



September 21, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

FrSahd@ssbvm.org

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am
 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: (in the Chapel)

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



New Parish *Directory*

A Lot Has Changed!

It has been many years since our parish had a picture directory of our families. This Fall we will offer pictures for our new directory. We hope you take part!

Complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory
 with each completed photo session.
 November 4-8 and 28-29, 2025

To schedule an appointment online scan QR code:
 Church code: PA1213 Password: photos



Or schedule in-person after weekend Masses
 September through October
 Photos in time for Christmas!

PARISH: 280 N. Race Street; Middletown, PA 17057 717-944-3133 Phone | 717-944-1170 Fax | ssbvm.org
 RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm, Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is our parish ministry fair and breakfast. I'd like to thank the Room at our Table group for cooking the breakfast and serving, and for taking the time to do that for all of us.

I'd like to also thank our many wonderful ministries for participating and showing their good works to all in our parish. We have so many organizations who do so much, and many of us are completely unaware of what they are doing. Jesus, through Seven Sorrows Catholic Church, is helping so many in our community.

Please, take a look at what these ministries have to offer. Jesus is proclaimed whenever a life is affected by these ministries -- our ministries. As Jesus said, whoever gives someone even a cup of water, he is giving it to Jesus. We need your help.

In addition, working with these groups will help you get to know others in our parish, and help to form and grow our community. Thank you for all you do for us, and for Jesus and His Church!

40 Hours Thank You

It was so wonderful to spend over 40 straight hours with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. A very large number -- I think a record number -- of you signed up to be with Him in church.

I loved walking into church at all times of the day or night and seeing so many of you there. God bless you for your dedication and love of Jesus and His Church!

We have so much going on in our lives, and it is so hard to find time to set aside to pray, but it is necessary and it fills our soul in a time when we desperately need it filled with Jesus' Peace.

Perhaps you may consider spending time weekly with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel in our rectory. Every weekday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in our chapel, and we are always in need of regular adorers. Please call the office if you'd like to take advantage of this awesome opportunity!

I'd also like to thank Joe Trojcak and our choir, as well as Margaret and Steve Cyran, for helping with the music during 40 Hours. May God bless you for glorifying Him.

Finally, thank you all for coming to the 6PM Mass and services every night. Bishop Gainer preached so well and gave us so much to think about. I pray you feel more deeply Jesus' love for you, as He offers Himself to us in the Eucharist.

God bless you!
Fr. Sahd



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Mrs. Angela Warner, Principal

HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop McDevitt - 717-236-7973



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

8:00 am +Mary Lou Buchari

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 St. Pius of Pietelcina

8:00 am +Jerry Guy

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

8:30 am +William Kundra

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**
6:00 pm +Anthony Testa Sr. and Jr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 Sts. Cosmas and Damian

8:00 am +Gary O'Brien

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 St. Vincent de Paul

7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**
8:00 am +Richard Baril
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**
4:30 pm +Ed Fox

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Mario Corradi
10:30 am +Linda Tritch
6:00 pm Our Parish Family



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 21	Amos 8:4-7(135C) / 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13
Mon.Sept. 22	Ezra 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18
Tue. Sept. 23	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21
Wed. Sept.24	Ezra 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6
Thu. Sept. 25	Hag 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9
Fri. Sept. 26	Hag 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22
Sat. Sept. 27	Zech 2:5-9, 14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45
Sun. Sept. 28	Amos 6:1a,4-7(138C) / 1 Tim 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Anthony Bownaze
Joanne Lando
Kathleen Oriold
Nick Spadone

(brother of Augie Spadone)

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



SUNDAY OFFERING

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 9 - 14 - 2025

SUNDAY GIVING \$12,515.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 3,332.00
TOTAL \$15,847.00



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DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283
COLLECTED & PLEDGED: \$188,598 (101%)



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 pm Legion of Mary **Legion of Mary Room**
6:30 pm Basketball Meeting **Cafeteria**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 pm Scout Meeting **Cafeteria**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:30 pm Youth Girls Basketball **Gym**
6:30 pm Choir Practice **Church**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #4**
6:00 pm Senior Ministry Game Night **Cafeteria**
6:30 pm OCIA Inquiry Night **Church**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:45 am TMIY **Cafeteria**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:15 am Religious Ed **School**
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
11:30 am Parish Rosary Making **School's Art Room**
1:00 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**
4:00 pm Youth Open Gym **Gym**



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Talon Andrew Stoudt

(child of Christopher Stoudt and Lorena Crowley)

Lena Nickole Stoudt

(child of Colin Stoudt and Jordan Costik)

who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are
dedicated to PEACE. Mother Teresa said that peace begins
with a smile. Do your part.



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

Potluck Picnic & Anniversary Celebration. Sunday, September 21. Hoffer Park at 1 pm. 1st Pavilion on right entering the park. "Rain Location" - Upper School Cafeteria at 1:30 pm.

Holy Mass & Game Night - September 25. 6 pm Mass followed by Games in school's upper cafeteria.

Historic Walking Tour. October 6 at 10 am Middletown Cemetery. Meet at the Monument/Cannon. We'll explore the past & discuss the influence on today. Dining to follow at the Brownstone.

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



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Please explore our website

- Words of Encouragement
- Mental Health and the Saints
- Caregiver Support
- Spiritual Support Group
- Local and National Resources
- Prayers and Novenas
- Understanding Mental Health and Wellness
- Recommended Books

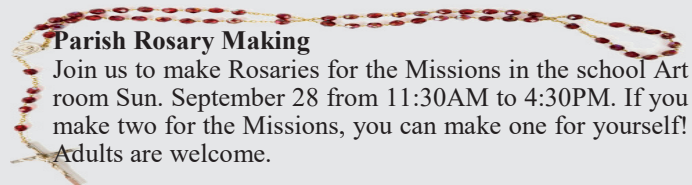
Where Hope Begins

Extra Ordinary and Lector Schedule September 27/28

4:30pm - M. Rowe, W. Biedrzycki, P. Gallagher, J. Hinkson
Lector - R. Melcher
8:00am - K. and S. Onorato, D. and E. Reigner
Lector - R. Angelucci
10:30am - E. and S. Bell, C. Larry, M. LoDuca
Lector - M. Lahr

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. September 28 from 11:30AM to 4:30PM. If you make two for the Missions, you can make one for yourself! Adults are welcome.



Adoration Chapel

Adorers needed for Fridays 11am to 12 noon. Please contact Anna Dale at annajdale@gmail.com or phone 717-944-6014.

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.



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!



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
Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato

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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



Join us!
SEVEN SORROWS
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
6:00 - 7:30 PM
FOOD TRUCK, TACO STAND & MORE
Would you like to host a trunk for this event?
Register here: bit.ly/SSBVM25TRUNKS



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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.

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

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Luke 16:13)

A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God.

If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then reach out to Father Sahd or Father Weaver at the Vocations Office: Frjweaver@hgbdiocese.org

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