

May 3, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
5th Sunday of Easter

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: 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



— 1st Holy — *Communion* & May Crowning

May our 2nd Graders,
receiving Jesus for the
first time, strengthen our
desire to receive the
Eucharist weekly.

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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!

Congratulations to our Second Graders who received their First Holy Communion this weekend!

As your pastor, it is so wonderful to see the joy and anticipation of the children at receiving Jesus for the first time. I know their families and friends encouraged them as well, and that was a great boost to them.

On Friday, in preparation for receiving the Most Holy Eucharist, the Second Graders walked through the school, as I led them with the Paschal Candle. The rest of the school lined the hallways with lit candles, praying for them. The school lifted them up in prayer as they prepared to welcome Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

The Sacraments are not a rite of passage. They are a way of life. They are exciting because they provide us not with mere bread and wine, or water that does nothing but get our heads wet, but with the transforming and True Life of God! These children truly are being transformed into Jesus!

What a great gift! May our childrens' families, friends, classmates – and especially our parish – encourage them to continue to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and in all the other Sacraments. May we encourage them by partaking in them ourselves more often! That is the greatest gift.

Happy First – but certainly one of many, many more – Holy Communion, Second Grade!

The Christian Life

When I was younger, we had a guy who worked at our family business named Punk. He was an awesome guy who would tell us stories about WWII, and advice he often gave to “Eisenhower.”

Punk had the best lines; I remember most of them but can't use a lot of them! But something he'd always say to me when I was talking about the work I was supposed to do, but not doing it, was: “Stop talking about it and do something about it.”

For me, that is my Catholic Faith. Of course we need to evangelize others, and I know you have! So many people who are new here were invited here by YOU!

But Faith in Jesus is more than just “talking” about Him. It is actually following Him. And that is so hard. This picture describes just how hard it is!



Obeying Jesus? That's really hard. “Obey” is a term we don't use anymore. We are too free for that! We are not sheep!

But actually, we are. In Christianity, we are sheep who follow the Shepherd. In St. Peter's words, “To whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life!”

Our Catholic Faith involves first receiving Jesus' Love, and responding by obeying Him, who is our Sovereign King!

God bless you!
Fr. Sahn

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

8:00 am +Mary Ann Tricamo

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

8:00 am +Bob Mraz

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

8:30 am +Joseph and Annarose Hepner

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

5:15 pm - 5:50 pm **CONFESSION**
 6:00 pm +Brandt Smith

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

8:00 am +Helen Ostrowski

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**
 8:00 am +Aimee Sims
 4:30 pm Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am +Deceased Members of the Blewis, Cavanaugh,
 And Dirk Families
 10:30 am +Christine DeFilippo
 6:00 pm +Helen Whitsel

Mass Intentions for 2026 have been filled. The Mass Intention book for 2027 will not be opened until September. If you would like to make a Mass for a loved one, you may still do so. They may be sent out to be said by retired priests.



DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 3	Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12
Mon. May 4	Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26
Tue. May 5	Acts 14:9-28 / John 14:27-31a
Wed. May 6	Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8
Thu. May 7	Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11
Fri. May 8	Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17
Sat. May 9	Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21
Sun. May 10	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

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

APRIL 26, 2026

Sunday collection \$13,943.00
 Online Giving 3,510.25
 Total \$17,453.25



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2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793
 Collected and Pledged: **\$119,996 (67%)**

THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY MAY 3

8:00 am KOC BBQ Ticket Sales **Narthex**
 (after all Masses)
 10:30 am May Crowning **Church**
 10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
 11:30 am Children's Rosary **Church**
 1:00 pm Bible Study **Art Room**

MONDAY MAY 4

6:00 pm Legion of Mary
 7:00 pm CCW Meeting **Library**

TUESDAY MAY 5

7:00 pm Scouts **Cafeteria**
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus **Library**

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

6:30 pm NO Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Saint Monica Hour **Church**

THURSDAY MAY 7

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #3**

FRIDAY MAY 8

SATURDAY MAY 9

4:30 pm Baby Bottle Collection **Narthex**

SUNDAY MAY 10

8:00 am Baby Bottle Collection **Narthex**
 (after all Masses)



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar this weekend are

in loving memory of **Bob Mraz**.

They are gift from his wife Diane on their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

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.



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" - Proverbs 3:5-6

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please reach out to: Donna Jennings at 717-566-3184 or via email: djennings2095@comcast.net.



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
GYSGT	Brendon J. Parkhill	Marines
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
CPT	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

TOUR OF CHURCHES - May 13 at 10 am
Middletown Church of God, 245 West High Street
Tour & Discussion of Beliefs with Pastor Kim. Dining to follow at Brownstone.

BOCCCE - May 14 & 21 at 8:30 am. Sunset Park.

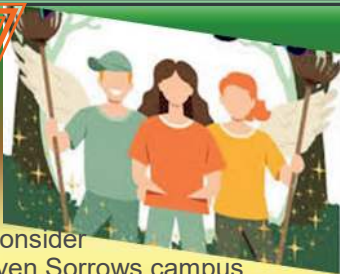
PILGRIMAGE 2026 - National Centre for Padre Pio
Reservation Forms are available on the Narthex Flyer Rack.
"FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & FUN!" - Our new Senior Ministry Newsletter, now available on the Narthex Flyer Rack, includes all our upcoming Events & Activities.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

Baby Bottles will be distributed in the Narthex next weekend May 9/10. Return date for filled bottles will be Father's Day, June 20/21. All the money collected will be donated to Morningstar Pregnancy Center.



GARDENING ANGELS NEEDED!



If you have a green thumb and some free time, please consider adopting a section of the Seven Sorrows campus to clean up and maintain. The flower beds around the school are in particular need of some tender loving care. Contact Jim Young (717-856-7088) if interested.



Spiritual Support Group

2nd Thursday of every month.
May 14 at 6:30 pm

Parish Living Room

Mental Health Ministry
Seven Sorrows BVM

NEED TO KNOW



The 4th annual Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on May 17th in the school parking lot from 9am to 1pm. Tickets cost \$12 and will be sold after all weekend Masses, and in the Parish Office.

Proceeds benefit :PTT, Smiles for Abby, & KOC



MAY 17

9am – 1pm

School parking lot



Grab some food and a beverage and relax to all three great bands at our Festival this year 6 to 9 PM:

Thurs: Louder Than Yesterday
Fri: Dovetail
Sat: Crossing Abbey Road

Our first Flea Market drop-off date is May 7th 3:30 - 5:30 (please no books for this first drop-off). Jewelry can still be dropped-off at the rectory.

We still need your Cash Raffle and Shop till You Drop tickets returned to the rectory or collection basket. Your participation directly supports our fundraising efforts and is much appreciated.

Please join us all three nights for mouth-watering food, great fun and fabulous entertainment!

R&K Sub & Pretzel Sandwich Sale



Our HS Ministry group is heading to NYC with Fr.Sahd & Fr. Weaver this July. This fundraiser will help pay the cost of bus transportation. Please pick up an order form in the Narthex flyer rack or order after all Masses May 16 & 17.

RAISING DISCIPLES

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RAISING DISCIPLES

Vacation Bible School
Junkyard Redemption
June 22-June 26, 2026
9:00-11:30
Details @ sevensorrowsschool.com

Join Our School Team!

We are hiring for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Full-Time Middle School Science & Math Teacher
- Part-Time Advancement Position

To apply or learn more, please contact Angela Warner with questions or inquiries. awarner@ssbvm.org



RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." (John 14:12)

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call.

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