



November 9, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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



Advent by Candlelight

"The Word Became Flesh."

Ladies of St. Peter's and Seven Sorrows, join us for an evening of faith, fellowship and food in preparation for the Holy season of Advent.

Sunday, November 30, 2025

6:30pm-8:30pm

St. Peter's Hall

Come and sit at the feet of Christ for a while and allow your feminine heart to be filled.



Details & RSVP
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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You are so generous! Thank you to all who donate food to the Middletown Food Bank via our Knights of Columbus Collection box, or the many people who put food into our new mini-pantry on Race Street.

There are ALWAYS people at that pantry, whether they are putting food in (thank you!), or taking it out. There are so many people in need these days.

I wanted to share this note with you that I received regarding the pantry:

“Father, I was just at our church, dropping off a few items for the food box and a woman was there filling a bag. When she started to walk away, I got out of my car to put my items in, and I heard her praying, thanking God for the food she was taking, but also asking God to bless our priest, our nuns, and all of our church members. What an awesome moment to witness, as she was praying for us.”

Wow, what an encouragement. You’re making a difference! When we feed the hungry, we participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy, but it leads to Spiritual Works of Mercy. Feeding the Body and the Soul: this is the Catholic Church! Thank you for showing Jesus to our community in this way!

Don’t Phone It In

A few weeks ago, I had the awesome opportunity to go to a Pittsburgh Steeler football game with my dad and brother. It was a Sunday night game, and it worked out that I could leave after the 10:30AM Mass. I really do not like missing a Sunday Mass here, but I thank Fr. Michael Grab for filling in for the 6PM Mass.

It was a great time, and the seats that a family friend gave to us were awesome. The Steelers lost (what’s new!), but we had a fantastic time rooting for them and complaining about the play calling!

But I was kind of shocked to the extent that people were on their phones. We had the honor of attending the game in person – against the Packers, who are football royalty, like the Steelers – and considering the buzz surrounding the game, it was a highly sought-after ticket.

Yet most people were staring at their phones for most of the game. It didn’t matter if it was one of those interminable television timeouts, halftime (with Poison’s Bret Michaels “performing”), or one of the most exciting moments of the game. Most people were glued to their phones, and missed the moment.

I couldn’t believe it! How could you be so fortunate to be in the stadium for the game, and you’d rather go on social media or text friends the whole time? It’s crazy. You could stay at home and watch on TV, and save the money!

How often do I do this? I wasn’t missing a key play, but I do check my phone, almost unconsciously, during conversations. What am I doing? How rude is that? How often do I walk and look at news or e-mails on my phone, all the while missing nature or someone to say “hi” to?

We are missing out on life, on reality, on surprises and joys, by being consumed by our phones. In the same way, what are we missing out on spiritually? I know that every free or quiet moment I have has to be filled with music, a podcast, or something. And I’m constantly tempted to look at my phone when I’m praying. What peace, what joy, what voice of God am I missing out on when I ignore Him for that phone? It’s so selfish, and I’m robbing myself of His Life!

Life, as God desires us to see, is right in front of us. Let’s not be so distracted that we miss it, and miss Him working in us!

God bless you!
Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:30 am +Deceased Members of Legion of Mary
6:00 pm +Evonia Mildred Stafford

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 St. Leo the Great

8:00 am +Don Jennings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025 St. Martin of Tours

8:00 am Special Intentions of Elton Romeyan Carr

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 St. Josaphat

8:30 am +Joe Souders

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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

6:00 pm +Richard Baril

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

8:00 am +Gerald Guy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 St. Albert the Great

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

8:00 am +All Holy Souls

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

4:30 pm +John Heishman

SUNDAY, November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Bob Douglass

10:30 am Our Parish Family

6:00 pm +Mary Hodorovich



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Nov 9	Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 (671) / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / John 2:13-22
Mon. Nov 10	Wis 1:1-7 / Luke 17:1-6
Tue. Nov 11	Wis 2:23-3:9 / Luke 17:7-10
Wed. Nov 12	Wis 6:1-11 / Luke 17:11-19
Thu. Nov 13	Wis 7:22b-8:1 / Luke 17:20-25
Fri. Nov 14	Wis 13:1-9 / Luke 17:26-37
Sat. Nov 15	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / Luke 18:1-8
Sun. Nov 16	Mal 3:19-20a(159c)/2Thes 3:7-12/Luke 21:5-19



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are in honor of **ALL WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN UNIFORM.**



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 11 - 2- 2025

SUNDAY GIVING \$16,206.00
ONLINE GIVING \$ 6,226.00
TOTAL \$22,432.00



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THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

9:15 am Religious Education
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
1:00 pm Bible Study Drexel Room

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10

11:30 am Rosary Prayer Group Church
6:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:00 pm Basketball Parent Meeting Cafeteria
6:30 pm Bible Study Drexel Room
7:00 pm JV Girls Basketball Gym

