



November 23, 2025

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

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: 9:00am, No 6:00pm

Friday: 8:00am

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

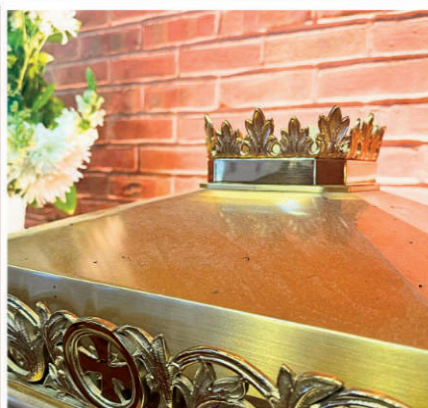
3:30pm-4:15pm

ADORATION: (in the Chapel)

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00am-10:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am-Noon

Friday: Closed



— Happy —
Thanksgiving!

From HIS table to yours.

Mass will be celebrated
Thursday, November 27th
@ 9:00am

There will be NO confessions or 6:00pm Mass

Rectory & Chapel Hours

The Parish Office & Adoration Chapel
will be closed on

Thursday, Friday & Monday
November 27th, 28th and Dec 1st.

The Chapel will close at noon on Wednesday the 26th

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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,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! Isn't that an awesome title?!

But this is our King! Most people with power only hoard it and keep it for themselves. But ours is so different.

This is what Jesus, our King, says to St. Peter: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

He hands His keys to Heaven to the Church. He says that whatever the Church decides, God will obey. Can you imagine a King willingly giving power to his subjects like this? Has any ever handed the keys to his castle to his subjects? It would be madness.

Yet Jesus hands His life to us at Holy Communion, and every Sacrament. We are so blessed to have such a King! Happy Feast!

Survey Says...

You probably have received a letter in the mail regarding our potential plans for a renovated gym and cafeteria. Please read the information and complete the survey that is enclosed with the letter. We need your feedback!

We have already received many completed surveys, and I look forward to reading the results. We truly value your opinion. It is vital that we receive feedback from the entire parish. If this project is to happen, it will require the buy-in of our entire family. We need to know if it is the desire of the parish, or not.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this very important issue! We will report the information after we collect all of your responses, and that will determine whether we move ahead or not. Thank you so much, and God bless you!

Matthew 25 Collection

Every year, the Diocese holds a special collection to help those in need in our area. The diocese collects the funds from all our parishes (last year, the collection was nearly \$400,000), and then it distributes grants up to \$12,000 to organizations all throughout the diocese that help people with housing, food and clothing.

Parishes keep a percentage of the money they raise to help the needy in their own parish. We have a constant stream of people who contact us with help paying rent, with groceries, or utilities. We use these funds and more to help our community.

The grants that the diocese awards do a lot of great work in underserved areas (the Coal regions and our urban areas). There are so many small "mom-and-pop" groups who do awesome work with very little overhead, and the Matthew 25's collection funds go a long way to keeping them in business and helping so many!

Thank you so much for your help with this collection, especially during this time when so many are in need. You make a very real difference. God bless you!

Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

8:00 am +Phyllis Gravino
10:30 am +Joe Rakus
6:00 pm Our Parish Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025 St. Andrew Dung- Lac

8:00 am +Helen Ostrowski

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 am +Elizabeth Veet

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

8:30 am +Phyllis Ziats

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

THANKSGIVING DAY

NO CONFESSION

NO EVENING MASS

9:00 am Special Intentions of Francesca Licata

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

8:00 am +All Holly Souls

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

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

8:00 am +Joe Sullivan

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

4:30 pm Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am +James Egenrieder

10:30 am +Albert Schmeltzer

6:00 pm +Cathy Benson



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Nov 23	2 Sam 5:1-3 (162C)/Col 1:12-20 /Luke 23:35-43
Mon. Nov 24	Dan 1:1-6,8-20 / Luke 21:1-4
Tue. Nov 25	Dan 2:31-45 / Luke 21:5-11
Wed. Nov 26	Dan 5:1-6, 13-14; 16-17;23-28 / Luke 21:12-19
Thu. Nov 27	Sir 50:22-24 (943.2) / 1 Cor 1:3-9 (944.1) / Luke 17:11-19 (947.6)
Fri. Nov 28	Dan 7:2-14 / Luke 21:29-33
Sat. Nov 29	Dan 7:15-27 / Luke 21:34-36
Sun. Nov 30	Isa 2:1-5 (1A) / Rom 13:11-14 / Matt 24:37-44



