

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.

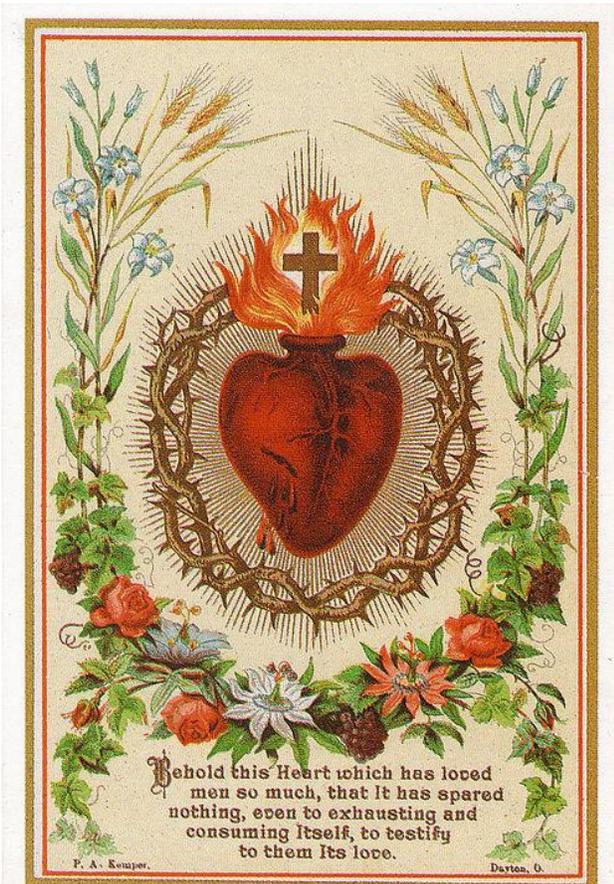
Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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, NOVEMBER 2, 2025
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Nov.	3	NO MASS	
Tues.	Nov.	4	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Nov.	5	8:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Nov.	6	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Fri.	Nov.	7	8:00 a.m.	John & Shirley Lacey
			7:00 p.m.	Mass for the Deceased
Sat.	Nov.	1	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Nov.	2	6:30 a.m.	Parishioners of S.H. & H.A.
			8:00 a.m.	George & Alice McWilliams
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

COFFEE AND DONUTS: Please join us after the Mass today to welcome Fr. Oberle with coffee and donuts.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped to make our Fall Dinner a huge success! We couldn't have done it without the tireless efforts of our wonderful volunteers.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next Sunday is the Archdiocese of Washington Retired Priests Collection. Most retired priests help out at parishes and some assist in specialized ministries. This Archdiocesan collection provides financial support to all of our retired priests and helps them live their retirement in dignity.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED: The Annual Mass for the Deceased will be offered on Friday, November 7th 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.

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 21st**.

BOXES OF JOY DUE NEXT SUNDAY: Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 1470 hosted the Boxes of Joy program through Cross Catholic Outreach. Please return your box to the church on or before next Sunday, November 9th.

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: Sick: Bernard Cullins, 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.

NOVEMBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – In memory of Lucile Doepkens. Donated by Satch & Carol Ann Hall.

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

Sacred Heart Altar – In memory of Mark Bailey. Donated by Satch & Carol Ann Hall.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Commemorating All Souls

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.” John 6:40

Yesterday's Solemnity of All Saints gave us an opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that there are countless people who have gone before us who are now enjoying the glories of Heaven. These faithful souls lived lives that were grounded in God's grace and have been fully purified of all sin. They now gaze at our good God face-to-face.

Today, we commemorate the fact that many who die in a state of grace are not immediately ready to stand before the glorious throne of God and see Him face-to-face. The only way this is possible is if every sin and every attachment to sin is purged from our souls. We must have nothing but pure charity alive within us if we are to enter the eternal glories of Heaven. But how many people die in such a state?

The Church, in her wisdom and holiness, has taught clearly through the centuries that when a person passes from this world to the next while still attached to less serious sin, they need to be fully purified in order to enter Heaven. This is Purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (#1030–31a).

For some, Purgatory can be a frightening and even confusing thought. Why doesn't God, in His infinite mercy, simply take all our loved ones who followed Him straight to Heaven? The answer is simple. He does! And the path for them to Heaven is this incredible mercy of their final purification.

Purification of all attachment to sin within our soul is a mercy beyond what we can imagine. Through this final purification, God prepares the holy souls who have died for an eternity of joy. But this purification is necessary because God, in His love, does not want any soul to live eternally with even a minor attachment to sin. God wants us all free. The truth is that every sin on our soul, even the smallest one, is reason enough for us to be excluded from Heaven. So Purgatory must be seen as a final mercy from God by which He lifts every last burden that keeps us from perfect love, so that our eternity will be one of utmost freedom and ecstasy. God wants us to be filled only with the purity of love forever. Thus, upon our death, we are graced to enter into a final and intense purification of every minor sin, so that when we see God in all His glory, we will see Him with the perfection to which we are called. Purgatory is a gift, a grace, a mercy. It will be painful to go through in the same way that overcoming any sin is painful. But the good fruit of freedom from sin makes every final purification we must endure worth it a hundredfold and more.

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual truth that God wants you to be a saint. If you are among those few who die in a state in which you are purified from every sin, then be assured that you have already completed your purgatory on earth. But if you or your loved ones are among the many who still hold some minor attachment to sin at the time of death, then rejoice that God is not done with you yet. Anticipate with much gratitude the final purification that awaits and look forward to the freedom that ultimately comes from that purification.

My merciful Lord, You desire that my soul and the souls of all your faithful be purified of every sin, even the smallest imperfection. I thank You for the mercy of Purgatory and pray that I will continually work toward that purification here and now. I pray, also, for all those who have gone before me and are still in need of these purifying fires. Pour forth Your mercy upon them so that they may be counted among the saints in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.