

August 17, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
20th 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:

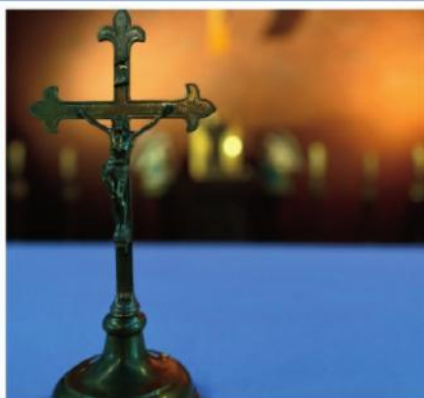
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

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

ADORATION CHAPEL:

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



Our Daily Homily

Journey with Jesus

Did you know?

The homilies from our daily Mass are
posted to our website at ssbvm.org



As you begin your day, start with a
reflection of Scripture, as inspired by the
Holy Spirit, through Fr. Sahd & Fr. Josh

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seems as though it's been Back to School week for many weeks already, as college students have been going back for awhile. But for most, this week and next is the time for our students to be returning to the classroom.

For those of our parishioners who are going away to school -- especially for the first time -- please know of our love for you. You are always part of our family, and we want you to know that we are here for you.

We look forward to seeing you when you get back from school later this fall for breaks, but please, PLEASE, find the Mass on your campus and go. You will meet people who have your values and Faith, and you will feel more connected to our God!

Even more, your Faith will become your own. I remember when I went to college for the first time, and I had to pull myself out of bed on Sundays to get to Mass. It was the first time that I felt responsible for living out my Faith. And I loved being with young people who believed the same Faith I tried to live.

For those students in grade school and high school going back: know of our prayers for you! Stay close to Jesus in prayer. He loves you and wants you to know that you are loved, even if it feels like others do not really appreciate you or love you. They will even seek to change you. Do not change because other people want you to change!

God made you differently for a reason. Stay close to Him, and you will know your value to Him: priceless. He gave His life for you! He loves you! Nothing anyone says about you matters, except what He says to you. And this is what he thinks about you:

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Have a great school year and study hard. But stay close to God, and you will flourish!

Our Parish Is Our Family

For a Catholic parish to exist, it needs love. Jesus provides that Love in the Eucharist through His Body and Blood for us. But we are asked to share His Love, given to us at Holy Communion, with others.

We must first share it with each other. And YOU have certainly done so!

I received this letter from someone who has temporarily lived in this area for a short time and attended Mass here occasionally, and wanted to thank us. He has just moved to another area. But he wrote, in part:

"I have fond memories of Seven Sorrows when I was in town. I have probably attended 20 or so churches/cathedrals...in various other spots on the east coast. No place has been more uplifting, inspiring, welcoming than Seven Sorrows."

Wow! What a beautiful note! That is YOU. That is how you made someone else feel. I hear this often.

Catholic parishes are not always known as the most welcoming. But it is important, because if someone feels welcome, they will engage and grow in their Faith!

So please, continue welcoming others. Push into the pew if you are asked. Help someone who looks confused. Welcome someone who looks new. SAY THE RESPONSES as we are directed. All of this makes others around you feel welcome, and they'll want to stay!

God bless you, and thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in the Eucharist with others, so that they'll want to come and receive Him, too! God bless you always, and have a great week.

Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Elizabeth Christner
10:30 am +Elaine Tokar
6:00 pm Our Parish Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

8:00 am +Monica Drayer and Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 St John Eudes

8:00 am +Don Jennings

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025 St Bernard

8:00 am +John Zolenski Sr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025 St. Pius X

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CONFESSION
6:00 pm +Joe Rakus

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am +Bob Jones

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025 St. Rose of Lima

7:15 am -7:50 am CONFESSION
8:00 am +Charles Cole
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm CONFESSION
4:30 pm +The Graham Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:30 am +Colby Hall
6:00 pm +Thomas Lanni



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 17	Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10 (120C)/Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Mon. Aug. 18	Jdg. 2:11-19/Mt. 9:16-22
Tue. Aug. 19	Jdg. 6:11-24a /Mt. 19:23-30
Wed.Aug. 20	Jdg. 9:6-15/Mt. 20:1-16
Thu. Aug. 21	Jdg. 11:29-29a/Mt. 22:1-14
Fri. Aug. 22	Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-22 / Mt. 22:34-40
Sat. Aug. 23	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/ Mt. 23: 1-12
Sun. Aug. 24	Is. 66::18-21 (123C)/Heb .12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are

in loving memory of **RAY ZANZINGER.**

They are a gift from his wife and family.

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 8-10-25

SUNDAY GIVING \$17,858.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 5,134.90
TOTAL \$22,992.90



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DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283

COLLECTED & PLEDGED: \$187,521 (100%)

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the DAC this year. With contributions and pledges, we have met our goal! If you have not yet given, or have a pledge and still need to pay it off, please do so, as we count on that to meet our goal. Thank you so much, and God bless you!



