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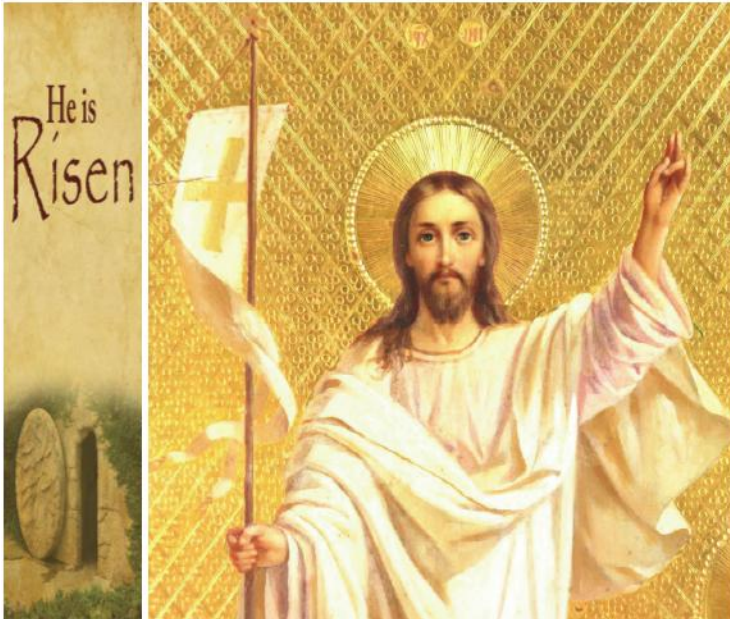
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM
Thursday 6:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM

CONFESSION

Thursday 5:00-5:45 PM
Saturday 7:15-7:50 AM, 3:30-4:15 PM

ADORATION (in the Adoration Chapel)

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00AM-10:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Infant baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays. Parents are asked to attend a class on Baptism prior to the celebration. Please call the Parish Office for information.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES for sacramental sponsors can be issued only to registered & active members of the parish. Please call the office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please call the Parish Office at least 12 months prior to the date of the intended wedding. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans. Pre-Cana conferences are mandatory and are available several times a year.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to notify us about admission to a hospital or extended confinement to one's home.

COMMUNION TO SICK AND SHUT-INS: Call the Parish Office if someone is unable to attend Mass. Communion is taken to the sick and homebound on First Fridays and at other arranged times.

BABYSITTERS are on duty at 10:30am Mass in church basement.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Due by MONDAY @ noon.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Adults interested in learning more about the faith or becoming Catholic may join this program of formation and instruction. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be placed in the sanctuary for special occasions or in memory of a loved one. Call Deborah Breon at 717-986-1959 for details.

SCRIP: This is a successful program earning Seven Sorrows rebate money on all your gift card purchases. Each card you buy is purchased at face value. The rebates we receive are placed into a scholarship fund to help offset tuition and fees. Cards are available after Masses (excluding 6:00PM). Inventory also available in the parish office (Mon. 11am-4pm, Tues./Wed. 9am-4pm, Thurs. 11am-4pm and Fri. 9am-1pm) For more information, contact Lisa Fortunato (lfortunato@ssbvm.org).

PRAYER CHAIN: Need prayers? Reach out to our Prayer Chain coordinator, Donna Jennings at 717-566-3184 or via email at djennings2095@comcast.net.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Beginning this Wednesday, the Cardinals of the Church will begin voting to elect a new pope. This event is called a Papa; Conclave. There are 252 cardinals, of whom 135 are younger than 80 and are eligible to vote. In order to be elected, it is NOT a simple majority. Two-thirds of cardinals will need to vote in a new pope.

How long will it take?

Pope Francis was elected in just two days after five voting sessions. That is rather quick. Pope Benedict XVI was also elected after just two days and four ballots.



A new regulation was put into effect in recent times, and if after 33 votes (which would take 13 days), a runoff between the two leading candidates would be held. So, it probably wouldn't go longer than two weeks at the most.

It probably won't take that long, though, at all. The two longest conclaves in recent history lasted just five days. Pope John Paul II was elected in two days as well.

So, what direction will the Cardinals go?

There are many names that have been mentioned. There are "celebrity" candidates and "dark Horse" candidates. Some may be well-known, and some will be little known. Some will be considered "liberal" or "conservative" by the media.

In any case, don't listen to prognosticators. Everyone who knows the Vatican or the inside-Church world has a favorite. But they don't really have an informed opinion on who will win. There are 135 cardinals, of whom many are new, and are from places far and wide.

Pope Francis made a concerted decision to appoint Cardinals from all over the world, which is awesome, because the Church is world-wide. But it is hard for the Cardinals to know each other that way. In previous times, when most Cardinals were from Italy and Europe, they all knew each other (or about each other). That is not the case now.

