



July 13, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

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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



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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the evenings, when I eat dinner, I tend to eat very late. And while I eat, I like to watch a show on TV. By this point, most baseball games are over, so I can't watch my Pirates lose!

So I tend to watch older shows. I grew up watching "Classic TV," like "I Love Lucy," "Columbo," and other shows like that. I still watch them, even though I've seen those episodes several times.

Those TV shows were watched by most of the country at the time they were originally aired. "I Love Lucy," at one point, had 92% of the country tuned in to the show. That's unbelievable! Everyone in the country would watch something, and then talk about it the next day. It brought us together because we had stuff in common.

Today, no TV shows are watched by even a fraction of that number. We, as a people, are so fragmented in our viewing and other interest habits, that we have less and less in common, and less to talk about. In fact, this has led us to separating into small groups of people who agree on politics or sports or something else. We have nothing to bring us together.

When I was on vacation in Rome, though, I felt something I didn't feel in a long time. It was unity.

On the Feast Day of Sts. Peter and Paul, I attended Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with Pope Leo, many cardinals, bishops, and about 15,000 other people. It was glorious. There was the Church, together. Most of Mass was in Latin, because the languages spoken by people in the basilica probably numbered over 200. We were brought together to receive the Body of Christ as the Body of Christ! What a great gift. The Mass always brings us together.

Then, after, we walked outside of the basilica into the square, and Pope Leo prayed the Angelus with us and then spoke for a few minutes, welcoming all of us. He called out about 40 countries who might be present, and the people cheered from those countries when he called out their name.

All those countries, all those people. So many different languages. So many different clothing preferences. So many different backgrounds. All united in Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church. A Church that is worldwide. A Church that is from Jesus himself, and the people in that square were professing the same Faith that Jesus handed to Peter and Paul 2,000 years ago! I got chills thinking about it there in the square.

A woman from London was standing behind me as we waited for the Pope to appear. She was not Catholic, but she and her husband had just come to Rome for the weekend, just to sightsee. They just happened to be in the square, but she asked me what so many people were waiting for.

I told her that we were waiting for the pope. She got so excited. She started to cry, thinking about how lucky she was to be present. When the pope came out, he spoke in Italian. We could hardly see him, he was so far away. Many of us didn't understand a word. Yet all of us felt such a joy, and so connected to each other. We were so lucky to be there, together.

At the end, she thanked me and said she was so blessed to be a part of this. I felt thankful, too. THIS is the Church of Jesus: a unity. This sense of unity is what He desired. It attracts others, even non-Catholics. A unity that is not seen anywhere else in the world is available in the Catholic Church.

We are so blessed to be a part of this Church. Let us live as a unity with our brothers and sisters, so that others don't have to go to Rome to feel this. They can feel it right here in Middletown! That's a great challenge, but also how we are called to live as Catholics!

God bless you, and so blessed to be with you!
Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 am Special Intentions of Kati Justice

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 St. Bonaventure

8:00 am +Ken King Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 am +Donald Jennings Sr.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**

6:00 pm +Tony Horney

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025 St. Camillus de Lellis

8:00 am +Kathy Zolenski

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**

8:00 am +Ronald Bryan

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**

4:30 pm +Robert James Kerwin

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Donald Fox
10:30 am +Charlie Stare
6:00 pm +Milton and Anne Bilger



DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 13 Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Mon. July 14 Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tue. July 15 Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

Wed. July 16 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

Thu. July 17 Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

Fri. July 18 Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8

Sat. July 19 Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

Sun. July 20 Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Christopher Scott Isenberg

who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.



SUNDAY OFFERING

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 7 - 6 - 25

SUNDAY GIVING \$18,542.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 7,175.00
TOTAL \$25,717.00



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2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283

COLLECTED & PLEDGED: \$178,019 (95%)



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY, JULY 13

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement

MONDAY, JULY 14

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Legion of Mary Room

TUESDAY, JULY 15

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

6:00 pm Senior Ministry Meeting Drexel Room

6:30 pm Journey of Faith Library

THURSDAY, JULY 17

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #3

FRIDAY, JULY 18

SATURDAY, JULY 19

4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House Narthex

SUNDAY, JULY 20

8:00 am Parish Playroom Church Basement

8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House Narthex

8:00 am KOC Blood Drive Gym

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Audra Henderson

Harry Fink

Dan Furhman

Jan Pilsitz

(Uncle of Karen and Rick Decamp)

Patricia Quarry

(Mother of Keith Quarry)

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



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
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Sgt.	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
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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/, 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 tickets and a blood donor t-shirt. Walk-Ins are welcome, but appointments are highly recommended.

Go to: 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. Flyers are also available in the Narthex rack.

Extra Ordinary and Lector Schedule July 19, 20

4:30pm W. Biedrzycki, E.& S. Bell, S.Thear **Lector-A.** Bell
8:00am D. & E. Reinger, K. & S. Onorato **Lector-S.** Metallo
10:30am S. Spadone, D. Stoudt, C. Tulli, P.Gallagher **Lector-R.** Angelucci
Schedule is on the website and posted in the Alb Room

NEED TO KNOW

Parish Playroom

Babysitters are on duty to provide care for little ones during 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. The Playroom is located in the church basement. Entry is to the left of the Narthex down the stairs.

Adoration Chapel needs Adorers and Substitutions

There is a need for a scheduled adorer for Mondays 3pm - 4pm and Tuesdays 5pm - 6pm beginning August. Please contact Anna Dale at annajdale@gmail.com or phone 717-944-6014

PICKLEBALL...are you interested in joining a faith-based pickleball league in the fall? Seven Sorrows is looking to put a team together. Dean Shields (Holy Name of Jesus) and Tom Sonni (Holy Spirit) are leading the effort. If you are interested, please reach out to Dean Shields at 717-514-6206 as he would be able to share all of the details and assist in coordinating our team. The teams will consist of beginners, intermediate, and advanced players. All are welcome!

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.

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

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We drown in
entertainment
to avoid the silence
where God speaks,
then complain He is silent.



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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: August 4-8

Grades: Entering 1st - 6th

We hope to see your inventor there! Visit: sevensorrowsschool.com



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

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.

For more information, visit www.sevensorrowsschool.com
 Want to learn more about the SSBVM Difference? Schedule a tour today! <https://bit.ly/SSBVMTOUR>

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Is God calling you to love Him through a life of service to others in the Church? Pray about how you can fulfill this greatest commandment through a vocation.

Talk to Father Sahd or contact the Vocations Office via email: Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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