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House Narthex
(after all Masses)
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

11:30 am Rosary Prayer Group Church
6:00 pm Boys Varsity Basketball (open gym) Gym
6:00 pm Legion of Mary Legion of Mary Room
6:30 pm PTT Meeting Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

5:30 pm Youth Girls Basketball (open gym) Gym
6:00 pm Senior Ministry Meeting Drexel Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #2

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 am Back to School and Star Council Awards
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
1:00 pm Bible Study Drexel Room



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

ROBERT POTOCHIK

ELIZABETH "B" BOWEN
(mother of Lori Worthing)

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
1st Lt.	Luke Mrakovich	Marines
Sgt.	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
AG1	Stephen Boyland	Navy
CPT	Noah Bamert	Army
CPT	Andrew T. Lavelle	Army
2nd Lt.	Mark E. Lavelle	Army
1st Lt.	Phillip Bertovic	Army
Lt Col	Todd Campbell	Air Force
CPT	Edward C. Stene	USAR
1st Lt	Nicholas Campbell	Marines

SENIOR MINISTRY

Signups - August 23-31 for St. Ann Tour on 9/9 & our Potluck Anniversary Celebration on 9/21.

St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church Tour (5408 Locust Lane Harrisburg). **Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 am.** We'll tour with a member of St. Ann & learn about the Byzantine Rite. A "Slavic Lunch" will be provided. If you wish to carpool, meet at Seven Sorrows at 9:30 am.

Potluck Anniversary Celebration. Sunday, September 21. Hoffer Park at 1 pm. Join us as we begin our 3rd year of "Faith, Friendship & Fun". We'll be at the 1st Pavilion on the right as you enter the park. Bring your favorite dish, lawn chair, and games (if any).

Upcoming Events - Pick up a copy of our Events Pamphlet from the Flyer Rack in the Narthex. NOAH registration forms are also available.

OFF THE STREETS GOLF TOURNEY!

OTS annual fundraiser is set for Friday 9/5/25. Great fun, fantastic food and free beverages! Hurry...forms due 8/29. Forms available on parish website (dig deep into ministries tab/OTS) and in the narthex. Or Call/Text Dennis May 717-919-9225. Plan the perfect way to start your day!!!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed: Please consider volunteering for the Meals on Wheels Program!

Drivers and runners are needed for the month of September. Meals are picked up in Middletown and delivered to shut-ins each weekday morning in September. Four volunteers are needed for each day. Any help would be appreciated, even if you can assist for one day. Please sign up on the calendar in the narthex or email Mickey with any questions: mzinger@verizon.net



Extra Ordinary and Lector Schedule August 23/24

4:30pm - M Rowe, E. & S. Bell, E. Lushko

Lector- M. Ciccocioppo

8:00am - K. & S. Onorato, D. & M. Spear

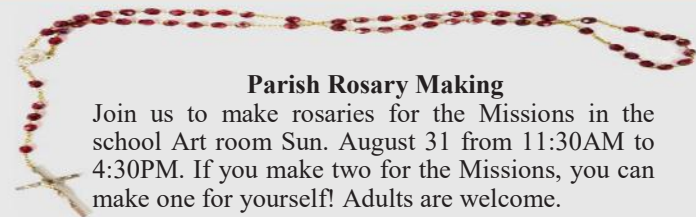
Lector- S. Metallo

10:30am - C. & M. Astfalk, M. Lahr, C. Larry

Lector- T. Blanch

Schedule is on the website and posted in the Alb Room

NEED TO KNOW



Parish Rosary Making

Join us to make rosaries for the Missions in the school Art room Sun. August 31 from 11:30AM to 4:30PM. If you make two for the Missions, you can make one for yourself! Adults are welcome.

Walk for Life

Join the Seven Sorrows team at the Shooting Star 5K Run and Walk for Life! On Saturday, September 20, at City Island,

runners and walkers will come together to support Morning Star's no-cost, Life-affirming services for moms facing unplanned pregnancies.

Join our team at SupportMorningStar.com.



TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Attention Men of Seven Sorrows: New TMIY Sessions Begin September 6, in Cafeteria, 6:45-8:30 AM

That Man Is You (TMIY) is an interactive men's program that helps us experience the superabundance of God's love, peace, joy, and mercy so our hearts are ready to discover what we have truly been called to at our depths: called to mature manhood - called to joy - called to lift up our hearts and minds - called to bear fruit - called to unity and called to live a life worthy of the call we have received!

Join us for coffee & donuts, fellowship and faith on Saturday, September 6 at 6:45 am in the cafeteria. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org or email Martin Ciccocioppo at martincicc@verizon.net.

RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education ssbvm.org/Education
Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato lfortunato@ssbvm.org



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.

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

Cafeteria help needed:

We need your help serving school lunches. If you're available between **10:30 am - 12:30 pm any day of the week**, even occasionally, please contact our School Office. Diocesan Clearances are required, but no experience is necessary.

SSBVM Catholic School Sevensorrowsschool.com
Principal - Angela Warner awarner@ssbvm.org

Preschool Aide Needed: SSBVM is seeking a compassionate and dedicated Preschool Aide to join our school family. This position offers 20-30 hours per week, providing an opportunity to support the growth and development of our youngest learners in a nurturing faith filled environment. To apply email our principal Angel Warner at awarner@ssbvm.org if interested.

After School Aide Needed: 3:30pm - 5:30pm any day Monday thru Friday. Diocesan Clearances are required. Contact principal Angela Warner if interested.

Apple Tree Harvest Our Apple Tree is ready to harvest with items that are needed to support our Teachers and Students. Please visit the Apple Tree located in the Narthex and "pick" an Apple marked with specific items for certain grades. Gift cards can be purchased through our Scrip program which also supports our school. The Apple Tree will be available with items through September. Please return the wanted items to the School or Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your support of our school and Catholic education.



RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)

Christ's words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God's love through your marital union.


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