



May 10, 2026

# SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church  
*The 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 7:00pm  
Thursday: 6:30am, 8:30am & Noon  
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



## — The Ascension — *of the Lord*

A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, May 13th  
7:00pm

Thursday, May 14th  
6:30am, 8:30am & Noon

No evening Mass or confessions

Happy  
*Mother's Day*

“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” Proverbs 31:31

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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,

I know we have a bunch of things going on in our parish, but I wanted to give you an update on a few things we've been working on:

### **New Cafeteria/Gym Capital Campaign**

We had two town halls late last month, and took some valuable feedback from them.

The general feeling at the town halls was that the building needs to be renovated, because of serious, long-standing issues that have been apparent for a while now. What concerns were expressed regarded specifics of the renovation, especially concerning storage as well as kitchen upgrades and increasing the capacity for the elevator. We are currently working on these issues, to see what can feasibly be addressed in these plans.

Once we get our final plans, we'll place the project up for bids with many different contractors, and decide on a final company to lead the work.

I'd like to thank all who participated. Because of the overwhelmingly positive feedback (97% approved moving forward) we received from the original feasibility study, and with Diocesan approval, we will begin to raise money for the project soon. Beginning the first weekend of June, we will start actively seeking donations from our parishioners for the project.

As a priest, I despise asking for money. But I am not asking for myself. I am asking for a project that will benefit the whole parish for generations to come, and for a renovation that is absolutely necessary. Leaving it alone is simply not a solution, as the building will eventually be unusable if it is not addressed.

So thank you so much for your generosity. Again, beginning on the first weekend of June, we will talk to parishioners about how they can participate. Once we raise half of the funds (about \$1.9M of the total cost, which is \$3.7M), we'll begin the renovations. We are hoping to begin in May 2027 with the physical project, provided we raise the necessary funds.

Thank you so much for your participation and your generosity to our parish. It will take all of us to participate to be able to complete this project.

Seven Sorrows' parishioners take ownership and pride in the many volunteer and charitable works we do. We run on the energy and generosity of our volunteers, and we depend on each of you. This project will be no different; in fact, it will be especially so. Thank you for your prayers and support as we undertake this essential project!

### **Photo Directory**

In the winter, many parishioners had their family portraits taken for our parish photo directory. The committee that has spent countless hours directing this huge undertaking, led by Donna Kandsberger, are completing the process. We hope to have directories available to all who had pictures taken in the next few months.

As I explained above, volunteers in our parish are mostly responsible for the completion of the directory. In our parish, countless volunteers are depended on to do big and small projects. I am so grateful to the directory committee for all of their work, and I know you'll be happy with the results.

### **Festival and Chicken Bar-b-que**

Please remember that our festival has moved to May this year (May 21-23), and we look forward to an awesome event, as usual. Please plan on attending!

In addition, the Knights of Columbus are conducting a chicken bar-b-que from Kauffman's next weekend. Please support the Knights, who support us in so many projects. This is one of their biggest fundraisers, and is essential to the work they do for each one of us. Thank you, and God bless you!

Fr. Sahd

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026**

- 8:00 am +Joe Sullivan

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026** *Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, and Pancras*

- 8:00 am +Jesna George

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026** *Our Lady Fatima*

- 8:30 am +Stephen O'Donnell
- 7:00 pm +Mario Corradi

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026** *The Ascension of the Lord*

- 6:30 am +Catherine Messick
- 8:30 am +James Paros
- 12:00 pm +Joseph Kerwin

**NO CONFESION  
NO EVENING MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026** *St. Isadore*

- 8:00 am +Clement and Marie Davis

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

- 7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESION**
- 8:00 am +Angela Amabile
- 4:30 pm +Deborah "Precious" Palermo

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 am Our Parish Family
- 10:30 am +Joe Wasilewski
- 6:00 pm +Deceased Members of the Jeske and Janicki Families

