

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.

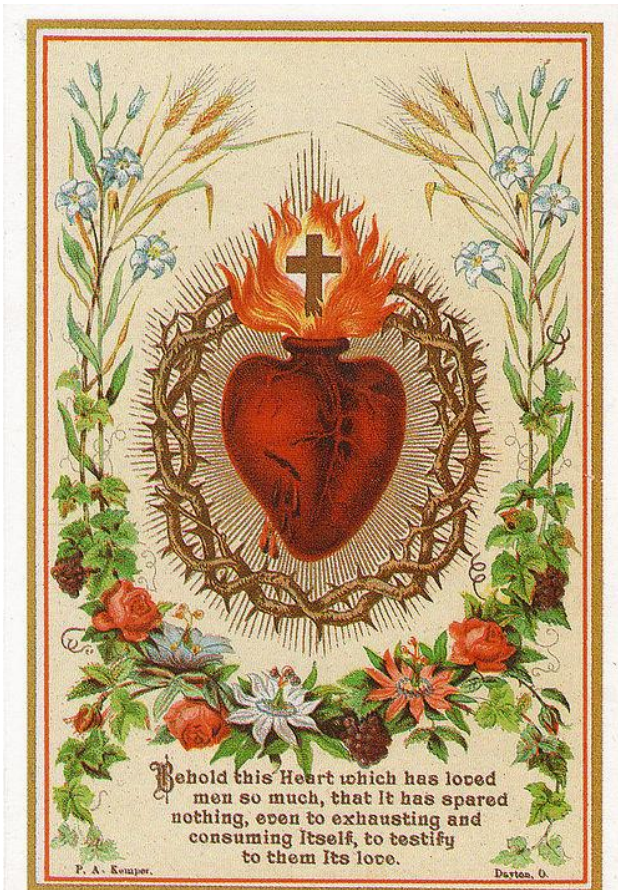
Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 – 7:50 a.m. and Friday 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

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, APRIL 19 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Apr.	20	NO MASS	
Tues.	Apr.	21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Apr.	22	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Apr.	23	8:00 a.m.	Robert & Angela Menotti
Fri.	Apr.	24	8:00 a.m.	Jackson Hall
Sat.	Apr.	25	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Apr.	26	6:30 a.m.	Joseph & Eleanor Quade
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of S.H. & H.A.
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: Next Sunday's second collection is the national Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the US in 85 home mission Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Appeal funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups

FOOD FOR THE POOR NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday is Food for the Poor Sunday. Please leave your donation of non-perishable food in the box by the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The celebration of First Holy Communion for children from Sacred Heart will take place on Sunday, May 3rd, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart. please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

SACRED HEART CEMETERY REMINDER: Lawn cutting season has begun. **All flag poles, solar lights, and any other items placed in the ground are not permitted.** Please remove all Easter decorations by **Sunday, April 19th**. Artificial flowers may remain as long as they are securely in the vases that are attached to the tombstone or in saddles that are attached to the top of the upright tombstones. Thank you for your cooperation.

KALNASY CONCERT SERIES: A Voice/Piano Recital will be held on Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 pm in St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown. Featuring Fr. David Beaubien tenor/piano, Janis Nowlan piano, with visiting Riverside Brass Quartet Selections include sacred and spiritual songs, Debussy, Brahms, 250th USA Anniversary brass medley.

HOLY ANGELS SACRED HEART VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are excited to announce that our church will be hosting Illumination Station Vacation Bible School this summer! Registration is now open on our website, <https://myvbs.org/holy-angels-sacred-heart-vbs-2026>. Registration is required for all children, teens and adult volunteers. This year we will shine a light on who Jesus really is and show how he is the light of the world! For anyone wishing to assist who are unable to attend, please consider donating. Please reach out to the VBS Director for more information, Amy Williams 301-904-5416 or by email at miaandkyle11@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing your children this summer!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & WORSHIP NIGHT: Join us on Sunday, April 26th, 5 to 6:30 pm at St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, Prayer, and Procession. Music provided by: Fiat! Contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH ANNUAL DRIVE THRU DINNER: On Sunday, May 3rd from 12 noon until 2:30pm, ICC will be holding their annual drive thru dinner. The menu includes: fried chicken, crab balls, ham, shrimp salad, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and chunky applesauce. Price is \$30 per dinner. You can pre-order and pre-pay by going to ICChurchMD.org/annual-parish-dinner-may and then click "Parish Dinner". Orders must be made by Wednesday, April 29th.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL OF PERPETUAL ADORATION FUNDRAISING GALA: Join us for the St. Mary's Chapel of Perpetual Adoration Fundraising Gala on Friday, May 8, 2026, from 6:00–10:00pm at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Enjoy an elegant evening featuring dinner, open bar, string quartet, auction, and live entertainment by the priest band, *Upon This Rock* — all in support of building our new Perpetual Adoration Chapel to serve Southern Maryland. This will be the first free-standing Perpetual Adoration Chapel ever built in the Archdiocese of Washington! Consider a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dedicate a stained glass window in your family's or loved one's name. Learn more and reserve your tickets today to be part of this joyful night helping bring perpetual adoration to our community! www.StMarysChapel.net

