



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One Nation Under God.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:00am

Thursday: 6:00pm

Friday: 8:00am

Saturday: 9:00am (July 4, 2026)

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday: 5:00pm-5:45pm

Saturday: 8:15-8:45am 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: Closed (July 3, 2026)

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SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

June 28, 2026



Friday, July 3rd

Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed.

Saturday, July 4th

Mass 9:00am with confessions from 8:15am - 8:45am

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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,

It has been nearly a month since we started our capital campaign for our new gym and renovated cafeteria, and the response so far has been remarkable.

I cannot thank all of you enough for your consideration in giving and contributing to this project. So far, as of last Monday (6/22), 194 donors have pledged \$1.65 million to our project.

Did you read that? Can you believe it?! It is an awesome response, and on behalf of all of our parish, I am so grateful.

The project will cost \$3.7 million, and in order to begin the project in May of 2027, we need to have half of the total cost (\$1.85 million) in the bank.

Both of those numbers seem so high and unachievable. But they are not. I have seen, already, that when everyone pitches in, we can meet this goal. In a parish our size, this is a big goal. But it's definitely doable. If you have not already considered a pledge, please prayerfully consider making one on behalf of our parish.

Thank you so much! I'm so grateful and blessed to witness your generosity and love for our God. May God bless and protect you all!

The Soul

Last week, Jesus talked in the Gospel about the importance of thinking about our souls, and not just our bodies. Our souls connect us to Eternity and to God Himself, they are our portal to Him.

Our souls also allow us to understand things that the rest of our body can't even compute. It allows us to imagine Eternity. It allows us to understand love. It allows us to understand things that we cannot quantify.

Pope Benedict XVI has a great example of this in his book, *What It Means To Be A Christian*. He uses an example of a philosopher, Blaise Pascal. Pascal says that there are three "orders" of reality that we grasp.

First is the order of quantities, or things of the physical world. That is enormous, and includes anything that science can measure, like the universe. The second is the "order of the mind," which appears to be nothing in quantity (the mind is not big, since it's so small compared to the universe). But the mind is actually greater than the universe, since it can actually measure and know it all.

Finally, is the "order of love." At first, this seems so small compared to the universe or scientific demonstration (the first order). But nonetheless, a single motion of love is infinitely greater than the "order of the mind", because it represents what is "truly creative, life giving, and saving power." God is hidden in love, which cannot be measured, but can truly be felt by the soul. The soul is so important, and needs to be fed. Our God feeds us with His Body and Blood! Thanks for feeding your soul!

Vacation Churches!

We know many of you are on vacation, and thanks for sending your photos of the churches you attend while away!

John, Merceda, and Amanda Reale visited San Antonio, TX, a few weeks ago, and attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Look how beautiful this church is! I love the lights on the ceiling around the sanctuary!



And Augie and Susie Spadone were at the beach near Lewes, DE, and attended Mass, but wanted to send a picture of the sunrise before Mass to show God's creation. What a beautiful picture!

God bless you, and enjoy the Summer!
Fr. Sahd





MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026 Sts. Peter and Paul

8:00 am +Audra Henderson

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

8:00 am +Tim Fraley

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026 St. Junipero Serra

8:00 am +Harry Fink

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

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

6:00 pm +Ann Daniels

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026 St. Thomas

8:00 am +Marian Barnett

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

8:15 am - 8:50 am **CONFESSION**

9:00 am +Sam Sr. and Patricia Kelly

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

4:30 pm Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Marie Licata
10:30 am +Barry Scott Snook
6:00 pm +Grover Hunter



DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 28	2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 / Matt 10:37-42
Mon. June 29	Acts 12:1-11 / Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 / Matt 16:13-19
Tue. June 30	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 / Matt 8:23-27
Wed. July 1	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 / Matt 8:28-34
Thu. July 2	Amos 7:10-17 / Matt 9:1-8
Fri. July 3	Eph 2:19-22 / John 20:24-29
Sat. July 4	Amos 9:11-15 / Matt 9:14-17
Sun. July 5	Zech 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Matt 11:25-30



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

George Stamathis
(father of Andrew Stamathis)

