



April 12, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

ADORATION: (in the Chapel)

Monday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Tuesday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am-10:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-Noon



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, Sunday April 12th
@ 3:00pm

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Our parish will have two Town Halls for you to hear about our plans for the renovation of the gym and cafeteria.

Today, Sunday, April 12 (Gym)
@ 11:30AM

Thursday, April 16 (Gym)
@ 6:30PM

You are invited and encouraged to come.

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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!

A blessed Easter to you and your family! The great Feast day continues through today, as Easter Day is actually 8 days.

In 2000, the last day of the Easter Octave (today) was renamed Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope St. John Paul II. This was on the date of the canonization (the day someone is declared a saint) of Faustina Kowalska, a religious sister from Poland, who recorded conversations she had with Jesus that spoke of His desire for everyone to enter into His Mercy.

These days, it is so hard to feel at peace. Whether it is in our world, or in our country, community, family or in our own heart, it is almost inevitable that we will feel that everything is falling apart. Maybe it is because of other people's sin, or our own. But this lack of peace can make us run for safety.

But where are we to find it?

St. Faustina and Pope St. John Paul II couldn't come at a better time for us. Our God knew we needed them and their message of the mercy of God. That is where we hide! As St. Faustina said, we hide in an Ocean of Mercy that Jesus provides.

The image of an ocean is perfect. It is almost endless, so being locked in Jesus' Ocean of Mercy means we are totally immersed in His safety and His healing mercy, which cleans us from our sins, and protects us from others'.

But being in an ocean also means that things aren't always calm, as there are waves and rip currents. But when we are with Our Savior in this world, we can enter into His Ocean of Mercy, knowing that while we live in a world that is without peace, we can still enter His Peace through the Sacramental life of the Church, especially the Sacrament of Confession. If we do this, we can experience His Peace in His Ocean, even though much of the world desires to stay on land.

God bless you, and please join us today (Sunday) at 3PM for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour, where we'll have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and confession. Enter into His Peace when this world offers nothing of the sort!

THANK YOU!

I was so overwhelmed when I processed into Mass on Holy Thursday, seeing everyone who was present, but also knowing the multitudes of people it takes to celebrate these Masses and liturgies and days of Holy Week and Easter properly.

Many thanks to so many, including: the choir and its director, Joe Trojcak, who have prepared for such a long time to lift us up to our God during these days; the parish staff, who works for months making sure we have everything we need; the decorating committee, headed by Teri Cherra and Augie Spadone, for preparing our sanctuary for each day; to Rita Angelucci and Mickey Zanzinger for their work as sacristans and always there to prepare everything for Mass; for all ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers and altar servers; to the Knights of Columbus for providing decorating help; and so many countless others who help in so many different ways.

I can't thank you enough. I am generally running around like a chicken with my head cut off all during this week, and so many are giving of their free time to make sure that everything goes so smoothly and that our parishioners can enter properly into the Mysteries of Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

Finally, thank you to ALL OF YOU who attended a Mass of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). They were packed and you all entered into them with a seriousness and goodness. Easter Day Masses were also crowded, even our outdoor soggy 6:30AM Mass. You all wanted to meet our Risen Savior!

God bless you, and we are so blessed to enter into Our Savior's Peace together this Easter!
Fr. Sahn

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

Divine Mercy

- 8:00 am +Deceased Members of the Relken and Shank Family
- 10:30 am +Tim Fraley
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour
- 6:00 pm +Marie Licata

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 St. Martin

- 8:00 am +Virginia Craig

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

- 8:00 am +Marion Roman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 2026

- 8:30 am +Cathy Benson

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

- 5:15 pm - 5:50 pm **CONFESSION**
- 6:00 pm +Christine DeFilippo

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

- 8:00 am +Charles M. Dale

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

- 7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**
- 8:00 am +Kathleen Cribari Ritter
- 4:30 pm +Rose Vajda

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Our Parish Family
- 10:30 am +Robert Kerwin
- 6:00 pm +Joanne Sieminiski



DAILY READINGS

Sun. April 12	Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31
Mon. April 13	Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8
Tue. April 14	Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7b-15
Wed. April 15	Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21
Thu. April 16	Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36
Fri. April 17	Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15
Sat. April 18	Acts 6:1-7 / John 6:16-21
Sun. April 19	Acts 2:14,22-23 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes
Juquill Lee Adams Jr.
 child of Juquill and Veronica Adams
 who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.

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.

Can't make Mass?

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 Parish Office.



