

# 40 Hours Devotion

September 14, 15 & 16, 2025



Sunday evening Opening Mass - 6PM  
Adoration in the church starts right after the  
10:30am Mass on the 14th

Monday morning Mass - 8AM  
Monday evening devotions - 6PM

Tuesday morning Mass - 8AM  
Tuesday evening devotions - 6PM

September 7, 2025

## SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church  
*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

FrSahd@ssbvm.org

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

#### DAILY MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday and  
Saturday: 8:00am  
Wednesday: 8:30am (School Mass)  
Thursday, 6:00pm

#### SUNDAY MASS:

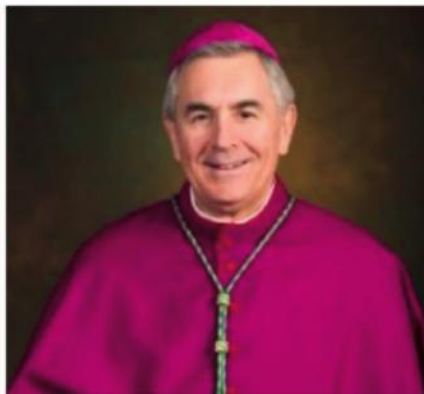
Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

#### 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



— Guest —  
*Homilist*

Bishop Ronald Gainer



Please join us for three powerful  
days of silence and prayer with our  
God.

*All are invited*

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RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm, Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next week, our parish will begin celebrating our annual 40 Hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a great time to give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and to sit with Him quietly in prayer.

Adoration will begin after our 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, and continue through Tuesday at 6PM. This includes overnight hours, which is an awesome time to go to adoration in the church. Everything is so quiet and peaceful at night, and to enter that time of prayer in our church is awesome. I hope you take part.

Every night at 6PM (Sunday Mass, and Monday and Tuesday services), Bishop Ronald Gainer, our retired bishop, will preach on the Eucharist. He is a great preacher, and very down-to-earth. I hope you come to hear his awesome words, and be drawn closer to Our Savior in the Sacraments.

On Tuesday night at 6PM we'll pray the Evening Prayer of the Church, Bishop Gainer will preach (as he will on Monday), and we'll have a small Eucharistic Procession. Bishop Timothy Senior will also join us that evening, which is a great gift! Please come and be with us to celebrate, with the bishops and priests and people, the Body of Christ as a Body of Christ! I really look forward to being with you!

## Parish Directory

Do you ever wonder the names of those who sit around you at Mass? Wouldn't it be helpful if we had a way to find that out without embarrassing asking that person their name?

A parish directory can help fix that!

It has been many years since our parish had a picture directory of our families. This Fall, we will again offer pictures for our families to be taken for a new directory, which hopefully will come out early in 2026. We hope you take part!

The pictures will be free, and there will be no cost for the directory either to any family who gets a portrait taken. It will only work, though, if our families participate. We need you to get your pictures taken, so that our family can truly be captured.

In the coming weeks we'll have information on how to sign up, but thank you so much for helping by getting your picture taken!

## New "Walk-up" Food Pantry

At the behest of a parish family and the Knights of Columbus, we have installed a small outdoor food pantry on our property for those in need. It is located near the Race Street entrance to our church and rectory.



Oftentimes, we have people who are desperate picking through the Knights' food donation bin in the back of church, and they're just looking for something to get through the day. It is not intended to be a "shopping for a week" type of thing, but just something to fulfill an immediate need. It has already been used extensively. We think this pantry will help in that. There have been similar setups in other Catholic churches in the area.

I am grateful to the work of the Schmidt and Wells families, who built the pantry, and to Tyson Fence, who dug the hole, poured the concrete, and set it. The Knights also helped, but will continue to supply the pantry.

In our parish, we have so many ministries which help those in need, including the homeless and the hungry. God bless you all for thinking of our brothers and sisters in need!  
Fr. Sahd

## PARISH STAFF



### IN RESIDENCE

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Mrs. Angela Warner, Principal

### HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop McDevitt - 717-236-7973



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, September 7, 2025**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Fr. Donald Boslett

10:30 am +Milton and Anne Bilger

6:00 pm Our Parish Family

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am +Edward Zlogar

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 St. Peter Calver**

8:00 am +Rev. Msgr. James A. Carter

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

8:30 am +Paul W. Fogle

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

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

6:00 pm +John Jacobs **Blue Mass**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 am +Joe Rakus

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 St. John Chrysostom**

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

8:00 am +Michael and John Hirsch

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

4:30 pm +Diane M. Coglisier

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am Our Parish Family

10:30 am +Charlie Stare

6:00 pm +Edward Fox



## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 7	Wi 9:13-18b(129C) / Phm 9-10,12-17 / Lk 14:25-33
Mon. Sept. 8	Mic 5:1-4a / Matt 1: 1-16, 18-23
Tue. Sept. 9	Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19
Wed. Sept. 10	Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26
Thu. Sept. 11	Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38
Fri. Sept. 12	1 Tim 1:1-2,12-14 / Lk 6:39-42
Sat. Sept. 13	1 Tim 1:15-17 / Lk 6:43-49
Sun. Sept. 14	Nu 21:4b-9(638) / Phil 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17



## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Christine DeFilippo**

**Elfriede Bauer**

(mother of Sylvia Houseal)

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



## SUNDAY OFFERING

**THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 8-31-25**

SUNDAY GIVING \$13,644.00

ONLINE GIVING \$ 5,003.00

TOTAL \$18,647.00



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**DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)**

2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283

COLLECTED & PLEDGED: \$188,203 (100%)

**Tuition Angel Donation**

Designate your Tuition Angel donation to a relative or family in need. Your donation can go to a school family or Religious Ed family. Mark the designated family's name on the envelope.



## THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement

11:30 am Children's Rosary Church

1:00 pm Bible Study Drexel Room

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

6:00 pm Legion of Mary Legion of Mary Room

6:30 pm Bible Study Library

7:00 pm CCW Meeting Drexel Room

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

6:15 pm Off the Streets Drexel Room

6:30 pm PTT Meeting Library

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

6:00 pm Back to School Night

6:00 pm Choir Practice Church

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #3

6:00 pm Blue Mass

6:30 pm Spiritual Support Group Rectory

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

6:45 am TMIY Cafeteria

4:30 pm CCW Bake Sale Narthex

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

8:00 am CCW Bake Sale Narthex (after all Masses)

9:00 am Catechist Meeting Library

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement

6:00 pm Forty Hours



## BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

**Alexandria An Nhien Tran**

who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.

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





## 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
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1st Lt.	Phillip Bertovic	Army
Lt Col	Todd Campbell	Air Force
CPT	Edward C. Stene	USAR
1st Lt	Nicholas Campbell	Marines

## SENIOR MINISTRY

**Senior Ministry EVENTS PAMPHLET** - Pick up a copy at Flyer Rack in the Narthex. Includes details of all remaining events for 2025.

**St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church Tour & Slavic Lunch.**  
**Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 am.** If you did not sign up for this event, please call our Seven Sorrows Parish Office & let us know of your attendance. Carpooling is available from Seven Sorrows lot at 9:30 am.

**NOAH at Sight & Sound - Registration & Payment are due by 10 am on September 12.** Forms are available at Narthex flyer rack.

**Senior Ministry Committee Reorganization Meeting at 6 pm on September 17 in Drexel Room**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

The Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Adult Trauma Team from the Penn State Hershey Medical Center are sponsoring a "Stop the Bleed" class on Wednesday September 17th from 6-8pm in the school gymnasium.

Stop the Bleed equips individuals with lifesaving skills to control severe bleeding in emergencies. The class is free and limited to 35 participants. For more information and/or to register please contact: Matt Sheaffer at 717-319-9065 or [sheaf418@comcast.net](mailto:sheaf418@comcast.net)

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



## Extra Ordinary and Lector Schedule September 13/14

4:30pm - T. & K. Wilson, C. Kovalchik

Lector - C. Samarin

8:00am - A. Stover, R. Rose, L. & T Shank

Lector - Donna Kandsberger

10:30am - A. & R. Warner, R. Seltzer, J. Fornadly

Lector - J. Curry

**Schedule is on the website and posted in the Alb Room**

## NEED TO KNOW

**The Knights welcome you to the 3rd Annual Blue Mass** on Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 6pm.

All faiths are welcome and light refreshments will be served after Mass. Please join us to honor and pray for the safety and strength of our first responders.



### Adoration Chapel

Forty hours Adorers needed. Please contact Anna Dale at [annajdale@gmail.com](mailto:annajdale@gmail.com) or phone 717-944-6014.

### Seven Sorrows CYO basketball registration is now open.

All Seven Sorrow School and Religious Education students in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. Please see the Seven Sorrows Athletic Association Facebook page for the online registration link or contact Allison Bowen at [abowen2973@gmail.com](mailto:abowen2973@gmail.com) for further information.



### High School Ministry- Welcome class of 2029!

Join us as we hike Hawk Rock in Duncannon, Saturday, September 20th! We will leave the church parking lot at 9am! Please pick up a flyer in the Narthex. Permission slips are due by 9/13/25.

### Curious About the Catholic Faith?



**OCIA**

Are you—or someone you know—interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about what Catholics believe or how to become Catholic? Are you a Catholic who needs the sacrament of Confirmation?

Join us for an OCIA Inquiry Night (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). This is a relaxed and welcoming evening for anyone curious about the Catholic faith.

There's no commitment—just an opportunity to ask questions, meet others, and explore the possibility of beginning the journey toward full communion with the church.

For more information, please contact Angela Stover, (717) 982-3875 or scan here to register.



**Middletown Food Pantry** are in need of the following personal care items: bar soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes and creamy peanut butter and grape jelly. Thank you for your donations.

# RAISING DISCIPLES

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

## Online Enrollment Open

1st - 8th grade @ssbvm.org/Education/Religious Ed

## 9/21/25 - Opening/Meet Your Catechist

8:00am Mass

9:00am Free Breakfast & Parent Folder Pick up

## 9/28/25 - Classes Begin

9:15am Arrival

## 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](http://www.sevensorrowsschool.com)

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**Substitute Teachers** - experienced Teachers needed for substitute days.

**Cafeteria** - We need help serving lunches between 10:30am - 12:30pm any day of the week, No experience necessary.

**Diocesan Clearances** are needed for all positions. Contact principal Angela Warner if interested in any of the positions.

**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

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

Every vocation requires sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey.

Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at [Frijweaver@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:Frijweaver@hbgdiocese.org)



  
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