

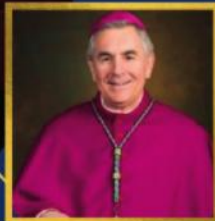
40 Hours Devotion

This Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
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 - 8:30AM
Monday evening devotions - 6PM

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



Bishop Ronald Gainer
Guest Homilist

September 14, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

FrSahd@ssbvm.org

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:30am (School Mass)

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: 6:00pm

Friday: 8:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

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



Free Breakfast & Ministry Fair

Next Sunday
September 21, 2025
after the 8am & 10:30am Masses
in the cafeteria

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage &
Yogurt Parfaits

Come and see how you and your family
can help our parish, through its many
ministries and organizations, show the
face of Christ to our community!

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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,

This Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Bishop emeritus Ronald Gainer will be with us to help celebrate 40 Hours. What an honor! He'll preach each night at 6PM, and he is an awesome preacher. Please join us to learn more about our Faith and the greatest gift we have: Jesus in the Eucharist.

On Tuesday night, we'll have a special honor: Bishop Senior will be here with Bishop Gainer. The service will begin at 6PM with Evening Prayer, and will also include a Eucharistic Procession.

This Sunday Mass and 6PM services on Monday and Tuesday are special times. Together with Bishop Gainer, we'll pray together and give worship to our God, while learning more about how the life of God -- through the Eucharist -- transforms us.

Even more, 40 Hours is a great opportunity to spend time with Jesus in our church. During the year, our Adoration chapel is open to visitors to sit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an oasis in Middletown, and I've noticed many more people randomly stopping in just to pray in the recent months. Thank you so much, and you all are invited!

But during 40 Hours, our church will be open non-stop from Sunday at 11:30AM through Tuesday at 6PM. Even overnight. It will be like our daily adoration, but in our church and overnight. It'll be non-stop peace. Stop in and stay with Jesus, even for just a few minutes. He desires to be with you.

I can say that I love the overnight hours. The church is so quiet, and it's such an intimate time with Him. Take a chance, and stop in. You won't regret a bit of lost sleep! See you at 40 Hours this week!

Ministry Fair and Free Breakfast

Mark your calendar to attend our parish ministry fair and free breakfast next Sunday, Sept. 21, after the 8AM and 10:30AM Masses. If you want to get involved in something, but don't know how to go about it, stop down to the school cafeteria our ministry fair and breakfast, and you'll find something to latch on to. We need your help! Please volunteer!

Why I Love Being Catholic

I'm so grateful to all of the parishioners who have answered the call to share why they love being Catholic over the last few weeks. Thank you for your witness and witness in sharing your faith with us!

This week, a parishioner writes that the Apostolic tradition of the Church, along with the vehicles that gives us Jesus' life, are the reason why she loves the Church! The parishioner writes:

"I am Catholic because Catholicism is the only faith whose lineage can be traced to Jesus Christ. Tracing back to Jesus, it's the only faith with all seven Sacraments that Jesus instituted. The Sacraments give us a crucial connection to God.

The two Sacraments that Catholics can receive most frequently – Reconciliation and Eucharist – are lifesaving. Our Catholic faith is a supreme gift, and I thank God continuously for this gift."

Please, I encourage you to write and share why you love being Catholic. Please just send them to me at frsahd@ssbvm.org, and I will share them with the parish! God bless you!

Fr. Sahd



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am Our Parish Family

10:30 am +Charlie Stare

40 hours of ADORATION

(begins after Mass through Tuesday at 6 pm)

6:00 pm +Edward Fox

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am +Special Intentions of Meehan Family

6:00 pm Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 St. Cornelius

8:00 am +Bob Jones

6:00 pm Forty Hours Solemn Closing

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Sts. Bellamine and Hildegard

8:30 am +Robert James Kerwin

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CONFESSION

6:00 pm +Brandt Smith

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 St. Januarius

8:00 am +Monica Drayer and Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang

7:15 am - 7:50 am CONFESSION

8:00 am +Don Jennings

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm CONFESSION

4:30 pm +Ted and Anne Field

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Twenty – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +William and Margaret Acker

10:30 am Our Parish Family

6:00 pm +Mary Goles



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 14 Nu 21:4b-9(638) / Phil 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

