

Dear Friends,

I've heard it said that walking into Seven Sorrows is like walking into a hug! That's because of the family we've become and the desire to open our hearts and "home" to all who wish to visit! This couldn't be more apparent than during this busy fundraising season, when much is happening and so much and many are needed. The way this parish and all of you come together so willingly, not only accomplishes great things, but you do so in a way that bonds us even closer as brothers and sisters, in Christ.

Last year's egg season was 12 weeks long and we made 71,000 eggs! Never in our wildest dreams, could we have imagined that this year, with a shorter 10-week season, we could make and sell 74,000 eggs! **But you did! And you did it well!** It was *insane* what was accomplished together as a group - and how every team, person, parishioner & business pulled together to create what would seem like an impossible accomplishment! Can you believe the demand for our eggs was so great we were selling 10,000 per WEEK? People were coming from all over to visit our store and to seek out businesses who sold them! Along with those visits came admiration for you, for us as a parish, and the devotion we share with our faith in God and to each other. It wasn't just about the eggs, there was an impressive appreciation and awe for what they were seeing from **Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church**. Then finding out that all the peanut butter is donated year-after-year is always like the chocolate on top of the conversation!

You can look at this as many ways as you want, but I know the truth. The true reason our fundraising seasons can happen, the way they happen, with the success in which they happen, is because of the deep love in all your hearts for the glory of Jesus Christ and The Truth of His Life and Resurrection! And that love and Truth, my friends, pours out into all you do for our parish - and for the community we have become. We are bonded together in unity. We ARE the Body of Christ. We ARE His church!

There's an expression we've all no doubt heard when it comes to doing something larger than what one or two of us can do alone; that expression is, "It takes a village". And while that's certainly the case, I think the more appropriate way to word it is, *"It takes a family"*!

Lisa Fortunato

EGGS 2026

Sales/Donations	\$150,322.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 31,953.33</u>
PROFIT	\$118,368.67

"None of us ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

-Mother Teresa

A SHOUT-OUT TO ABC 27

A special thank you to ABC 27 who once again filmed our production process, featuring us on the news! As always, we sent a few dozen eggs back to the station for them to enjoy. The next day, Valerie Pritchett was in the EGG Store buying more. She said by the time she arrived at the station later in the day, the morning crew had already polished them off!

*A Special thank you
to our businesses!*

IT TAKES A Family!

Advertising
Peanut Butter Donations
Behind the Scenes
Ingredient Prep & Pick Up
Batter/Ordering
Production
Specials
Egg Store
Narthen Sales
Fish Fry Sales
Business & Community Sales
Family & Friend Sales
Parish & School Offices
Maintenance Department
YOU!

FISH FRY

Week #1 \$1,234
Week #2 \$1,578
Week #3 \$1,426
Week #4 \$1,944
Week #5 \$1,198
Week #6 \$1,228
Total \$8,608

OUR EGG STORE

5 Years Old!

2022 \$16,547
2023 \$20,392
2024 \$43,718
2025 \$61,834
2026 \$64,756*

*Season was 2 weeks shorter than 2025! Our EGG Store was "hoppin"!

\$47,035 in sales

MASSES

4:30pm \$ 6,390
8:00am \$ 3,354
10:30am \$ 5,406
6:00pm \$ 2,767
Total \$17,917

843 PEANUT BUTTER JARS

DONATED, saving us \$5,000+

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:

\$10,302.00

Brownstone Café

Capitol diner

Crystal Pools, Inc.

Dr. K's

Hershey Bistro

Interfaith

Luke's Pet & Supply Store

Middletown Fire Rescue

Old Forge Gift Shop

One Good Woman

Palmyra Pharmacy

Royal Mart

Schmidt's Sausage Shop

Souder's Market

Sparvy's Mart

St. Pete's, Etown

The Blue room

The Country Store

Volt Hair Studio

How much?

4,300 Pounds of Chocolate
1,740 Pounds of Cream Cheese
936 Pounds of Butter/Margarine
3,950 Pounds of 10x Sugar
4,800 Pounds of Peanut Butter
720 Pounds of Coconut
5 Gallons of Vanilla

TOTAL EGGS MADE:

2025 (12 wk season) - 71,469
2026 (10 wk season) - 74,309

FLAVORS

SOLD:

5,072 Dark BC

5,816 Milk BC

8,695 Dark CC

6,294 Milk CC

14,539 Dark PB

33,893 Milk PB

EGG Store Stories...

~Fr. Woods was back again from St. Peter's Catholic church in Maryland to buy 950 eggs for his parishioners as his Easter gift to them!

~A couple drove from the Valley Forge area just to visit our EGG Store, buy some eggs, only to turn around and head back home!

~Another couple pre-arranged a special appointment during off hours because they were traveling the turnpike from PBG to Philly and wanted to stop at the store, pick up eggs, keep going, and hand-deliver to their grandchildren for Easter!

~Prosync Technology Group in Maryland called to place an order for their employees. The rep took a flight in, rented a car, and drove the eggs back to the company. I'm not sure if she was here on business or not, but I'd like to think our eggs were worth the cost of her airline ticket!

~And I quote, *"I need a peanut butter EGG! I had the most stressful day and I'm eating this one on the way home as a coping mechanism!"* And out the door she went!

A few years ago, our production teams were dipping approx. 800 eggs in a shift. Soon, as those numbers started to climb, the big goal was to reach 1,000



per shift. When we did, we'd ring this antique bell in celebration, and everyone would clap & cheer! That 1,000 has now consistently grown higher, but our "family" tradition remains!