



October 26, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: 6:00pm

Friday: 8:30am (School Mass/Parade)

and 6:00pm (All Saints Day Vigil)

Saturday: 9:00am (All Saints Day)

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



Save The Dates

- 11/06/25 Mass of Remembrance
- 11/30/25 Advent by Candlelight
- 12/05/25 3rd Annual Live Nativity
- 12/14/25 Breakfast with Santa
- 12/14/25 Parish Confessions

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 Events & Details page on our website.



Daylight Savings

Days are shorter. Nights are longer.

Don't forget to set your clocks back
 Saturday, November 1st!

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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,

Last weekend, I spoke at the Masses regarding a potential new project in our parish for a renovated gym and cafeteria – a new social hall for our parish.

As I mentioned, we have a need for a lot of repairs and fixes in the oldest part of our campus: the gym and upper and lower cafeterias. That area of the building was built in 1950, and served as our church and parish hall until 1987. After that, the church was converted into a gym.

Many of the systems in that part of the building are either at the end of their lifespan, or very near the end. The heating and air conditioning systems are nearly done, and the boiler is at the end of its usefulness. The roof needs to be replaced, and the electrical system in the whole area needs to be redone. In addition, the wall facing the church in the lower cafeteria needs to be fixed.

These are issues that – if they came up independently, would not be huge issues. Taken together, we need to address them in total, with a vision towards making this part of our campus functional for the near and distant future.

You will receive a letter and e-mail from us with renderings and information that an architect and builder have helped put together. It is NOT a final plan, and can and may be adjusted. It is, however, a well thought-out plan with the needs of our parish in mind. I included a rendering of the outside of the building to the right. You will see the inside of the project plans in the mailer you will soon receive.



We need your feedback, and whether you support such a plan moving forward. This will be a parish project that will require all of our parish to participate, in one way or another. The anticipated cost of something like this is estimated to be around \$3.7 million dollars. Again, this is not a final plan, but the proposed plan and number will allow us to decide whether we can move forward or not.

Soon, you will receive this information at home. Please fill out the survey from our friends at Kirby-Smith, who are helping us with the feasibility study of our parish. We need your input. Many have already approached me with your opinions, much of which was positive. But we need your opinions. We can't do this without you.

Thank you so much for all that you do for our parish. Together, we will move forward toward Christ as His Body, and we will do so as one parish. Please pray for the continued growth of our parish, and our discernment of this plan. God bless you!

All Saints Day/All Souls Day

Saturday, Nov. 1, is All Saints Day. That day is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning we are to attend Mass. However, because this Feast lands on a Saturday, it is not a day of Obligation, because of some obscure rules. So, we are not obliged to attend Mass, but we'll mark the Feast with Masses on Friday at 6PM and at 9AM on Saturday. Please come and celebrate all of the Saints of the Church that day, and ask for their intercession.

The next day, Sunday, Nov. 2, is All Souls Day, when we pray for all of our deceased family and friends. Because that is a Sunday, all of our Masses that day will remember those who have died. May our prayers at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass assist them in their journey to the Heavenly Kingdom!

God bless you and thank you so much.
Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Mary Hodorovich
10:30 am +Steven Mennen
6:00 pm Our Parish Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

8:00 am +Barbara Pristello

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025 **Sts. Simon and Jude**

8:00 am Special Intentions of Gabriella Licata
And Trejon Dinkins

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

8:30 am +Annarose and Joseph Hepner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**
6:00 pm +Patrick Michael Campbell

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

8:30 am +Anne and Milton Bilger
6:00 pm +Bob Potochick

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 **All Saints**

7:15 am -7:50 am **CONFESSION**
9:00 am +Marie Messner
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**
4:30 pm Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, November 2, 2025

All Souls Day

8:00 am +Willard Brian Justice Sr.
10:30 am +Margaret M. Rakus
6:00 pm +Robert Jones



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 26	Sir 35:12-14,16-18(150C) / 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18 / Lk 18:9-14
Mon. Oct. 27	Rom 8:12-17 / Luke 13:10-17
Tue. Oct. 28	Eph 2:19-22 / Luke 6:12-16
Wed. Oct. 29	Rom 8:26-30 / Luke 13:22-30
Thu. Oct. 30	Rom 8:31b -39 / Luke 13: 31-35
Fri. Oct. 31	Rom 9:1-5 / Luke 14:1-6
Sat. Nov. 1	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14(667) / 1 John 3:1-3/ Matt 11:28
Sun. Nov.. 2	Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 6:3-9(668.3)/ Matt 25:34 (668.1)



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are in loving memory of **ANNAROSE HEPNER** and all of our **dearly departed**. They are a gift from the Hepner family.

