



January 4, 2026

# SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

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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

### CONFESIONS:

Thursday: 5:00pm-5:45pm

Saturday: 7:15-7:50am and 3:30-4:15pm

### ADORATION: (in the Chapel)

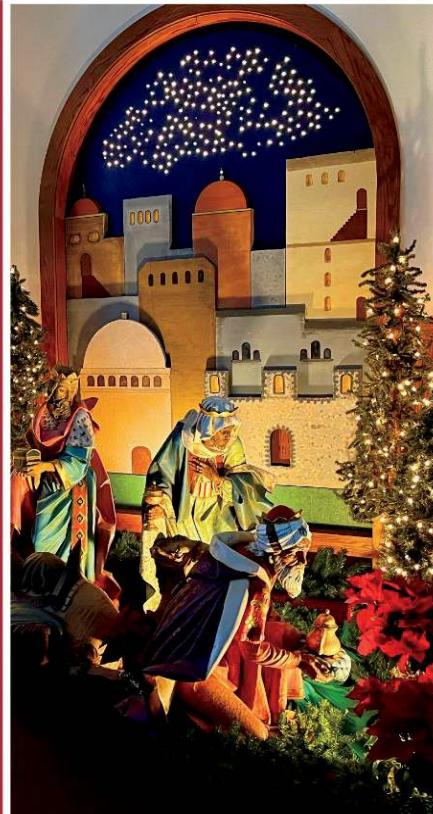
Monday: 9:00am-10:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-10pm

Wednesday: 10:00am-10:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-Noon



— A Christmas —  
*Thank you*

Sincere thanks to all who  
helped us to celebrate  
beautiful Masses during our  
Christmas season. May Christ  
reign in your homes and our  
parish this New Year!

# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas -- still! I pray that your soul is still feeling the power of Jesus' birth! While the Christmas decorations come down all over, we NEED our souls to continue to feel His peace and joy burning inside of us.

Speaking of decorations, a parishioner sent a picture of a Nativity scene that he thought was awesome. I agree that it looks beautiful, even if our nativity scene is still a bit better! I've never seen anything like this before. Take a look:

I've seen these garage wraps a ton this year, but none that were religiously themed or featured the crèche. I'm so glad that they sell them! You'd need a three-car garage to get everyone in, but it is great!

At the end of Mass, when Father or I say, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," we are sending you out to live WHO you have received in your everyday life...at work, at home, at school, at the gym...wherever.

The public witness with something as simple as our Christmas decorations is a great way to live out WHO we have received at Mass. That garage wrap of Jesus' birth is a great witness of Faith!



We never do something simply to let people know "how great we are," or "look at us and our awesome Faith," but we do live out what we believe. Thanks for the many ways you live out your Catholic Faith and your belief in the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist when you leave here!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As a kid, I always wanted to stay up to watch Dick Clark count down and watch the ball drop in Times' Square. I always had to be woken up at 11:55PM in order to see it, though!

I hope you were able to stay up and ring in 2026 if you desired to do so!

Perhaps the start of a new year can allow us to start seeing life in a new light. A parishioner sent me this picture, taken from the choir loft. Tell me what you think this looks like:



The parishioner said that she thought it was me (because there is no hair painted on the top of his head). It really is the top of St. John Neumann's head (and he had hair, but they saved money on paint, I guess!).

I find it very hard to believe that she actually thought it was me! Impossible, actually! And I'm not really the type of guy who changes his mind on things.

Well, with our Faith in Jesus, who is the world's ONLY SAVIOR, we must follow Him. In the words of St. Peter, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Sometimes, Jesus' Teachings, lived out through the Church, are hard to follow. Sometimes we don't even want to see the wisdom of them, and live out our own teachings, or those of our society.

This new year, we are given a fresh start. Perhaps let's start seeing Jesus' Teachings as the only way to eternity, even if we find them difficult to live out. Let's see them from a new perspective. Maybe I'll even begin to see what St. John Neumann and I have in common!

God bless you!  
Fr. Sahd

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## MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 am Our Parish Family  
10:30 am +Alexander and Pauline Loutinsky  
6:00 pm +Dolores Sashko

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 **St. John Neumann**

8:00 am Christine De Filippo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 **St. Andre' Bessette**

8:00 am +Nick Spadone

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026 **St. Raymond**

8:30 am +Special Intentions of Jake Snyder

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

5:15 pm - 5:50 pm **CONFESSON**  
6:00 pm +Richard Ostrowski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

8:00 am +Margaret Drake

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

7:15 am -7:50 am **CONFESSON**  
8:00 am +Jan Pilsitz  
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSON**  
4:30 pm +Louie Russo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

**The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 am +Andrew and Helen Hyduk  
10:30 am Our Parish Family  
6:00 pm +Ann Savidge



## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Jan 4	Isa 60:1-6(20ABC) / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Matt 2:1-12
Mon. Jan 5	1 John 3:22-4:6 / Matt 4:12-17,23-25
Tue. Jan 6	1 John 4:7-10 / Mark 6:34-44
Wed. Jan 7	1 John 4:11-18 / Mark 6:45-52
Thu. Jan 8	1 John 4:19-5:4 / Luke 4:14-22
Fri. Jan 9	1 John 5:5-13 / Luke 5:12-16
Sat. Jan. 10	1 John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30
Sun. Jan 11	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 (21ABC) / Acts 10:34-38 /Matt 3:13-17 (21A)



## SUNDAY OFFERING

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 12-21-2025

Sunday Giving \$15,343.00  
Online Giving \$ 5,038.00  
Total \$20,381. 00



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## THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY

**JANUARY 4**  
9:15 am NO Religious Education  
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**  
11:30 am Children's Rosary **Church Cry Room**  
1:00 pm Little Dribblers **Gym**

MONDAY

**JANUARY 5**  
11:30 am Rosary and Prayer Group **Church**  
6:00 pm Legion of Mary  
6:30 pm KOC Assembly Meeting **Library**  
7:00 pm CCW Meeting **Drexel Room**  
7:00 pm JV Girls Basketball **Gym**

TUESDAY

**JANUARY 6**  
5:00 pm Novice Boys Basketball **Gym**  
6:00 pm Varsity Boys Basketball **Gym**  
7:00 pm KOC Meeting **Drexel Room**  
7:00 pm Scouts **Cafeteria**

WEDNESDAY

**JANUARY 7**  
5:00 pm Novice Girls Basketball **Gym**  
6:00 pm JV Girls Basketball **Gym**  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
6:30 pm KOC District Meeting **Drexel**  
7:00 pm Varsity Girls Basketball **Gym**

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

**JANUARY 9**  
5:30 pm Novice Boys Basketball **Gym**

SATURDAY

**JANUARY 10**  
9:00 am Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY

**JANUARY 11**  
9:15 am Religious Education  
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**  
1:00 pm Little Dribblers **Gym**



## Remember Our Military In Our Prayers

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
1st 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
MGST	Daniel Brought	Marines
A1C	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

## SENIOR MINISTRY

**HOLY MASS & GAME NIGHT** - January 22 Thursday Evening Mass at 6 pm & Game Night immediately following in the Upper School Cafeteria, weather permitting. Bring some snacks to share & your favorite soft drink to enjoy!

**NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER** - Gilligan's Bar & Grill. January 24, 2026, after Saturday Evening Mass. Sign-ups will be in the narthex January 3-11, to provide the restaurant with an anticipated number of diners. A special menu will be available with separate checks.

**SENIOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS** - 2nd Tuesday of each Month at 6 pm in the Drexel Room, unless otherwise advertised.

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March 14, 2026  
Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, PA  
5:00 pm

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Authentic Femininity "...for such a time as this." Esther 4:14

**"Fight Like a Catholic", Spiritual Warfare in the Catholic Tradition, Book Study by Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, Director of Communications and New Age Research for the Women of Grace Apostolate.**

Study begins Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Seven Sorrows Catholic Church in Middletown for Five Saturdays (also January 24, January 31, February 14, and February 21).

Study includes weekly video; cost of book \$15.95. Purchase book prior to the first meeting to begin discussion on 1/17/26.

All Catholic women are encouraged to attend! Contact Chris Arnold at 717-379-6041 or [carnold@womenofgrace.com](mailto:carnold@womenofgrace.com).

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



### Spiritual Support Group

2nd Thursday of every month.

Jan. 8th at 6:30 pm  
Parish Living Room

# RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education  
Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato

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CALENDAR:

01/04/26 - No Class

JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY (6th, 7th & 8th)

01/17/26 - Paramount Sports Complex  
(Saturday 4:00pm - 9:00pm)

## 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.



To make a gift, scan the QR code or visit [SevenSorrowsSchool.com](http://SevenSorrowsSchool.com) and click "Donate."

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**Seven Sorrows Distinguished Graduate Award** Alumni of Seven Sorrows and other supporters of our school are invited to nominate school alumni for the annual Seven Sorrows Distinguished Graduate Award.

Award recipients are notified during Catholic Schools Week and will be recognized and honored at the School Gala on March 21, 2026. Nominations are due by January 5, 2026 via the online form where you will also find a description of suggested nomination criteria. <https://forms.gle/CgdDuvRooCmrqFrt9>

**After School Aide** 3:30pm - 5:30pm any day Mon.- Fri.  
Diocesan Clearances are needed. Contact principal Angela Warner

## RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." (Matthew 2:11)

The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him?

Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at [Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org)



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