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

5:00 pm Novice Boys Basketball Gym
6:00 pm Varsity Boys Basketball Gym
6:00 pm Senior Ministry Meeting Drexel Room
6:30 pm PTT Meeting Library
7:00 pm Scouts Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12

5:00 pm Novice Girls Basketball Gym
6:00 pm JV Girls Basketball Gym
6:15 pm Off the Streets Library
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Varsity Girls Basketball Gym

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #2
5:30 pm Novice Girls Basketball Gym
6:30 pm OCIA Library
6:30 pm Mental Health Awareness Rectory
7:00 pm Varsity Boys Basketball Gym

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14

5:30 pm Novice Boys Basketball Gym

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15

6:45 am TMIY Cafeteria
9:00 am Altar Server Training Church
4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation Box Narthex
4:30 pm CCW Bake /Advent Candle Sale Narthex
4:30 pm School Poinsettia Pre Sale Narthex
4:30 pm High School Ministry Friendsgiving Gym

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

8:00 am Off the Streets Donation Box Narthex
8:00 am CCW Bake /Advent Candle Sale Narthex
8:00 am School Poinsettia Pre Sale Narthex
9:15 am Religious Education
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
1:00 pm Bible Study Drexel Room



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

Bus Trip to Noah - Wednesday, November 12. For those with paid reservations, gather under the church's portico for 10:30 am check-in. We will start boarding at 10:45 am.

Mass & Christmas Caroling at Oak Hill Village - December 10 at 11:00 am in the Chapel. Join us as we gather for Mass & then sing with the residents immediately following Mass.

Christmas Friendship Dinner - December 16 at 1pm at Middletown American Legion. The cost for the luncheon is \$26 and reservation/payment is due in the Parish Office on or before December 1.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Letters from Home

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3501.

Help ensure that no service member feels forgotten this holiday season. Please join us in Operation Letters from Home by filling out a Christmas card with a short note of encouragement for a deployed service member to read.



- Stop by the "Mailbox" in the Narthex to pick up a blank Christmas card — or feel free to bring your own!
- Write a heartfelt message of encouragement, holiday cheer, or gratitude.
- You may include your return address or email if you'd like - many military members write back!
- Do not place cards or letters in individual envelopes.
- No glitter or confetti, please.
- Drop your completed cards into the "Mailbox" between November 1st and November 16th.
- All collected cards and letters will be delivered to the 193rd Special Operations Group in Middletown to be distributed to service men and women deployed over the holiday season.
- Thank you in advance for sending hope, joy, and blessings to the brave men and women who serve — or have served — our country.

NEED TO KNOW

Adoration Chapel

Adorers needed for Tuesdays at 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Please contact Anna Dale at annajdale@gmail.com or phone 717-944-6014.



Hello Veterans!!

Seven Sorrows School will be hosting our annual Veteran's Day Breakfast on Tuesday, November 11th.

Please join us for morning prayer by 8:15 a.m.
Please enter the school at Door #4 (next to the Nature Lab) and sign in to receive your Visitors badge.

Seven Sorrows' very own Knights of Columbus chapter and the cafeteria staff will be preparing pancakes, sausage, and other delicious food for you.

This annual tradition is a small way to show all veterans how much we appreciate your bravery and service to our country.

May GOD continue to bless you with HIS unending protection, strength, and love. Amen.

See you Tuesday!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

A big "Thank You" to everyone who participated with the Boxes of Joy! Many children will have a happy holiday because of your generosity.

Advent candles and wreaths will be on sale after Mass on the weekends of November 8/9 and 15/16.

There will also be a Bake Sale on the weekend of November 15/16. All donations from our parish bakers are welcome.

Annual CCW Christmas dinner at Leeds Restaurant on Tuesday, December 9th. All parish women are welcome. A flyer with meal choices, prices and other details can be found on the CCW table in the narthex. Reservations and dinner selections must be made no later than December 5th by calling Cathy Samarin at 717-919-9180. Payment will be by check to CCW the night of the dinner.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Spiritual Support Group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (November 13) at 6:30 pm in the Parish Living Room.



How to help someone who's having thoughts of Suicide



ASK

"Are you thinking of hurting yourself?"



BE THERE

Listen without judgement and acknowledge their feelings



HELP KEEP THEM SAFE

Reduce their access to lethal items or places



HELP THEM CONNECT

Call or text the 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline
988



FOLLOW UP

Stay in touch to see how they are doing.

RAISING DISCIPLES

**Religious Education
Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato**

ssbvm.org/Education
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11/09/25 - Class & 5th Grade Student Mass
11/16/25 - Class
11/23/25 - Class/Virtus Training - Use front door for arrival
11/30/25 - No Class - Happy Thanksgiving!

High School Ministry

11/15/25 - Friendsgiving Event
Please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.
11/10/25 - Permission slips are due

**SSBVM Catholic School
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Sevensorrowsschool.com
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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>

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:19)

The church needs those who are willing to dedicate their lives to nurturing the Body of Christ. Are you being called to help build up the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister?

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


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