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 - 19 - 2025

SUNDAY GIVING \$12,082.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 4,605.00
TOTAL \$16,687.00



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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 26

8:00 am Smiles for Abby Collection **Narthex**
8:00 am Photo Directory Appointments **Narthex**
8:00 am Return Boxes of Joy **Narthex**
9:00 am First Communion Parents Meeting **Church**
9:15 am Religious Education
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
11:30 am Parish Rosary Making **Art Room in School**
1:00 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**
4:00 pm Youth Open Gym **Gym**

MONDAY OCTOBER 27

6:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 28

7:00 pm Scout Meeting **Cafeteria**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #1**
6:30 pm OCIA **Library**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - All Saint's Day

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1

6:45 am TMIY **Cafeteria**
KOC PSU Tailgate Party **Cafeteria/Gym**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYERS 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
TSgt.	Brittany MacBlane	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

Sight and Sound Theatre - With Reservations Only. We will meet on Wednesday, November 12, under the church's portico for check-in at 10:30 am with bus boarding at 10:45 am. Our 1st stop will be dining at Greenfield Restaurant & then on to the performance of NOAH. The approximate return arrival at Seven Sorrows is 6:45 pm.

COMING IN DECEMBER - Caroling at Oak Hill Village & Christmas Friendship Luncheon at the Middletown American Legion. Watch for more details

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



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Extra Ordinary and Lector Schedule October 25/26
Schedule is on the website and available for pick up in the Alb Room.

NEED TO KNOW



Children's Rosary

All children and parishioners are invited to pray in the church after the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month (November 2) ANY CHILD can voluntarily lead a decade of the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join in prayer to support the children.

Blessing of Religious Articles

Blessings of religious articles (rosaries, crucifixes, religious gifts, etc) will take place at the end of the 9:00AM Mass on November 1 (First Sat. of the month).



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 this year and would like their name added to the list that will be read during Mass.



Church Directory Update! We would love for you to be a part of it! Our scheduling process has begun. You will be able to The sessions will run Nov. 4 - 8, and the weekend of Nov 28-29, and December 9. Everyone that is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory. Sign up for your photo session after masses in the Narthex or scan the QR code.



Can't make 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.



Ad Altare Dei Scouting Religious Award



There will be an Ad Altare Dei Boy Scout Religious Award program beginning on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 PM in the Holy Name of Jesus Social Hall. Catholic Scouts in grades 7 through 9 from any troop are welcome to join. The program is based on the seven sacraments and emphasizes how the sacraments are not just one-time activities but part of our daily faith life central to the spiritual growth of all Catholics. Interested Scouts should contact Glen Hair at 717-877-7148 or glenhair08@gmail.com.

The Middletown Care-a-Van is in need of monetary donations for the purchase of a new van to transport our Senior Citizens and disabled persons to and from doctor appointments as well as to the Middletown Food Pantry. If you find it in your hearts to support this much needed ministry, please send a check to the Middletown Interfaith Council, Attn Care-a-Van Replacement Fund, PO Box 207, Middletown PA 17057



RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education
Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato

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10/25/26 - 4pm Jr. High Corn Maze
10/26/25 - 9am 1st Communion Mtg
10/26/25 - 9:15 Class
11/02/25 - 9:15 Class



SSBVM School's Class of 2026 is selling poinsettias to raise money for their annual field trip. Place your order here: <https://bit.ly/XMASFLOWER25>

Dates to note: Orders due by 11/3.
Delivery 12/12.

Thank you for supporting our graduating class!
Questions? Contact abolesky@ssbvm.org



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Substitute Teachers - experienced Teachers needed for substitute days.

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.

SSBVM Catholic School Open House

Preschool through 8th grade

Sunday, November 16

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Register to attend this event: <https://bit.ly/SSBVMTOUR>

To our very generous and thoughtful Apple Tree donors - we are so thankful for you! Our SSBVM Teachers are truly blessed by your generosity. God Bless you all for your kindness!

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)

Humility is essential in all vocations, whether it be sacramental marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. What are some ways you can work on becoming humbler in your life? Have you humbled yourself to ask God His plan for you?

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

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