Mon. Sept. 15 1 Tim 2:1-8 / John 19:25-27

Tue. Sept. 16 1 Tim 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

Wed. Sept. 17 1 Tim 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35

Thu. Sept. 18 1 Tim 4:12-16 / Lk 7:36-50

Fri. Sept. 19 1 Tim 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

Sat. Sept. 20 1 Tim 6:13 -16 / Lk 8:4-15

Sun. Sept. 21 Amos 8:4-7(135C) / 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lk 16 1-13



SUNDAY OFFERING

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 9 - 7- 2025

SUNDAY GIVING \$13,068.00

ONLINE GIVING \$ 5,704.00

QCD \$ 3,500.00

TOTAL \$22,272.00



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2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283

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



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

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

4:00 pm Youth Basketball Open Gym

6:00 pm Forty Hours Opening Church

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00 pm Forty Hours Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00 pm Forty Hours Closing Church

7:00 pm Scout Meeting Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 pm Choir Practice Church

6:00 pm KOC Stop the Bleed Course Gym

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:45 am TMIY Cafeteria

4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House Narthex

6:00 pm Ministry Fair Set Up Cafeteria

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House Narthex

8:00 am Ministry Fair Cafeteria

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement

10:30 am Ministry Fair Cafeteria

4:00 pm Youth Basketball Open Gym



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Ralph DePaulo Jr.

Richard Ivon

(brother of Bea Gassman)

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

PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are in loving memory of **ERIC BREON**.

They are a gift from his wife on their anniversary.



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

Senior Ministry Committee Reorganization Meeting for September 17 has been canceled.

Potluck Picnic & Anniversary Celebration. Sunday, September 21. Hoffer Park at 1 pm. 1st Pavilion on right at entering the park. If you did not sign up for this event, please call our Parish Office & let us know of your attendance & potluck dish. Join in the fun ... bring your potluck dish, chair & games. "Rain Location" - Upper School Cafeteria at 1:30 pm.

Fall Game Night - September 25 after 6 pm Mass - in school's upper cafeteria.

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Our Lady of Mental Peace

Mother of tranquility and Mother of Hope, look upon me in this time of my weakness and unrest. Teach my searching heart to know that *God's Love* for me is unchanging and unchangeable; and, that true human love can only begin and grow by touching *His Love*. Let your gentle peace which this world cannot give be always with me. And help Me bring this same peace into the lives of others.

*Our Lady of Mental Peace,
Pray for me.*

Extra Ordinary and Lector Schedule September 20/21

4:30pm - D. and M. Spear, E. Lushko, M. Rowe

Lector - D. Samarin

8:00am - C. Stambaugh, K. Neely, P. Bradford, P. Sheaffer

Lector - S. Metallo

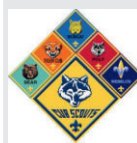
10:30am - K. Shreiner, C. and M. Astfalk, V. DeLano

Lector - F. Schreiner

Schedule is on the website and posted in the Alb Room

NEED TO KNOW

Seven Sorrows CYO basketball registration is now open. All Seven Sorrows 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 for further information.



Cub Scouts - New Cub sign ups!

Tuesday, September 16 from 7pm - 8pm in the school cafeteria. Cub Scouts is an active program for boys in kindergarten through fifth grade that encourages learning and friendship.

CAN'T ATTEND MASS?

The Holy Eucharist is vital to our Faith and our Spiritual, physical and emotional well being. If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass for a short period of time or extended time, due to recuperation, age or housebound, please call the Church Office. We have Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist dedicated to this Ministry who will call to schedule a convenient time to visit and bring the Eucharist for as long as needed.



Exciting News !! Our Parish will be putting together a new pictorial Church Directory! You will be able to choose a date and time for your private photo session. The sessions will run Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and the weekend of Nov. 28/29. Everyone that is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory. Look for more information on how to schedule your photo session in the upcoming weeks.



Need prayers?

Reach out to our Prayer Chain coordinator, Donna Jennings at 717-566-3184 or via email at djennings2095@comcast.net.

Curious About the Catholic Faith?



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.



RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato ssbvm.org/Education
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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.lySSBVMTOUR>. For more information, visit www.sevensorrowsschool.com

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



"For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Just as Jesus selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office via email :Frijweaver@hbgdiocese.org


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