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are in loving memory of **RICHARD & DOLORES STICHTER**. They are a gift from their 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 11 - 16- 2025

Sunday Giving \$14,809.00
Online Giving \$ 3,692.00
Total \$18,501.00



Scan for Online Giving



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

8:00 am KOC Blood Drive **Gym**
8:00 am Christmas Card Sale **Narthex**
(after all Masses)

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24

6:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**
7:00 pm JV Girls Basketball **Gym**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25

5:00 pm Novice Boys Basketball **Gym**
6:00 pm Varsity Boys Basketball **Gym**
7:00 pm Scouts **Cafeteria**

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #1**
6:00 pm JV Girls Basketball **Gym**
7:00 pm Varsity Girls Basketball **Gym**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28

5:30 pm Novice Boys Basketball **Gym**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

4:30 pm KOC Ornament Sale **Narthex**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

8:00 am KOC Ornament Sale **Narthex**
(after all Masses)

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10:30 am Parish Playroom **Basement**

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.



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Francis Barbato

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



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
ACI	Trey Kephart	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

December 10 at 11 am in the Oak Hill Village Chapel. Join us as we gather for Holy Mass celebrated by Father Sahd and Holiday Singing with the residents following Mass.

Christmas Friendship Dinner -December 16 at 1pm at the American Legion. Reservation/Payment of \$26 is due in the Parish Office on or before Dec 1.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Seven Sorrows BVM Christmas Ornaments and Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets will be available in the Narthex after all Masses the weekends of **November 29th** and **December 6th**.

Christmas Ornaments are \$10.00 each

Magnets: \$3.00 each or **2 for \$5.00**

All proceeds benefit future Knights of Columbus projects. Your support is greatly appreciated.



5th Annual Knights Night of Christmas Trivia Saturday,

December 6th at 7:00 pm in the School Gymnasium.
Cost: \$25 per team (up to 6 participants)

For more details, please check out the flyer in the magazine rack or visit the Knights table. Don't miss out on the holiday cheer, gather your team and come test your Christmas knowledge.

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 (December 7) ANY CHILD can voluntarily lead a decade of the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join in prayer to support the children.

Advent by Candlelight. We will be gathering with ladies of St. Peter's from **6:30pm-8:30pm on Sunday, November 30** in St. Peter's Hall. Please RSVP through the Parish webpage <https://www.ssbvm.org/advent-by-candlelight>

3rd Annual Live Nativity

Friday, Dec. 5, 2025
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Free admittance



We are asking each household to complete a survey (tinyurl.com/sevensorrowsurvey2025). Please complete your survey before or by November 28th!

There are extras at the parish office if you would like another paper copy. Don't forget to sign up for a personal interview as well to give additional feedback. A date and time can be chosen online at tinyurl.com/sevensorrowsinterview2025 or by contacting Richie Musser at 484-364-0601 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com.



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.



The Bishop McDevitt Pro-life Club is raising money for a bus trip to take to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., on January 23, 2026.

Their goal is \$2,200.

Donation checks can be sent and made payable to

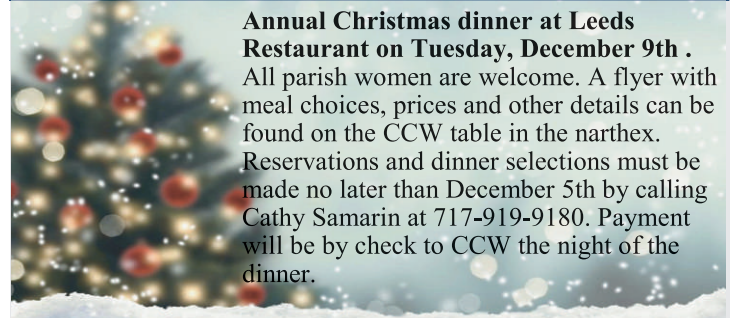
Bishop McDevitt High School, with a note that it is for the Pro-Life Club bus in the memo. For questions, contact Felicity Astfalk at fpastfalk@gmail.com or (717)-497-0080.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Annual 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.



RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education
Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato

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11/23/25 - Class/Virtus Training - Use front door for arrival
11/30/25 - No Class - Happy Thanksgiving!

Support the Heart of Mary Fund

The Heart of Mary Fund helps Seven Sorrows BVM School provide tuition assistance, improve academic programs, and enhance the spiritual and educational experience for every student. Your generosity directly strengthens our parish school and supports families who desire a Catholic education.



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"Donate."
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RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42)

On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister?

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

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025
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