

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.

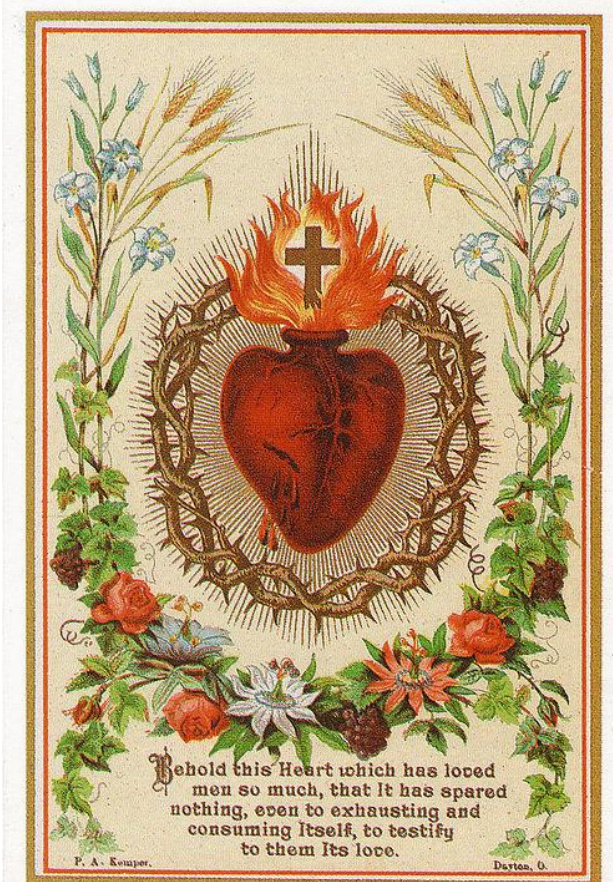
Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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, MAY 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	May	4	8:00 a.m.	Garner “Butch” Morgan
Tues.	May	5	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	May	6	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	May	7	8:00 a.m.	Margie Boyers
Fri.	May	8	8:00 a.m.	John G. Lacey, Sr.
Sat.	May	9	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	May	10	6:30 a.m.	Lucille Doepkens
			8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of S.H. & H.A.
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE: Mass will now be offered on Mondays, at 8am at Sacred Heart Church.

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart students who are receiving their First Holy Communion today: Kaylee Bartz, Kali Pilkerton, Bodey Small, Brockton Small, Adrienne Yuricich and Daniel Yuricich. May God’s Blessings be with each of you.

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

MAY ALTARS: May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. We invite families to create a May Altar to honor our Blessed Mother and display it in the Sacred Heart Hall. Altars may be set up on Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th from 12pm – 7pm. Altars will be on display for public viewing on Saturday, May 9th, 12pm – 7pm, Sunday, May 10th after the 6:30am Mass until 12pm, and Monday, May 11th, 10am – 4pm. There will be a special drawing on Monday at 4pm for an Immaculate Heart of Mary statue which was graciously donated in memory of Margie Boyers.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Main Altar were given in memory of Frankie Bowles. The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar were given in memory of Agnes Ridgell. The flowers on the St. Joseph Altar were given in memory of Edward Ridgell. The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar were given in memory of Louis and Daniel Ridgell. The flowers were donated by Mary Jane Bowles.

CARENET PREGNANCY CENTER OF SOUTHERN MD: Baby Bottles will be available at the entrance of the church next weekend. Please consider taking one home and returning them on or before Sunday, June 21st, Father's Day, filled with change or a donation in support of CARENET!

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!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH ANNUAL DRIVE THRU DINNER: Today, 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.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH MEMORIAL MASS: The St. Mary's Youth Memorial will hold a Mass of Remembrance at the Memorial on Saturday, May 16 at 11 am led by Fr. Scott Holmer of Holy Face Church. The Rosary will be said at 10:15. The Memorial is located at 20016 Point Lookout Rd, Great Mills, MD, 20634. All are welcome to support those who lost loved ones at an early age. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at Holy Face Church.