In fact, the Cardinals voted to start the conclave later this year because they needed the time to get to know each other better.

You may think that because 80% of the voting-age cardinals have been chosen by Pope Francis, that the next pope will be like

Francis. It is possible, but it is also possible that he is different. In fact, ALL of the cardinals who elected Pope Francis were chosen by either Pope Benedict (67 of them) or Pope JPII (48 of them). Most would consider Francis very different from those two popes. So the makeup of the electorate does not necessarily mean that the next pope will be one way or the other.

Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry

The popular phrase of St. Padre Pio is probably really good here. The Church will be shepherded by a new vicar of Christ in a few days, and we will all pray for him at Mass every day. It will become as familiar as, "Francis, our Pope, and Timothy, our Bishop."

That pope will be OUR pope. He will be our brother. He may test us, he may challenge us (he better!), and he may upset us at times. But he will lead us to Jesus Christ, and that is his only role!

Here is a great prayer for the Conclave:

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the Conclave. Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition.

Thank You!

We are so grateful for all of those who worked so hard during this Lent and Easter to make all of our Masses and liturgies so awesome.

I'd like to thank our choir and Mr. Joe Trojcek for the many devoted hours of practice it took to lead us all in praising God. They sounded awesome and made everything that much more beautiful.

In addition, I'd like to thank our decorating committee for so much work to make our church look so awesome. There are so many people who help placing flowers, moving decorations around, and watering the plants. Teri Cherra leads our decorators, but is assisted by Augie Spadone and a whole crew. Thank you so much!

Also, our sacristans who help prepare the Altar and set up for many Masses cannot be thanked enough. They dedicate so much of their daily lives to service Jesus at the Mass. Thanks so much for all that you do.

In addition, thank you to all Altar Servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and all those who helped serve our Masses. We are grateful for your time and service to Jesus and His people! Happy Easter!

Fr. Sahd

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, May 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM **Our Parish Family**
10:30 AM + **Albert V. Rakus Jr.**
6:00 PM + **Irene Wanda Jeske**

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

8:00 AM + **George Fuoti**

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

8:00 AM + **Joseph & Annarose Hepner**
6:00 PM **CONCLAVE MASS**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

8:30 AM + **Daniel Winklespecht**

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

5:00-5:30 PM **CONFESSIONS**
6:00 PM + **Bob Jones**

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

8:00 AM + **Evelyn Metallo**

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

[Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; USA:

Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest]

7:15 AM-7:50 AM **CONFESSION**

8:00 AM + **Anthony & Lena Russo**
4:30 PM **Deceased Members of the Jeske & Janicki Families**

SUNDAY, May 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM + **Aldo & Charlotte Testa**
10:30 AM **Our Parish Family**
6:00 PM + **Anne C. Richter**

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun. May 4	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-1
Mon. May 5	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tue. May 6	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wed. May 7	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thu. May 8	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Fri. May 9	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Sat. May 10	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sun. May 11	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

PARISH LIFE

Sun. May 4	8:00AM 10:30AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 1:00PM	KOC Chicken BBQ Ticket Sales - Narthex (all Masses) May Crowning - Church Parish Playroom Open Children's Rosary - Church Bible Study - Drexel Room
Mon. May 5	6:00PM 6:00PM	Legion of Mary Bible Study - Drexel Room
Tue. May 6	6:00PM 6:30PM	Conclave Mass Cub Scouts - Cafeteria
Wed. May 7	5:30PM 5:30PM	Youth Girls Basketball Open Gym Choir Practice - Church
Thu. May 8	8:30AM 6:30PM	Church Cleaners - Team # 3 Spiritual Support Group - Rectory Living Room
Fri. May 9		
Sat. May 10	4:30PM	KOC Chicken BBQ Ticket Sales - Narthex
Sun. May 11	8:00AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	KOC Chicken BBQ Ticket Sales - Narthex (all Masses) Parish Playroom Open Children's Rosary - Church

SUNDAY OFFERING

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 4-27-25

SUNDAY GIVING \$ 10,752.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 3,501.00
TOTAL \$ 14,253.00



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DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283
COLLECTED & PLEDGED: \$145,351 (78%)

Please pray for the repose of the souls of



LYNN WINIKATES
(mother of Maribeth Cavanaugh)

MARY ANN MATINCHEK
(grandmother of Kaci Zehring)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes
MAYSIN DIANE SMITH -KEMMERLING
(child of Zachary Smith and Maryssa Kemmerling)
who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.

Mass Intentions for 2025 have been filled. The Mass Intention book for 2026 will not be opened until September. If you would like to make a Mass for a loved one you may still do so. They may be sent out to be said by retired priests.

