



July 6, 2025

# SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

### DAILY MASS:

Monday-Wednesday, Friday and  
Saturday 8:00am  
Thursday, 6:00pm

### SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

### CONFESSIONS:

Thursday 5:00pm-5:45pm  
Saturday 7:15am-7:50am and  
3:30pm-4:15pm

### ADORATION: (in the Chapel)

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-10pm  
Friday: 9:00am-Noon



## — VBS 2025 —

July 14 - July 18, 2025

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*"Let the little children come  
to me, because their's is the  
Kingdom of God."*

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# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are all enjoying the July 4 weekend. I am with you for Mass this weekend, but have written this column before I left for vacation last week.

In the midst of these weeks, we have felt a conflict in Iran that -- at one point -- seemed very far away from us, brought right into our country. I know many families and friends who worry about loved ones who serve in our Armed Forces, and we keep them in our prayers. War and conflict is never desired, and sometimes it is necessary.

Whatever the situation in our world or country, we must pray for our brave men and women who have to live this reality of war and struggle and uncertainty every day. We pray for our leaders and the leaders of other nations, so that they desire and work for peace.

This weekend, as we continue to celebrate our Independence, we thank God that we have people in our country willing to stand up for us, especially when we are not strong enough to do it on our own. The eleven names of those in active military service that we have listed in our bulletin are members of our parish, or are family members of our parishioners. We thank God for them. Imagine having the generosity and love in the depths of your heart to desire to give your life for us. That is what those eleven, and so many millions of Americans, do and have done for me and for us.

This Independence Day, let us remember them and thank God for them. It is so easy to wave a flag and sing patriotic songs, and those are all things we enjoy at this time. I love Stars and Stripes Forever! But there are real lives behind the strength of our country. Our country is strong only because of the strength of those who stand up and defend us. I pray that we continue to be free, and thank God for those who make it so. God bless you all!

## A Great Point

I saw a post from a parishioner on social media recently that was awesome. He had mentioned that, while he was recently at Hersheypark with his family, they were all waiting in a very long and hot line for a ride. Some kids came up and butted in front of them and everyone else. And no one said anything. The parishioner said that he wanted to pick his battles, and thought it better not to say anything in case a fight would've ensued. He's probably right that it wasn't worth it, but it's always so hard to make judgment calls in those seconds.

But I loved that he posted this, and that he was worried about the lesson it taught his young children about doing wrong and getting away with it. It takes guts to write something like that publicly, as it was not just written to be a "look at me" sort of thing, but a learning lesson for parents everywhere.

It made me think, but also reminded me of how our Father in Heaven must feel. He has taught us right and wrong, but then puts us in opportunities where we have to live it out. We don't always feel punishment right away for bad choices or sin. Sometimes we don't "feel" the pain of our sin at all. Our Father must just witness our sin, as He gave us free will to live our lives, just as He has given us the help of Jesus, who teaches us all about the good life, and how to live it out.

And our Heavenly Father must also see what sin does to His other sons and daughters. Like the father in line at the ride, who worried about the effect of the misbehaving children on his own kids, so the Father must witness the destruction that comes on His unsuspecting children, who witness and feel the effects of sin.

Our Father in Heaven loves us, and sent His Son so that we might know how to live. He is so good that even when we do sin, we can come back to Him through the forgiveness He pours out in His Son. He is not a helpless Father, but one who gives everything. I pray for all of our parents, who constantly try to do the right thing for their children. I pray I can be a good pastor to you all, so that you may feel the love of Our Heavenly Father always!

Fr. Sahl

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

8:00 am +Anthony Evangelista  
10:30 am Our Parish Family  
6:00 pm +Mike and Catherine Stianche

### MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

8:00 am +Mario Corradi

### TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

8:00 am +Richard Ostrowski

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 St Augustine Zhao Rong

8:00 am +Herbert L. Richter

### THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**  
6:00 pm +Sebastian Meyer

### FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025 St. Benedict

8:00 am +Leroy M Hetrick, Jr.

### SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

7:15 am -7:50 am **CONFESSION**  
8:00 am +George and Ruth Yergo and Family  
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**  
4:30 pm +Eva and Larry Kepp and Family

### SUNDAY, July 13, 2025

8:00 am +Pauline Smith  
10:30 am +Bob Jones  
6:00 pm Our Parish Family



## DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 6	Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Mon. July 7	Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tue. July 8	Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wed. July 9	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thu. July 10	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Fri. July 11	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Sat. July 12	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Sun. July 13	Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



## PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

**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.



## SUNDAY OFFERING

### THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 6 - 29 - 25

SUNDAY GIVING \$ 9,568.00  
ONLINE GIVING \$ 2,816.00  
TOTAL \$14,384.00



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2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283  
COLLECTED & PLEDGED: 162,576 (87%)



## THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

### SUNDAY JULY 6

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement  
11:30 am Children's Rosary Group Church

### MONDAY July 7

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Legion of Mary Room

### TUESDAY JULY 8

7:00 pm Off the Streets Meeting Drexel Room

### WEDNESDAY JULY 9

6:30 pm Journey of Faith Library

### THURSDAY JULY 10

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #1  
6:30 pm Spiritual Support Group Rectory

### FRIDAY JULY 11

### SATURDAY JULY 12

### SUNDAY JULY 13

8:30 am Rosary Award Presented  
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement



## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Gene DeCamp, father of Rick and Karen Decamp**

