



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am
Tuesday: 8:00am
Wednesday: 8:00am
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: 9:00am-10:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-Noon

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SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

June 21, 2026



Are you going on vacation?

A time to relax, refresh, rejuvenate and remember...the ONE to Whom we worship. Find a Catholic church near your vacation! And be sure to come back home safely.

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As a universal Church, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12. Just a day before, a terrible accident happened in Wayne County, PA, a few hours away from here.

On June 11, a propane leak caused an explosion, and there was much destruction. Three people were sent to the hospital. We pray for all of those affected.

However, in the yard of a destroyed home stood a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Behind it was the burning house, and in front of it was a melted fence.

But the statue stood.

And this symbolizes so many things to me. First, it shows that Jesus lives in the chaos of life, and doesn't flee from it. He settles into every pain, every suffering, every tragedy. Just as He suffered on the cross, and did not give in to chants to leave the Cross if He was in fact God, He stays with us in our crosses and sufferings.



It is the nature of His Sacred Heart, which constantly burns with the fire of divine love for each and every one of us, to be with us and provide divine life for us, so that we can be with Him forever. He is always there.

Second, it shows the eternal nature of God. A propane explosion is violent. It shakes everything around it. My brother's house suffered a lot of damage several years ago when a home – three houses away – suffered a gas explosion. Nothing was left untouched. It is not just the heat of the fire that destroys, but the explosion itself destroys.

Yet the statue stood.

And to me, that shows that Jesus endures forever! So much of our time is spent building up our existence with the things of this earth. However, all of them will decay or fall apart, because that is the nature of ALL created things.

Jesus is eternal, and He lives forever. If we desire to do the same, we must join ourselves to Him.

May God bless those affected in that explosion, and give them His healing. And may it be a reminder to us that when all else fails, Jesus Lives. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and FOREVER.

Summer, Summer, Summertime!

Thank you for the photos of your summer vacations! Another parishioner sent in this photo of St. Josaphat Basilica in Milwaukee, WI. Isn't it stunning? It was designed in the mold of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Please keep sending your photos of the vacation places you are attending Mass – it is so neat to see them all. God bless you!

Fr. Sahd



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Edgar Partlow
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm +Charles Cole

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

Sts. Paulinus, John Fisher and Thomas More

8:00 am +Jack Craig

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

8:00 am +Mario Corradi

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 am +Carolyn Dale

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

5:15 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**

6:00 pm +Willard Brian and Linda Justice

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

8:00 am +Jesse McCurdy

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 St. Cyril

7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**

8:00 am +Anthony and Lena Russo

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**

4:30 pm +Vince Varnakar

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Larry and Ruth Carr
10:30 am +Winifred O'Connor
6:00 pm Our Parish Family



DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 21	Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Matt 10:26-33
Mon. June 22	2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 / Matt 7:1-5
Tue. June 23	2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 / Matt 7:6, 12-14
Wed. June 24	Isa 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Luke 1:57-66, 80
Thu. June 25	2 Kings 24:8-17 / Matt 7:21-29
Fri. June 26	2 Kings 25:1-12 / Matt 8:1-4
Sat. June 27	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 / Matt 8:5-17
Sun. June 28	2 Kings 4:4-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 / Matt 10:37-42

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

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

June 14, 2026

Sunday collection \$13,130.35
Online giving 3,781.25
Total \$16,911.60



Scan for Online Giving

2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793

Collected and Pledged: \$134,982 (75%)

THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY JUNE 21

8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**
(after all Masses)

10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**

MONDAY JUNE 22

11:30 am Rosary and Prayer Group **Church**
6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY JUNE 23

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24

9:00 am Senior Ministry Pilgrimage **Off Site**
6:30 pm Journey of Faith **School Art Room**

THURSDAY JUNE 25

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #2**
6:30 pm Relic Presentation **Upper Cafeteria**

FRIDAY JUNE 26

SATURDAY JUNE 27

6:00 pm Young Adult Ministry **Parking Lot**

SUNDAY JUNE 28

10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
11:30 am Off the Streets Truck Event **Parking Lot**
11:30 am Parish Rosary Making **School's Art Room**



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Doris Bergbauer

(grandmother of Andy Bergbauer)

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar this weekend are dedicated to all the **Fathers of the Parish**. It is with their wisdom and guidance that allow all children to grow and prosper.