SOMD CATHOLIC: Explore SOMD Catholic (www.SOMDCatholic.org), created to help unite and support our Catholic community in Southern Maryland. From Mass times and parish events to Bible studies and spiritual resources, everything you need is gathered in one easy-to-use site. Stay connected—join our Flocknote for weekly updates on Catholic events and opportunities near you!

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Jeff Pilkerton, Patsy Quade, Wendy Buckler, Henry Friess, Jr., Amanda Koenig, Heather Hubenschmidt, Leroy Russell, Nancy Cortinovic, Bernard Cullins, Melvin Armstrong, Wendy Onstead, Terry Abell Johnson, Paul Guy, Keith Polk, Joann Beavers, Barbara Hill, Diane Anderson, Buddy & Virgie Banagan, Barbara Lilly and Elaine Frederick.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dispelling Confusion

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. Luke 24:13–16

These two disciples were overwhelmed by grief and bewildered by the events that had taken place. As they walked the seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they expressed their sadness and confusion. Jesus, Whom they had hoped “would be the one to redeem Israel,” was brutally tortured and crucified before their eyes. After His death, He was buried, and that very morning they heard reports from some of the women, as well as Peter and John, that His body was missing from the tomb. What’s more, the burial cloth was neatly rolled up in the tomb, and the women informed the disciples that they saw “a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.” The two did not know what to think.

As the story unfolds, Jesus appeared to them as they walked and conversed with them, “but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” Jesus’ hidden presence teaches us that He is often with us, in our midst, yet we do not recognize Him. Distractions, trials, or our own misconceptions can dull our spiritual senses. We often fail to perceive His presence in the Eucharist, the Scriptures, the Church, during our prayer, and in one another.

Jesus’ loving rebuke of these two disciples was intended to wake them up: “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” Every time we stumble from spiritual blindness, which leads to confusion, our Lord lovingly says the same to us. We must take that rebuke with humility, acknowledging our blindness and inability to perceive His constant presence.

Jesus then “interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.” This opening of their minds to the spiritual Gift of Understanding is key. By humbly acknowledging our spiritual blindness and the foolish way we often go about our daily lives, we dispose ourselves to this precious gift. The Gift of Understanding cannot be acquired by our own effort. Only after we honestly humble ourselves before God will He open our minds to all we need to know and understand.

Once they arrived in Emmaus and invited this divine Stranger to stay with them for the night, Jesus agreed. As they dined, “while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.” The Lord Himself, the great High Priest, gave them the Eucharist, and suddenly “their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.”

Though our Lord vanished from their sight, He remained with them, as He does with us today. His presence in the Eucharist is His True Presence, His Divine Essence. By revealing Himself in the Scriptures and the Breaking of the Bread, He teaches us that He is always with us in His Word and in the Sacraments. We consume His Word through daily meditation, study, and the teachings of the Church. His True Presence is with us when we attend Mass and participate in the Sacraments.

Reflect today on the initial confusion of these two disciples, filled with sorrow and bewilderment as they grappled with recent events. Contrast this with the growth in faith they likely experienced in the months and years ahead. Little by little, they grew in understanding and belief, allowing their misconceptions about who the Messiah would be—not a political leader, but the Savior of the World—to be dispelled. Whenever you face confusion, turn to the example of these disciples and learn from the lessons taught through them. Seek Christ in His Word and Sacraments, trusting that He will dispel doubts and guide you to greater faith.

Ever-present Lord, please humble me so that I turn more fully to You, hearing Your voice and recognizing Your presence. When I am confused or uncertain, please intervene and open my mind to You and to Your Truth so that I will believe with all my heart and follow wherever You lead. Jesus, I trust in You.