**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 10	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21
Mon. May 11	Acts 16:11-15 / John 15:26-16:4a
Tue. May 12	Acts 16:22-34 / John 16:5-11
Wed. May 13	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / John 16:12-15
Thu. May 14	Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Matt 28:16-20
Fri. May 15	Acts 18:9-18 / John 16:20-23
Sat. May 16	Acts 18:23-28 / John 16:23b-28
Sun. May 17	Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Peter 4:13-16 / John 17:1-11a

### 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

**MAY 3, 2026**

Sunday collection \$17,270.00  
 Online Giving 7,853.25  
 Total \$25,123.25



Scan for Online Giving

**2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)**

Goal: \$177,793  
 Collected and Pledged: \$125,806 (71%)

# THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

**SUNDAY MAY 10**  
 8:00 am KOC BBQ Ticket Sales **Narthex (after all Masses)**  
 8:00 am Baby Bottle Collection **Narthex (after all Masses)**

**MONDAY MAY 11**  
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary

**TUESDAY MAY 12**  
 6:00 pm Senior Ministry **Library**  
 7:00 pm Scouts **Cafeteria**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 13**  
 6:15 pm Off the Streets **Library**  
 6:30 pm FINAL Choir Practice

**THURSDAY MAY 14**  
 6:30 pm Mental Health Ministry **Rectory**

**FRIDAY MAY 15**  
 8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #4**

**SATURDAY MAY 16**  
 4:30 pm Sub Sale **Narthex**  
 4:30 pm CCW Bake Sale **Narthex**  
 4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**

**SUNDAY MAY 17**  
 8:00 am Sub Sale **Narthex (after all Masses)**  
 8:00 am CCW Bake Sale **Narthex (after all Masses)**  
 8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex (after all Masses)**  
 9:00 am KOC Chicken BBQ **Front of School**



# PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar this weekend are

dedicated to all the **MOTHERS OF THE PARISH.**

A Mom's hug lasts long after she lets go!

**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.

**Sponsor Certificates** for sacramental sponsors can be issued only to registered & active members of the parish. Please call the office.



### 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
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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

### PILGRIMAGE 2026 - National Centre for Padre Pio

Reservation Forms are available in the Narthex Flyer Rack. Reservations with payment will be accepted at the Parish Office.

**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.

**BOCCE** - May 14 & 21 at 8:30 am. Sunset Park. No experience necessary. We'll teach as we play!

**Faith, Friendship & Fun Newsletter** in Narthex flyer rack.

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

*Are you living with the challenge of...*

**Mental Illness, Addiction, Depression, Grief/Loss, Anxiety?**

No matter how big or small you think your challenge is, the **Mental Health Ministry** is here to support you. We all need to care for our mental health.



Let us walk with you.



## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN



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

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

Registration deadline May 23, 2026.

Contact Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, [warrenrjs@aol.com](mailto:warrenrjs@aol.com) or 717-503-9429



## NEED TO KNOW



Our Annual Festival is a few weeks away. You can support this event in the following ways:

- \* **Flea Market Drop-off:** May 15th 3:30pm - 5:30pm & May 17th 12pm - 2pm. Please, no electronics, clothes or furniture.
- \* **Jewelry is being collected for the Flea Market.** Please drop-off in the Rectory.
- \* **Donate candy to our Candy Wheel Game.** There is a bin in the Narthex.
- \* **Take a chance on dinner at The Brownstone Cafe with Fr Sahd and Fr Josh.** See the flyer rack.
- \* **Help us with set-up on May 16 & 17 at 9am.**

Your generosity helps make this a fun and successful event for our parish community. Please join us!

### 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.



### A Journey of Faith - Explore the Catholic Faith Deeper Summer 2026

Are you seeking to return to the Church or explore the Catholic Faith? Join us for our summer series, a welcoming journey of faith, discovery, and community.

Our Journey will begin Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm. We will also meet June 10<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1st.



Scan QR code to register

When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, When you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Questions? FrSahd@ssbvm.org or Angela (717)982-3875

# 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](http://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](mailto: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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