

# 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.

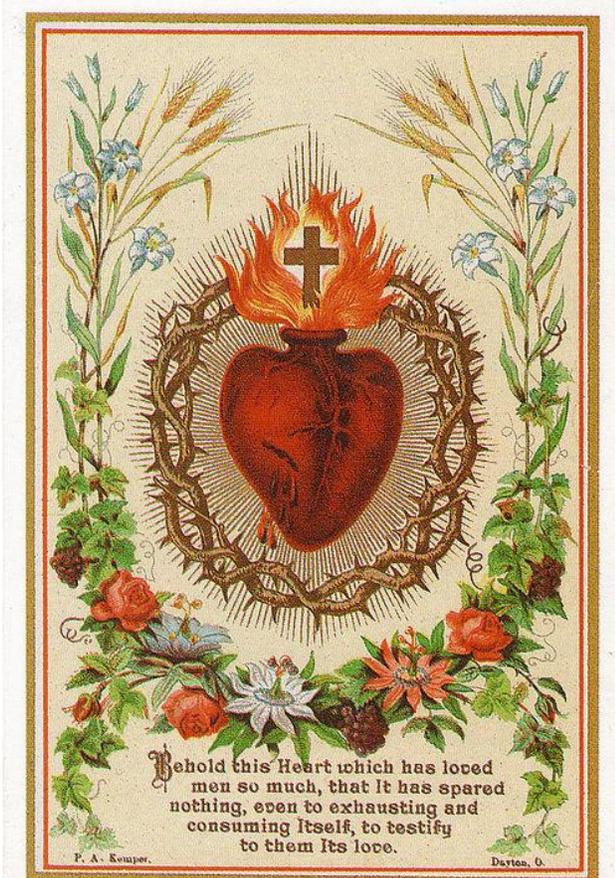
**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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, OCTOBER 12, 2025*  
*28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.	Oct.	13	NO MASS	
Tues.	Oct.	14	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Oct.	15	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Oct.	16	8:00 a.m.	<b>Margie Boyers</b>
Fri.	Oct.	17	8:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. Wayne Lickteig</b>
Sat.	Oct.	18	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Oct.	19	6:30 a.m.	<b>Rose Marie Guy &amp; Allen Goode</b>
			8:00 a.m.	<b>Arthur &amp; Joan Eckardt</b>
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday is the World Mission Sunday collection. This universal collection was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926. As Christians, we recognize our common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. The collection will be sent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

**HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY!:** Sacred Heart Parish will observe the federal Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Office will re-open at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SACRED HEART ANNUAL OCTOBER DINNER:** Our Annual October Drive-Thru Dinner will be on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The dinner schedule will be posted in next week's bulletin. 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.

**CAKE TABLE:** Please plan to bake a homemade dessert for our Cake Table. Many desserts are needed as we always sell out early. Thank you!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on all of the altars were given in memory of Rose Marie Guy and Allen Goode.

**BOXES OF JOY:** Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 1470 is once again hosting the Boxes of Joy program through Cross Catholic Outreach. Filled and collected boxes will be sent to underprivileged children in Central America and Africa. Boxes are available on the tables at the entrance of the church. Please return your boxes by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**WARM UPDATE:** Our WARM Program is progressing along quite well. However, we are still in need of Monitors, both female and male, on various dates and times during our WARM week. A Flocknote was sent out announcing the signup genius for volunteering as a Monitor which is on the Parish website. The following dates and times for which we are still in need of both male and female monitors:

11/24/25 – Female Monitor – 2:30-7:00 am

11/25/25 – Male Monitor – 10:30 pm- 2:30 am

11/26/25 – Male and Female Monitors - 2:30 – 7:00 am

11/27/25 – Male Monitor – 6:00-9:00 pm

11/28/2025 – Male Monitor – 10:30 pm – 2:30 am

11/29/2025 – Male Monitor - 2:30-7:00 am

Female Monitor – 6:00 – 10:30 pm

Female Monitor 10:30 pm – 2:30 am

11/30/2025 – Male and Female Monitors - 2:30 – 7:00 am

It is critical for the success of the program for us to have Monitors in place during the above dates and times. It would be greatly appreciated if you could sign up for one of these time slots.

In addition, we do have the evening meals scheduled but we are still seeking donations of food, supplies, and other essentials to support our guests during our WARM host week. Sign up to donate specific items here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AA8AC2FA2FD0-57906766-warm>

If you prefer to donate money to help buy supplies or offset our utility expenses, please donate through Holy Angels Church and mark it “WARM donation”. Every contribution—large or small—helps us wrap our arms around those in need. Thank you for being part of this mission of mercy.