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday collection \$23,477.25

Easter collection \$33,942.00
 Flower collection \$2,474.00
 Holy Land (Good Friday) \$1,606.00
 Holy Thursday collection \$1,994.00



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2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793
 Collected and Pledged: \$94,699 (53%)

THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY APRIL 12

- 9:15 am Religious Education
- 10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
- 11:30 am Town Hall Meeting **Gym**
- 1:00 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour **Church**

MONDAY APRIL 13

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary
- 6:30 pm Bible Study **Art Room**
- 7:00 pm CCW Meeting **Drexel Room**

TUESDAY APRIL 14

- 6:00 pm Senior Ministry Meeting **Drexel Room**
- 6:30 pm PTT Meeting **Library**
- 7:00 pm Scouts **Cafeteria**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm OCIA **Art Room**

THURSDAY APRIL 16

- 8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team # 4**
- 6:30 pm Town Hall Meeting **Gym**

FRIDAY APRIL 17

SATURDAY APRIL 18

- 6:30 am TMIY **Cafeteria**
- 4:30 pm KOC BBQ Ticket Sales **Narthex**
- 4:30 pm CCW Bake Sale **Narthex**
- 4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**

SUNDAY APRIL 19

- 8:00 am KOC BBQ Ticket Sales **Narthex (all Masses)**
- 8:00 am CCW Bake Sale **Narthex (all Masses)**
- 8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex (all Masses)**
- 9:15 am Religious Education
- 10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
- 1:00 pm Bible Study **Library**



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Janet Bracken
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



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>
LT. Col	Sam Herbert	Army
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	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
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Sgt.	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
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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

A DAY IN HUMMELSTOWN - TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

10:00am - Historical Museum 20 N. Rosanna Street. Tour to include Special Old Glory Flag Display in honor of USA 250. Free Admission. Donations Accepted. Please note -Museum includes 3 levels. Steps. No Elevators.

12:00pm- Chatter Box for Lunch 254 W. Main Street, Hummelstown. This is not a normal operating day for the Chatter Box. A special seating is available for our Senior Ministry. Advanced reservations are required. Text your reservation request by April 21 to our Augie Spadone @ 717-877-4131. Lunch offerings will be from a limited menu. Separate checks will be provided.

Late afternoon -Shopping in Hummelstown On your own.

Festival News

Spring is here! Just a reminder when spring cleaning, to donate your unwanted treasures to our Annual Flea Market.

Corrected Drop off dates in the gym: 5/7 3:30pm - 5:30pm, 5/15 3:30pm-5:30pm, 5/17 12noon-2:00pm.

Please consider donating candy to our Candy Wheel game. There is a bin in the Narthex.

Filled baskets for the Basket Raffle and Jewelry donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office.

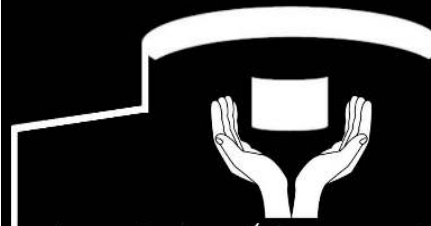
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Mental Illness
is represented by
Jesus' **crown of thorns.**
St. Teresa of Calcutta

His **Resurrection**
empowers us to face
life's challenges with
Hope

NEED TO KNOW



Please take a card at the Scrip Table to leave a note for Father Sahd & Father Josh

Uplift Your Priest

APRIL 11TH - APRIL 19TH

WAYS TO UPLIFT YOUR PRIEST

**PRAY | FAST |
SACRIFICE | AFFIRM**



HERSHEYPARK

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings.

Gate admission for Regular is \$90.80; our price is \$42.95 (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/1/27.

*ADD-ON Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for \$21.19 each and

*ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$27.50 pre-ordered or pay \$35.00 onsite

Tickets purchased in 2026 are valid for any 1 public operating day throughout the 2026 calendar year but will not be valid past their expiration date. Refunds, extensions or upgrades will not be offered.

Orders must be received at the parish by **Friday, April 17, 2026.** Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 18, 2026.



The 4th annual Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on May 17th in the school parking lot for 9am to 1pm.

Proceeds benefit :PPT, Smiles for Abby, & KOC

Tickets cost \$12 and will be sold after all weekend Masses beginning on 4/18 and in the Parish Office.



MAY 17

9am - 1pm

School parking lot

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN



A sincere note of thanks to all who delivered Meals on Wheels to the shut-ins of our community in March. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**HDCCW invites all women:
14th Annual Weekend Retreat
Mount St. Mary's University
June 12th -14th**

Registration deadline May 23, 2026.



Contact Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, warrenrjs@aol.com or 717-503-9429

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RAISING DISCIPLES:
 04/26/26 Class/End of Year Celebration

2nd Grade - 1st Holy Communion
 04/29/26 Rehearsal
 05/02/26 1st Holy Communion Mass & May Crowning weekend

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 Preschool Session 9:30 am | Kindergarten Session 1:30 pm
 Register to attend this event: <https://bit.ly/STEPINTOSS>

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

As we begin the annual Uplift your Priest, we pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you.

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

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