



October 12, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: No 8am Mass
 Tuesday: No 8am Mass
 Wednesday: No 8:30am Mass
 Thursday: No 6pm Mass
 Friday: No 8am Mass
 Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday: No Confessions
 Saturday: 7:15am-7:50am and
 3:30pm-4:15pm

ADORATION: (in the Chapel)

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



— No Daily —
Mass

or Thursday Confessions

There will be no daily Mass or
 Thursday evening confessions this
 week, October 13th - October 17th

Pictorial Directory

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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,

October is Respect Life in the Catholic Church in the United States. As sons and daughters of God the Father, made in His image, we respect the gift of life in all areas.

This love and respect for life – because of our Faith and who we are – is built into us and must be lived out in us. That's because the world is enveloped in the darkness of the culture of death. We see that in the news every day. The only way that can be defeated – in all areas and stages of life – is that our witness to this awesome Truth is lived out in us.

While the term, "Respect Life," is beautiful, it puts the onus on us to determine the value of life and respect it. I prefer the term, "Sanctity of Life." Why? Because that puts the ownership of life where it belongs: to God, our Father. Life is holy, because He gives us His holiness!

He is the One who determines the value of life, not us. He has given us our dignity. It is not something we create on our own, or put a value on. Life is precious because it is precious to God. Life is protected and respected because God desires it to be.

As much as we create laws surrounding life issues, particularly on abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, embryonic research, and many other areas, we desire to protect life not because it is a great political issue or because life is worth more to some people and not others. We create laws to protect life because God places a priceless value on life and desires it to be protected.

The Church, from the beginning, has always desired to protect the life of the unborn, the elderly, and all who are disadvantaged in any way. We strive to be pro-life in all areas, despite what our political parties tell us, because we are Catholic first. At the end of our lives, we will not answer to any human, but to God Himself.

Brothers and sisters, I write this as a man who struggles with being consistent. The world tells me that my Faith has no standing to inform me in what I am to believe on life issues. As long as we hold some pro-life positions (a few or at least a majority), then we are set. This is not true. From the beginning of life (the unborn) to the end and everything in between, we must desire to protect life, because this is God's desire.

I pray that we struggle with this as Catholics and Americans. I pray we desire to accept God's plan for life, so that we can be true heralds of life here on earth, and eternal life in Heaven. Thank you so much for your love for all life!

Outdoor Mass – Thank You!

What a beautiful witness of the Faith! Last week, over 500 of us gathered at Hoffer Park for our outdoor Mass and picnic, by far the most ever! Wow, I couldn't help but feel overwhelmed by the desire to be together and to enter into the Sacred Mysteries as One Body!

So many attended who had never attended a Mass before, or haven't in a long time. I know God will do awesome work through that event!

It takes a lot of work to put this Mass and lunch together. Thank you so much to Joe Trojcak and our choir; Art Bamert, who set up the sound system; and our awesome parish staff, who organized and set up everything, along with the Knights of Columbus, who are always helping whenever asked. They did a great job with all areas.

I look forward to seeing you at Mass, and look forward to next year's Mass!
God bless you,
Fr. Sahd



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:30 am +Deceased Members of CCW
6:00 pm +Robert Morenei

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

Columbus Day

No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 St. Callistus

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 St. Teresa of Jesus

No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 St. Hedwig

No Confession

No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025 St. Ignatius

No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 St. Luke

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

8:00 am +Gerald Guy

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

4:30 pm +Gary O'Brien

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

Twenty – Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Deceased Members of the
Shank & Relken Families
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm +Lawrence Quarry



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 12	2 Kings 5:14-17(144C)/2Tim 2:8-13/ Lk17:11-19
Mon. Oct. 13	Rom 1: 1-7 / Lk 11:29-32
Tue. Oct. 14	Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41
Wed. Oct. 15	Rom 2:1-11 / Lk 11:42-26
Thu. Oct. 16	Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54
Fri. Oct. 17	Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7
Sat. Oct. 18	2Tim 4:10-17b / Lk10:1-9
Sun. Oct. 19	Exo 17:8-13(147C) / 2Tim 3:14-4:2 / Lk 18:1-8

Communion for the sick and shut-ins: 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.

Sponsor Certificates for sacramental sponsors can be issued only to registered & active members of the parish. Please call the office.

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



SUNDAY OFFERING

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 10 - 5 – 2025

SUNDAY GIVING \$13,439.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 7,578.00
TOTAL \$21,017.00



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DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

2025 DAC GOAL: \$187,283

THANK YOU! In pledges and cash, we have surpassed our DAC goal of \$187,283! However, we have nearly \$31,000 in unpaid pledges. Thank you for continuing to pay your DAC pledges throughout the remainder of the year so that we can indeed reach our goal. God bless you



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

8:00 am Boxes of Joy **Narthex**
8:00 am Photo Directory Appointments **Narthex**
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
1:00 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**
4:00 pm Youth Open Gym **Gym**

MONDAY OCTOBER 13

Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Closed
6:30 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

6:30 pm PTT Meeting **Library**
7:00 pm Scout Meeting **Cafeteria**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

5:30 pm Youth Girls Basketball **Gym**
6:00 pm Senior Ministry **Drexel Room**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #2**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

6:45 am TMIY **Cafeteria**
4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation Box **Narthex**
4:30 pm CCW Bake Sale **Narthex**
4:30 pm Photo Directory Appointments **Narthex**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

8:00 am CCW Bake Sale **Narthex**
8:00 am Photo Directory Appointments **Narthex**
8:00 am Off the Streets Donation Box **Narthex**
9:00 am Confirmation Parents Meeting **Church**
9:15 am Religious Education
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
1:00 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**

Need prayers?