Rodney Lee Murray

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



SUNDAY OFFERING

June 21, 2026

Sunday collection \$10,616.00
Online giving 5,555.25
Total \$16,171.25



Scan for Online Giving

2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793

Collected and Pledged: **\$141,057 (79%)**

THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

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**

MONDAY JUNE 29

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY JUNE 30

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

6:30 pm Journey of Faith **School Art Room**

THURSDAY JULY 2

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

FRIDAY JULY 3

PARISH OFFICE AND ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED

SATURDAY JULY 4

SUNDAY JULY 5

10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
11:30 am Children's Rosary



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Micah Grace Stoltzfus
(child of Clarke and Emily Stoltzfus)

who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the pulpit this weekend are in loving memory of **Nancy Kosheba**. They are a gift from her family.

The flowers located at the altar are in loving memory of **Larry and Ruth Carr on their Wedding Anniversary**. They are a gift from their daughter and son-in-law Deb and Don Carson and family.



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
SSG.	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

Whisk Café - Friday, July 17, 2026. - 98 Masonic Drive, Suite 102 - Elizabethtown. We will have breakfast at the Cafe and then visit the Masonic Village Farm Market. Other area activities/events possible based on the desires of the group. Parishioners may carpool from the Parish parking lot, meeting at 8 am, or travel to Whisk on your own. **We will gather at Whisk at 8:45 am, outside the Cafe.** Please text or call Kathy Bednarik at 717-574-1929 on or before noon on July 14 of interest to attend this day's events. Also inform of carpooling drivers, in need of ride, or travel on own.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

HYDRATE — OUR — HEROES!



KOC will be collecting bottled water on July 11 & 12 for the Middletown, Londonderry, Lower Swatara, and 193rd Special Operations Fire Departments (HIA) Please consider donating a case of bottled water as a thank you to the first responders who faithfully serve our community. Donations may be placed in the designated collection area at the church.

NEED TO KNOW

Capital Campaign

Building Our Future Together

As we move into the summer months, we continue to be grateful for the ongoing support of the *Our Faith, Our Future* Capital Campaign. Every gift brings us closer to revitalizing our gym and cafeteria into a modern space for our community. If you haven't had a chance to submit your commitment, please consider doing so. Details and forms are available at www.ssbvm.org/capitalcampaign. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



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.



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.

SCRIP SALES



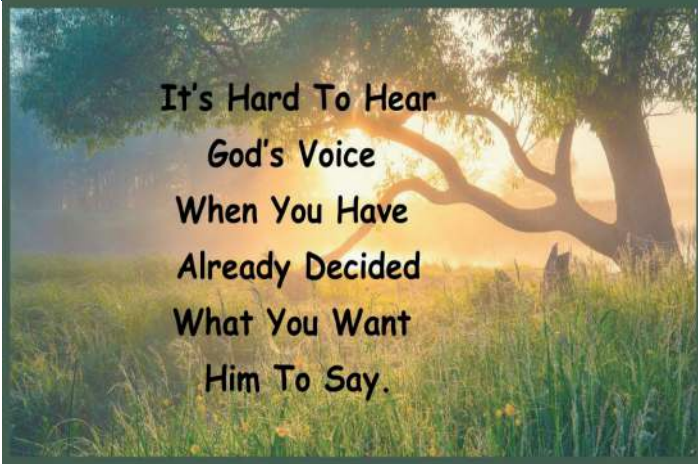
Scrip sales - before and after Masses in the Narthex - will be taking a summer break! We will reopen mid-August. Cards are still available from the Parish Office during open hours, however, no backorders can be accepted.

Mission Appeal on July 18/19, we will be blessed to welcome Fr. Xavier Kachappilly, O.S.S.T. At each Mass, Fr. Xavier will invite us to support, through our prayers and generosity, the vital work of forming Trinitarian seminarians who are preparing to serve among persecuted Christians around the world.



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

It's Hard To Hear
God's Voice
When You Have
Already Decided
What You Want
Him To Say.



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RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Following Christ means embracing sacrifice. Are you willing to carry your cross, offering your hopes and dreams in order to follow Him and discover true peace and purpose? Have you asked God what He is calling you to in your life? Talk to Father Sahd or reach-out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office via email at Frvweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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