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.



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.

RANK	NAME	BRANCH
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	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
ACI	Trey Kephart	USAF
MGST	Daniel Brought	Marines
A1C	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

PILGRIMAGE - Padre Pio Center Wednesday, June 24.

Parishioners with **paid reservations** to meet at 6:30am at our Church Portico for check in. Transportation is by Elite Coach. Your own snacks & beverages are permitted on the bus for travel. Return to SSBVM will be approximately 5:15 pm.

NO Game Night in June.

NO BOCCE - CANCELLED

OFF THE STREETS



Off the Streets is proud to announce that we have purchased a moving truck to deliver furniture to our clients.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, we are hosting a tailgate party on June 28 after 10:30 Mass in the school parking lot. Please join us for food, drinks, and conversation about what OTS does and how you can help. And to see the newest addition to our ministry of course! Hope to see you there!



With summer vacations approaching, we have a need for daytime adoration substitutes, specifically for Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM during July and August. Interested individuals please contact annajdale@gmail.com if they are able to help.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES. Our emergency food pantry received a very large donation of pasta. **We are currently in need** of pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and dessert mixes. Please place your donated items in the food bin in the Narthex or put them directly in the food pantry on Race Street.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

“If you can overthink the worst, why can’t you overthink the best?”



NEED TO KNOW

Capital Campaign

Gratitude and Continued Momentum

We are filled with gratitude for the continued support and generous gifts and pledges made to the *Our Faith, Our Future* Capital Campaign. Your commitment helps us move closer to our goal to fund essential renovations for the gym and cafeteria, which will serve as a modern, functional community space for both the church and school.

If you have not yet made a commitment, please know that it is not too late to participate. We encourage all households to prayerfully consider joining us in making this vision a reality. More information on the campaign as well as the brochure and commitment form can be found at www.ssbvm.org/capital campaign.

For any questions, please contact *Richie Musser* at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support of *Seven Sorrows!*



Parish Rosary Making

Join us to make Rosaries for the Missions in the school Art room Sun. June 28 anytime from 11:30AM to 2:30PM. If you make two for the Missions, you can make one for yourself! Adults are welcome.

48th Annual Men's Retreat

July 31-August 2

Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

Entire Cost: \$250 (\$60 deposit)

2 nights lodging & 6 meals

Speaker: Fr. Dennis Gill

*Registration forms are in the Narthex in the flyer rack.

The Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher
Monday, June 22 at the 8:00am Mass.

Seven Sorrows Church will welcome the St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania, a Diocesan organization of Catholic legal professionals, law students, and public officials. The Mass celebration will follow an all-night Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10pm Sunday through 7am Monday. All are welcome. The Society will provide light breakfast items in the Narthex after Mass.



You are invited to a special presentation on relics following the 6:00pm Mass on Thursday, June 25.

This unique event will feature over 500 sacred relics of saints, including well-known saints such as Saints Padre Pio, Mother Teresa, John Neumann, and Charbel. After the presentation, there will be a chance to venerate these relics. Come and learn about the Church's rich spiritual heritage of relics and then stay to ask the saints for their powerful intercession!

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Looking for a fun summer camp for your preschooler or kindergartener? Is your child ready to explore, discover, get wet, make friends, and have fun? Then look no further than Seven Sorrows Summer Camp! We offer an 8 week, full day camp here at Seven Sorrows School! Registration can be completed online at <https://www.sevensorrowsschool.com/summer-camp> Questions can be directed to Megan Zapcic at mzapcic@ssbvm.org. See you this summer!

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:31)

Holy Matrimony calls spouses to place Christ at the center of their lives and to reflect His love by cherishing and serving one another. Could God be inviting you to this vocation of faithful love and self-sacrifice? If so, seek guidance from a married couple you admire and ask how they live out their commitment to each other and to Christ.

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