**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 [saintaloyiuschurch.org](http://saintaloyiuschurch.org) or email [southernmarylandroots@gmail.com](mailto:southernmarylandroots@gmail.com) for more information on how to sign up. More information coming soon!

**QUO VADIS ST. CLEMENT’S ISLAND EXCURSION:** High-school age young men are invited to a Quo Vadis Excursion on **Sunday, October 19, 2025, on St. Clement’s Island**, St. Mary’s County, Maryland. Our excursion will include a short ferry boat ride (ticket provided) to St. Clement’s Island, Mass, a tour of the historic lighthouse, a picnic lunch, sports games and maybe even swimming! There is no charge for this excursion, but registration is required. **Please register no later than October 13.** Also, for participants younger than 18, please remember that you are not fully registered unless we have your parental permission slip. To register go to [dcpriest.org](http://dcpriest.org), scroll to the bottom of page under events and click on Quo Vadis St. Clement’s Island Excursion.

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: 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, Buddy & Virgie Banagan, Barbara Lilly and Elaine Frederick.

#### **OCTOBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS**

**Blessed Mother Altar** – In memory of Frankie Bowles. Donated by Mary Jane Bowles.

**St. Joseph Altar** – In memory of Edward & Agnes Ridgell. Donated by Mary Jane Bowles.

**Sacred Heart Altar** – In memory of Louis & Daniel Ridgell. Donated by Mary Jane Bowles.

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

### Praying for More than Our Needs

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" [Luke 17:11-13](#)

This story begins very well for all ten of these lepers. For nine of them, it ends tragically. For one, it ends in an even better and more glorious way than it began.

The lepers represent us all. Their illness was a symbol of all sin and the consequences of sin. When the disease began, the lepers began to experience the effects of their disease. Discolored and thick dry skin, sores, and rashes would set in. Once detected, each leper was removed from the community to stop the spread of the disease and was only free to associate with other lepers. They no longer could gather freely with their loved ones as the lepers entered isolation and shame. Analogously, all sin has similar effects. Sin causes pain within our souls as we discover the growing wounds it causes. Sin affects our relationships and our ability to freely relate to those whom we love.

The initial cure for sin is simple. We cry out, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!" But that is only the first step. By curing the lepers, Jesus was showing us that He had power over our sin. He could forgive us and will forgive us when we seek His mercy. But forgiveness will end in tragedy if it does not lead us to faith and to a following of the will of God with zeal and determination. If we take the forgiveness of sins for granted, then we will be in an even more miserable state than before. The nine lepers who failed to return and give thanks to God represent those who do not convert their lives when touched by God's merciful hand.

This story highlights the importance of our response to God when He does touch us. We must glorify God with a loud voice, fall on our knees before Him and express our deepest gratitude. When the one leper does this, Jesus says to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." That mercy from our Lord was a mercy that touched his soul. It imparted the gift of faith and enabled this man to go forth and be healed with eternal graces.

Too often we turn to God in prayer only when we have a problem. Then, once the problem is taken care of, we pay little to no attention to our Lord. God's role in our lives is not to fix our problems so that we can then go about our daily lives as normal. His mercy must evoke ongoing and profound gratitude. Gratitude to God is nothing other than an acknowledgement of the truth. We owe everything to God. Without Him, we are nothing. We are dead in our sins. Just one leper realized this and was blessed with the gift of faith that saved not only his body, but also his soul.

Reflect, today, upon the ways in which you turn to God in prayer. It is good to come to Him with your needs and problems. It is good to cry out "Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!" It is good to come to Him as the Physician of your soul and the source of healing you need. But that is not enough. In fact, if you stop there in your life of prayer, you will end in a most miserable state. You will be using God for your selfish advantage. Reflect upon whether you are able to take the next and most important step in faith. Do you come to Him when all is well? Do you praise Him with all your might for all that He has done for you? Do you fall on your knees before Him with the deepest gratitude in your heart? Reflect upon your prayer and seek to imitate this one leper. If you do, your faith will also save you and our Lord will invite you to rise and go forth, healed in the truest way possible.

*Most merciful Lord, You are able to do all things. You are able to heal all my wounds, forgive my sins and solve every problem I encounter. As I cry out to You in my need, please do heal me. In response, may I always turn back to You with the deepest gratitude and praise so that my faith in You will grow and my love for You will truly flourish. Jesus, I trust in You.*