MCA PRESENTS MADAGASCAR: Join us for a wild adventure as Mother Catherine Academy presents Madagascar – A Musical Adventure Jr.! Get ready to "Move It, Move It" with Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, and Gloria the Hippo as they escape from the Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the island of Madagascar. Filled with high-energy music, hilarious characters, and a heartwarming message about friendship, this is a show the whole family will love. The first show will be on May 15th. Doors open at 6:30PM and the show starts at 7:00PM. The second show is on May 16th. Doors open at 12:30PM and the show starts at 1:00PM. Concessions will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$8 each.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS: Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery on Monday, May 25th at 10:00am. Fr. David Beaubien, celebrant. Commemorative reading of the faithful departed will begin at 9:15am. The Cemetery is located in Helen, MD on Dr. Johnson Road adjacent to Mother Catherine Academy (Route 238). An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort, so Mass will be held rain or shine. For more info., call (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766

REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick: Mark Norris, 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.

MAY VOTIVE INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Altar – In memory of Shirley Lacey, given by Bernadette & Bennie Combs.

St. Joseph Altar – In memory of Tommy & Marie Combs, given by Bernadette & Bennie Combs.

Sacred Heart Altar – In memory of John Lacey, given by Bernadette & Bennie Combs.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Way to the Father

“Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:4–6

In addition to His parables and moral teachings, Jesus revealed to His disciples deep mysteries in a direct way that they did not immediately comprehend, especially when He spoke to the Twelve in intimate settings, such as the Last Supper, the context for today’s Gospel. In this discourse, Jesus explains, in veiled form, that He will soon ascend into Heaven where He will prepare a place for His followers. He explains that because they know Him, they know the way to where He is going—the way to the Father—because He Himself is that Way. As Jesus spoke these mysterious truths, we can imagine the Twelve listening attentively, yet with confusion.

Everything Jesus taught was true. His words, recorded in the Gospels, reveal to us the deepest divine mysteries. Within the Scriptures, we find all we need to know to attain perfect holiness and the eternal life of Heaven. Yet we cannot quickly digest Jesus’ words as we might an intriguing novel or history book. There are many layers of depth to what He says, and we can only understand those layers through prayer.

As the conversation continued, “Philip said to him, ‘Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (John 14:8–9).

Jesus’ response likely surprised Philip and the other disciples because they did not understand what He was saying. Their intention was good—they wanted to understand—but Jesus’ words were more than they could comprehend at that moment. Despite this, Jesus gently rebuked Philip as a way of drawing him deeper into the mystery He was revealing.

God often treats us the same way. There are many things that we do not understand. Why do innocent people suffer? Why doesn’t God heal my loved one in answer to my prayers? Why do my children no longer practice the faith? What am I supposed to do with my life?

Just as Philip struggled to understand Jesus’ words, we, too, face moments of confusion when God’s ways seem beyond our grasp. God’s answer to life’s most challenging questions is rarely straightforward or immediate. Why? Because such an approach can never fully satisfy the depth of our hearts. Instead, God reveals a kernel of truth to us and then invites us to ponder it, revealing the divine mystery we seek to understand little by little, to the degree we are open.

The answers we seek come only as we conform our wills to God’s, patiently opening ourselves to His Wisdom. Divine mysteries can only be understood through prayer and deep attentiveness to the truths in God’s mind. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Only by uniting ourselves to Him in prayer will we discover the path we must walk, the truth we need to hear, and the life we are called to live.

Reflect today on anything you struggle to understand. See yourself as one of the Twelve, listening to Jesus speak, but failing to comprehend. Do not be discouraged; instead, allow the fullness of Jesus’ divine Truth to sink in gradually. Spend time in prayer, read the Gospels, be open, and listen from the depths of your heart. Seek out His gentle voice and know that He is your Way, Truth, and Life. Let Him lead you and reveal to you the mysteries of His divine Wisdom so that you, too, know the way to the Father in Heaven.

Most glorious Lord, everything You have revealed to us is pure truth, yet my mind is often incapable of fully comprehending Your Wisdom. Draw me into the many mysteries You wish to reveal, and teach me to pray so that I will more fully comprehend the way to You and to Your Father in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.