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



## BAPTISM

**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.



## 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.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
MAJ	Sam Herbert	Army
GYSGT	Brendon J. Parkhill	Marines
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
1st Lt.	Luke Mrakovich	Marines
Sgt.	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
AG1	Stephen Boyland	Navy
CPT	Noah Bamert	Army
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2nd Lt.	Mark E. Lavelle	Army
1st Lt.	Phillip Bertovic	Army
Lt Col	Todd Campbell	Air Force
CPT	Edward C. Stene	USAR

## SENIOR MINISTRY

**PILGRIMAGE TO BASILICA** - For those with Advanced Paid Reservations, we will gather at 9am on Monday, July 21 under Seven Sorrows Church Portico of the main entrance. We will then board the bus and travel to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hanover. Arrival time about 11am. Our visit at the Basilica includes time for Private Prayer, Holy Mass & a Tour. At 2pm we will leave the Basilica & enjoy a late lunch stop at Starlight Diner, before heading for home. Approximate arrival back at Seven Sorrows is 6 pm.

**BRIGHT STAR & MCCLEARY'S**—August 3 at 2pm, Show at Susquehanna Stage & Dining afterwards at McCleary's Pub, both in Marietta. Tickets may be purchased from Susquehanna Stage. Google the link [www.susquehannastage.com/](http://www.susquehannastage.com/), click box office from the top of page menu line, then find Bright Star for August 3 at 2pm & hit buy tickets. Our Committee Members will be in the front of the theatre at 1:30pm to meetup with you. Reservations will be made before the show for anyone wishing to gather for dining at McCleary's after the show.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL

**The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday July 20th from 8am -12pm in the school gymnasium.** Everyone who donates will receive 2 Harrisburg Senators ticket and a blood donor t-shirt. Walk-Ins are welcome, but appointments are highly recommended. Go to: [717giveblood.org](http://717giveblood.org) and click donate now, or call 1-800-771-0059 to schedule an appointment.

**TRIVIA FUNDRAISER**—"Knight in Hollywood" trivia fundraiser on August 9th from 7pm to 9:30pm in the school's gym. Form your dream team of up to 6 players for just \$25.00. Your registration includes soda, water, and snacks to keep you refreshed throughout the night. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishing teams, and there is even a prize for the best dressed, so get your Hollywood glam on! Beyond the trivia you'll have plenty of chances to win big with our amazing basket raffles. It's a fantastic way to support a great cause while having a blast!! To learn more contact Matt Sheaffer at 717-319-9065 or [sheaf418@comcast.net](mailto:sheaf418@comcast.net). Flyers are also available in the Narthex rack.

## NEED TO KNOW

### Children's Rosary



All children and parishioners are invited to pray in the church after the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month (July 6). ANY CHILD can voluntarily lead a decade of the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join in prayer to support the children.

### The Corpus Christi Annual Men's Retreat

The retreat will be held on August 1-3 at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. It's open to all men in the Diocese and includes two nights lodging and six meals. Accommodations are made for those with physical disabilities. If you never attended a retreat or it's been a long time since our last one, treat yourself with one this year. Monsignor Charles Pope of Holy Comforter— St. Cyprian Church in Washington D.C. will lead the retreat. Please contact Tom Fitzpatrick at 717-265-4771. Thank you

### St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey-Annual Rummage Sale

Thurs July 31 from 3pm-6pm

Fri Aug 1 from 8:00am-3pm

Sat Aug 2 from 8:00am-12:00pm

Location: St. Joan of Arc Parish Social Hall

## SUMMER FESTIVAL

### Festival 2025 Close-Out

First and foremost, a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the festival in any way. It took many hands and many hours to host such an event. Your efforts truly benefitted our Parish!

Net Profit from the Festival: \$57,401.69

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for highlights.

Thanks again,  
Donna Huggins and Judi Leo  
Festival Co-Chairs

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Mental Health Ministry  
Seven Sorrows BVM

### Spiritual Support Group

2nd Thursday of every month.

6:30 pm

Parish Living Room



# RAISING DISCIPLES

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Enrollment & Registration for 1st - 8th grade classes is open! Using the QR code or by visiting us on our webpage, all current and new families can enroll or re-register for the 25-26 calendar year

## Exciting STEM Summer Camp Opportunity at Seven Sorrows!

We're excited to offer **Camp Invention**, a nationally recognized **STEM summer camp** right here at SSBVM! This hands-on program encourages creativity, problem-solving, and innovation—perfect for curious young minds.

**Still available:** July 7-11 and August 4-8  
**Grades:** Entering 1st - 6th



**Preschool TEACHER NEEDED** - SSBVM school is seeking a full-time Preschool teacher for the upcoming school year. Preferred candidates should have a degree in Early Childhood or Elementary Education. 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](mailto:awarner@ssbvm.org)

## Open Enrollment at Seven Sorrows BVM School!

We have a few openings left in our preschool through 8th grade classroom for the upcoming school year. Current SSBVM school families are encouraged to share the gift of Catholic education - refer a friend and receive a \$250 tuition credit after enrollment! For more information, visit [www.sevensorrowsschool.com](http://www.sevensorrowsschool.com) Want to learn more about the SSBVM Difference? Schedule a tour today! <https://bit.ly/SSBVMTOUR>

# RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Luke 10:2)

God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference!

Reach out to the Vocations Office via email: [Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org)

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