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MASS May 10/11	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:30 PM	Maliyah Sykes Jamie Wells Alivia Bell	Jordie Wells	Elizabeth Bell Sherman Bell Emily Lushko Meg Rowe
8:00AM	Evan Stover Kiersten Roller	Sarah Metallo	Angela Stover Rosemary Rowe Courtney Stambaugh Nancy Nezovich
10:30AM	Leo Richards Adelyn Rogati Carina Seltzer	Ryan Melcher	Darlene Stoudt Susie Spadone Ross Seltzer Alaina Sanders



ROSARY LEADERS (May 10/11)

Saturday 4:30 PM Donna Kandsberger
Sunday 8:00 AM Linda Breisch
Sunday 10:30 AM Linda Hartzell



SCRIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE (May 10/11)

Saturday 4:30 PM NO SALES
Sunday 8:00 AM NO SALES
Sunday 10:30 AM NO SALES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR MILITARY



We would like to keep our parishioners and loved ones on **active** military in our thoughts and prayers. Please provide the following information & call the parish office.

RANK	NAME	BRANCH
MAJ	Sam Herbert	Army
GYSGT	Brendon J. Parkhill	Marines
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
1st Lt.	Luke Mrakovich	Marines
Sgt.	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
	Howard J. Gill	Navy

SENIOR MINISTRY

BOCCE - May 8 at 8:30am at Sunset Park. Continues weekly on Thursday mornings through May. Join the fun! No experience necessary!

GOLF OUTING & DINING - SIGN UPS MAY 3-4. 9-Hole Course on Wednesday, May 28 at 10am at Spring Creek in Hershey. Luncheon at 1PM for golfers & non-golfers at Mangia Mangia, 2981 Elizabethtown Road, Hershey.

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE (bus trip) to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Flyers (with event details) are available on the flyer rack in the Narthex. Reservations/Payment are now being accepted!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 3501

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE TICKETS—The Knights will be selling Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que tickets at all weekend Masses. The tickets cost \$12 and include 1/2 a chicken, baked potato, roll, applesauce and a bottled water. The chicken dinners can be picked up between 9:00am and 1:00pm on Sunday (5/18) in the School parking lot. Proceeds benefit Seven Sorrows PTT, Smiles for Abby and the Knights. Tickets are also available for purchase in the parish office.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

BABY BOTTLES will be distributed on Mothers Day, May 11 in the narthex. Return date for filled bottles will be Fathers Day, June 15. All the money collected will be donated to Morningstar Pregnancy Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FESTIVAL NEWS—June 19-20-21 Please help us make this Summer event a success! Join us for 1 or all 3 nights, volunteer to help out for a few hours prior or during the festival plus keep supporting the Cash Raffle and Grub N Go Raffle ticket sales. Every bit of your participation helps our Parish:)

FLEA MARKET drop-off dates:

June 5th (5:00 - 7:00 pm)
June 7th (10:00 - Noon)
June 10th (6:00 - 8:00 pm)

* Please, no electronics, no encyclopedias, no clothing and no furniture*

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Mental Health Ministry Seven Sorrows BVM

Explore our website

Recently updated with more prayers and novenas,
12 Step Stations of the Cross,
Words of Encouragement, resources and much more



Spiritual Support Group, Thursday 5/8/25 @ 6:30pm. Rectory Living Room

OFF THE STREETS



We are in great need of new or gently used bed sheets and comforters (twin, full, or queen). We also need new or gently used small appliances to include microwaves, toasters, coffee pots, crockpots. Please visit our Amazon wish list. Thank you!!



ADORATION

Prayer partners needed for **Wed. 4-5 PM**. If you're concerned about what to do in an adoration hour, you don't have to do anything, but sit with our Lord. Some pray the rosary, keep a spiritual journal. Contact Anna Dale at annajdale@gmail.com or phone 717-944-6014

RAISING DISCIPLES

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Have a safe, happy and faith-filled summer!
See you at Mass!

1st Holy Communion
<https://www.ssbvm.org/1st-holy-communion-new>
05/03 - 10:30am May Crowning - Meet in the Narthex

Vacation Bible School 2025
July 14th - July 18th - 9-11:30 AM Details on the school's website sevensorrowsschool.com

ENROLLMENT for the 2025-2026 School year is now open for all families. Please email admissions@ssbvm.org to apply.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER NEEDED—SSBVM school is seeking a full-time Kindergarten teacher for the upcoming school year. Candidates should have a degree in Early Childhood or Elementary Education and a valid PA teaching certification. A practicing Catholic committed to faith-based education is preferred. To apply, please send your resume and references to Mrs. Angela Warner at awarner@ssbvm.org

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Students (K5-8th) who were nominated for exemplifying the Virtue of Prudence:

Rebekah Dale * Grace Ortiz * Lilyaunah Bonner * Emmanuel Melendrez * Gianna Accorci * Ella Dale * Clare Breen and Maliyah Sykes.




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6/09/25 - 8/08/25
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SUMMER CAMP 2025



RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office via email: Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org for guidance.

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