like to welcome back and thank Father Fields for celebrating our Masses this weekend while Father Golas is away.

**SACRED HEART ANNUAL OCTOBER DINNER:** Our Annual October Drive-Thru Dinner will be on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Much help will be needed. There are flyers on the tables at the entrance of the church. Please take some and post them to help advertise our dinner. Thank you.

**\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER:** The \$100 A Month Club winner for September is Rowan Guy.

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROOTS:** The Southern Maryland Roots High School Pilgrimage to historic St. Clement's Island is scheduled to take place September 26th 2026! This one-day retreat is open to 8th-12th grade students to offer an extra ordinary opportunity to encounter Christ while growing in their Catholic faith, heritage, and new friendships, making lasting memories together on this special island! The coordinating parish for this retreat is St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown. Please visit [saintaloyuschurch.org](http://saintaloyuschurch.org) or email [southernmarylandroots@gmail.com](mailto:southernmarylandroots@gmail.com) for more information on how to sign up. More information coming soon!

**“WELCOME BACK WARM”:** As you may know from our prior WARM Bulletin notices, we are once again opening our doors and hearts to those in need through the WARM (Wrapping Arms Round Many) Program at our parishes. We were not able to get our usual week in January/February and will be taking our turn during Thanksgiving Week. We know that this will take a special sacrifice on your part for you to volunteer during this holiday week. However, this ministry has been a beacon of hope for many for the 16 years here at Holy Angels and Sacred Heart. Your past support has been the key to a successful program. Your presence offers not just safety, but dignity and peace to our guests. In order for this program to be a success We'd really love to have you with us this year, especially since a number of our longtime volunteers are not able to join us any longer. Having monitors in place is a requirement for our Churches to be able to participate. A signup genius link will be posted on the Church website. In addition, a Flock note will be sent out next week which will have the available times to sign up. **Dates Needed: Sunday evening, November 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday morning, November 30<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the Host Site Coordinator at (301) 606 6315/tandtventre@comcast.net

**FALL DRIVE-THRU DINNER:** Our Lady of the Wayside in Chaptico is hosting its annual Fall Drive-Thru Dinner (formerly Apple Festival) on Sunday, October 12th at 12:00 p.m. until all dinners are sold. Dinner Menu (\$30) - Fried oysters, fried chicken, baked ham, macaroni shrimp salad, red potatoes, green beans, applesauce, and a roll. There will be apple pies and apples for sale, plus a bake sale table. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for a money raffle and a basket raffle. Cash, credit cards, and checks accepted. Our Lady of the Wayside is located at 37575 Chaptico Road, Chaptico, MD.

**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.

**CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. MARY'S:** 2026-2027 admission applications are open. Chesterton Academy is an affordable high school in the Catholic tradition. Tuition is \$9,953. The school is located at Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Mechanicsville. To enroll, please visit [www.chestertonstmarys.org/admissions/#apply-and-enroll](http://www.chestertonstmarys.org/admissions/#apply-and-enroll).

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased:** David Hill. **Sick:** Tammy Garner, Melvin Armstrong, Wendy Onstead, Nancy Cortinovic, Terry Abell Johnson, Robin “Bertie” Guy, Daniel Quade, Paul Guy, Charles Beaver, Keith Polk, Joann Beavers, 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

### Spiritual Riches

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham." Luke 16:19–22

No rational person would want to go to hell. The rich man in this parable certainly did not desire hell, but his actions led him there. Most people, however, do want to be rich in this world. In fact, many people would think it irrational *not* to desire wealth. It is very rare to find a person who chooses to live in simplicity as a means to deeper spiritual fulfillment and as a preparation for the riches of Heaven. But one clear message from our Gospel story today is that the life that Lazarus lived on earth was far better than that of the rich man. So which life do you prefer here and now? While it is true that the rich man's riches were not the exclusive cause of his eternal damnation, it is also true that his riches imposed upon him a temptation toward selfishness and indifference to the needs of others, which ended in his eternal demise.

Imagine that you won many millions of dollars. What would you do with it? As a good Christian, you might immediately profess that you would use that money for good, to help the poor and make a difference in the lives of others. What would the ideal response be to winning many millions of dollars? Would it suffice to give away ten percent and then use the rest for yourself? Probably not.

One thing that this parable teaches is that material wealth not only adds nothing of value to our eternal reward, it also adds much temptation to our lives. True, if you received a lot of money and then used that money exclusively for good in accord with God's will, that would be a holy act of charity on your part and good for your eternal soul. But doing so would be very difficult. It would be very difficult to resist the temptations that come from material wealth.

Is it good to be rich? It is certainly good to be able to take care of your basic needs in life and those of your family. Having money helps you do that. But once our basic needs have been met, the money left over is far more of a temptation than it is a blessing. We have to believe that. And if you are among those who want to become rich so that you can help others, consider this scenario. If that is your motivation, and if you did win a large amount of money, would it be possible for you to continue living the way you are living now? Imagine staying in the same home, driving the same car, having the same lifestyle, and using all the money you obtained 100% for the glory of God and the good of others. That would be hard to do. But if you could do it, not only would it be good for others, it would be exceptionally good for your own soul. Though this Gospel story has many valuable lessons in it, one of the clearest messages is that earthly poverty benefits a soul far more than earthly wealth. Many people will find that hard to accept.

Reflect, today, upon the stark contrast between Lazarus and the rich man. One dined sumptuously every day, was clothed in fine linen and purple garments and then spent eternity in the netherworld where he was tormented. The other longed to eat the scraps from another's table, had no home, was covered in sores, but spent eternity in Heaven after being carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. Choose to imitate Lazarus rather than the rich man. If you have many material possessions, work hard at being detached from them. Live simply, be generous, and never neglect those in need. If you have very little, do not covet more. Eliminate envy, don't despair, trust in the providence of God, and rejoice that, like Lazarus, you are able to build up eternal riches within your soul that will remain with you forever.

*Lord of true riches, the spiritual wealth of true virtue, charity, faith and hope are all that matters in life. Material possessions mean little in this life and are a source of many temptations. Please free me from the desire for wealth. Free me from greed, selfishness and envy. Fill me with a spirit of detachment and generosity, and help me to build up true treasure in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.*