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





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>
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GYSGT	Brendon J. Parkhill	Marines
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
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Sgt.	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
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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
TSgt.	Brittany MacBlane	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

October Game Night Bash SIGNUPS. THIS WEEKEND - October 11-12 in the Narthex. Look for the purple covered table. Signups for October 23 Game Night & the dessert/snack/munchies you'll be bringing to the event.

Senior Ministry Reorganization Meeting. October 15 at 5:30 pm. Drexel Room.

Holy Mass & Game Night Bash - October 23. Join us for a Great Night of Faith, Friendship & Fun! Holy Mass at 6 pm followed by a Special Game Night to end our 2025 year. We have lots of games or bring your own & teach us! Also, we invite you to bring a dessert, snack or munchies to share. Please bring appropriate service utensils with your food items. We'll have cold beverages, cups, small plates & napkins available.

Our Senior Ministry Committee Welcomes our 55+ Parishioners to One, Any or All our Group Events & Activities. Pick up a Pamphlet from the Flyer Rack in the Narthex that highlights our remaining events for 2025.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

October is Pro Life Month. There will be a basinet in the Narthex for donations of "NEW" baby items for Morningstar Pregnancy Services.

Boxes of Joy, through which Christmas gifts are sent to children in need, will be distributed by CCW members this weekend after masses in the Narthex. The filled boxes must be returned the weekend of October 26/27.



Bake Sale will be held in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend October 18/19. We welcome any contributions from our "Parish" bakers.

Members of CCW will be available to sign up any women from the Parish who are interested in joining our worthwhile organization.

Extra Ordinary and Lector Schedule October 18/19

4:30pm - C. Kovalchik, E. and S. Bell, W. Biedrzycki

Lector - M. Ciccocioppo

8:00am - D. and E. Reigner, L. and T. Shank

Lector - J. Lawruk

10:30am - T. Blanch, M. Lahr, M. Rowe, J. Fornadly

Lector - S. Breen

Schedule is on the website and posted in the Alb Room

NEED TO KNOW

Thursday November 6th we will host our Traditional Mass of



Remembrance at 7pm. An invitation is extended to all family members who have lost someone this past year. Please call the Parish office if you lost a loved one this year and would like their name added to the list that will be read during Mass.

Parish Rosary Making

Join us to make Rosaries for the Missions in the school Art room Sun. October 26 anytime from 11:30AM to 4:00PM. If you make two for the Missions, you can make one for yourself! Adults are welcome.

Giving Tree If you know of anyone from the Middletown area who is in need of help this Christmas, please have them call the Parish office, NO later than October 24th. The Giving Tree will be placed in the Narthex on the weekend of October 25/26.



EGG Season 2026

Thank you for your donations of 40 & 48oz jars of Jif Creamy peanut butter! You may place your donations on the cart in the Narthex! Our Goal: 1,000 To Date:47



OFF THE STREETS

Off the Streets will be temporarily pausing all furniture donation pickups, in an effort to catch up with high move demand and to clear out space in their warehouses. Pickups will resume as soon as possible. For more information, email info@offthestreetsmiddletownpa.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL



Knights Annual Blue Out Tailgate Fundraiser Saturday, November 1st

Join us for a fun-filled day with friends, family, and fellow fans at our annual **Blue Out Tailgate**! Enjoy great food, drinks, and community - all while supporting a great cause.

Ticket Prices \$15 – Under 21, \$20 – Single (21+) \$35 – Couple (21+) *Ticket includes: All-you-can-eat food + 4 adult beverages*

Silent Auction & Raffle Items Available! Don't miss your chance to win exciting prizes and bid on unique items

Location: See the flyer in the magazine rack in the Narthex for full event details.

For More Info: Contact Matt Sheaffer at 717-319-9065 Email: sheaf418@comcast.net

RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education
Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato

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10/19/25:

9:00am 8th Gr Confirmation Meeting/Church
9:15am Class/10:15am Dismissal

10/26/25

9:00am 1st Holy Communion Mtg/Church
9:15-10:15am Class

Jr. High Corn Maze:

Permission Slips Needed.



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
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After School Aide 3:30pm - 5:30pm any day Monday - Friday

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



"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;" (Luke 17:15)

Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our Church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring Christ's healing love to others through service.

Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to the Father Weaver at the Vocations Office Fjweaver@hbgdiocese.org


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