

# 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.

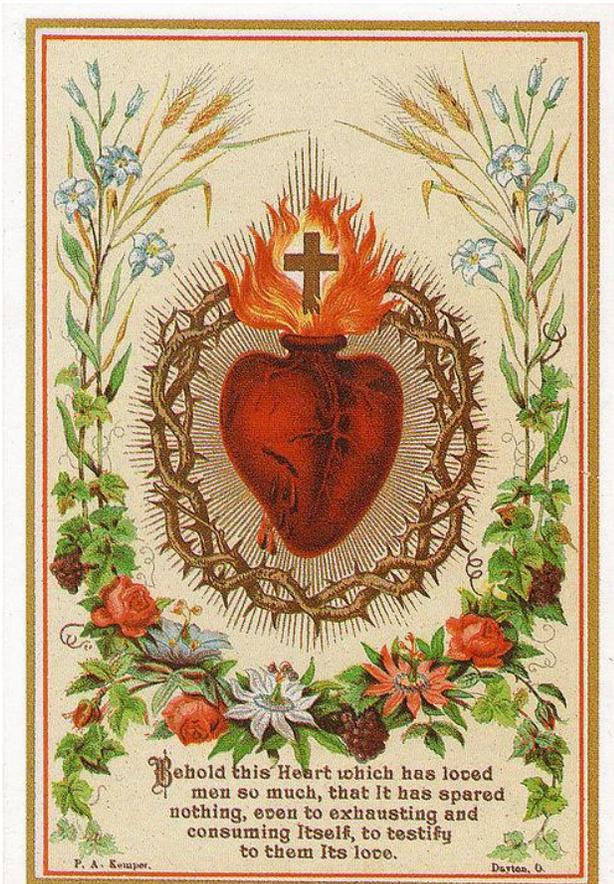
**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.	Oct.	27	NO MASS	
Tues.	Oct.	28	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Oct.	29	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Oct.	30	8:00 a.m.	<b>Lucy Ada Wood</b>
Fri.	Oct.	31	8:00 a.m.	<b>Howard Lacey</b>
Sat.	Nov.	1	9:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
			4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Nov.	2	6:30 a.m.	<b>Frankie Bowles</b>
			8:00 a.m.	<b>Margaret Quick</b>
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

**CAKE TABLE:** Please drop your dessert off at the tent in front of the church on Sunday morning. Thank you for your donation!

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, The Feast of All Saints, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS:** Please join us after the Masses next Sunday to welcome Fr. Oberle with coffee and donuts.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED:** The Annual Mass for the Deceased will be offered on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish. The Mass intention is for the happy repose of the souls of Sacred Heart parishioners, Holy Angels parishioners, and those interred at Sacred Heart Cemetery who passed away this past year.

**"FALLING BACK" NEXT SUNDAY:** Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were given in memory of Howard Lacey. Donated by the Lacey Family.

**OUR ANNUAL FALL DINNER** is today, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11 a.m. Cost is \$30 cash or check only. If you are able to volunteer, please come out, no experience necessary.

**Sunday**            **7:30 a.m.**            **All kitchen help report in.**  
**10/26**            **8-8:30 a.m.**            **Carry-out help needed to package cole slaw & prepare carry-out.**

**Monday**            **6:00 p.m.**            **Help needed to finalize hall cleanup.**  
**10/27**

**\$100 A MONTH CLUB WINNER:** The \$100 A Month Club winner for October is Jonathan Clarke.

**ADVENT TREE:** A yearly tradition here at Sacred Heart is to put up an Advent Tree with the names of children in our community that are in need of clothes and toys for Christmas. If you know of a family who needs help in providing their children with presents for Christmas, please submit their names, clothing sizes, or toy information by calling Sharon Cullins at 703-589-2211. Names must be submitted by **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**WELCOME BACK WARM UPDATE:** Dear fellow parishioners we are still in need of Monitors, both female and male, on various dates and times during our WARM week. As previously noted, 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 – 10:30 pm -7:00 am  
11/25/25 – Male Monitor – 10:30 pm- 2:30 am; 2:30 am – 7:00 am  
11/26/25 – Male and Female Monitors - 2:30 – 7:00 am  
11/27/25 – Male Monitor – 6:00-9:00 pm  
11/28/25 – Male Monitor – 10:30 pm – 2:30 am  
11/29/25 – Male Monitor - 2:30-7:00 am  
                    Female Monitor – 6:00 – 10:30 pm  
                    Male Monitor - 10:30 pm – 2:30 am  
11/30/25 – 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 at <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".

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Deceased:** Tammy Dean Garner. **Sick:** 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, Elaine Frederick and J.F. Williams.

#### **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

### Humility in Prayer

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.’” Luke 18:10–11

What a sad prayer. Of course, it wasn't even a prayer to God since the Pharisee “spoke this prayer to himself.” The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that the tax collector “stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” Which prayer more resembles your own prayer? To honestly answer that question, let's examine both prayers. First of all, the contrast of these two prayers is a contrast between humility and pride. The Pharisee was clearly full of pride. Pride blinds us from true self-knowledge. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness. The sin of pride is obvious in the prayer of the Pharisee and, therefore, his lack of true self-knowledge is also evident. Note that even his physical posture of standing depicts pride. Throughout the Scriptures, kneeling, or even falling prostrate, is the disposition of the humble. In addition to standing, the Pharisee's prayer was a list of his own goodness. He very well may have fasted twice a week and paid tithes on his whole income. But his prayer suggests that he did this by his own effort. He did not ascribe those acts to the grace and strength of God, which means they were not true acts of charity. His prayer suggests that he doesn't need God in order to do good. This is also seen in the fact that he asks nothing of God. Instead, he simply thanks God for how good he is through his own effort. The result is that God gives him nothing, since he asked for nothing. True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God's grace. Truth be told, he wasn't worthy of it. That's why God's grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn't deserve mercy but begs for God's grace as an act of God's mercy. When you pray, how do you pray? What is the disposition of your heart and for what do you pray? Begin by considering the physical position in which you pray. Though we can pray standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down, there is something very good about kneeling or even lying prostrate. It doesn't mean we have to do so the entire time we pray, but it is a good practice to kneel, bow your head or fall down prostrate before God at least for a moment each day. Do you do this? If not, consider making this a daily habit. When you pray, do you begin your prayer with humility? We begin the Mass by examining our conscience and confessing our sins. This is a good example of how to begin your prayer every time you pray. Humble yourself by calling to mind your sins and weaknesses. Confess them to God and acknowledge the fact that, because of your sins, you are unworthy of God's mercy. Humility like this will help you to see yourself as God sees you, and this will help you open yourself to the grace you need from God to grow in holiness. Reflect, today, upon the humility found in the prayer of this tax collector. As you do, look at your own practice of prayer and discern whether you imitate this tax collector's disposition and prayer. Try to commit to physically humbling yourself before our Lord every day. Kneel, bow your head, or fall down prostrate every day. When you do pray, beg for mercy as one who doesn't deserve anything from God. This is the humble truth on which all prayer must be based. The more you can humble yourself this way, the more God will lift you up and pour forth His mercy upon you.

*O God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I bow before You, most glorious and merciful God. I offer You my praise and gratitude for Your abundant mercy in my life. I am not worthy of You and Your grace, but You bestow it anyway. For that I thank You with profound gratitude and beg for the ongoing gift of Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.*