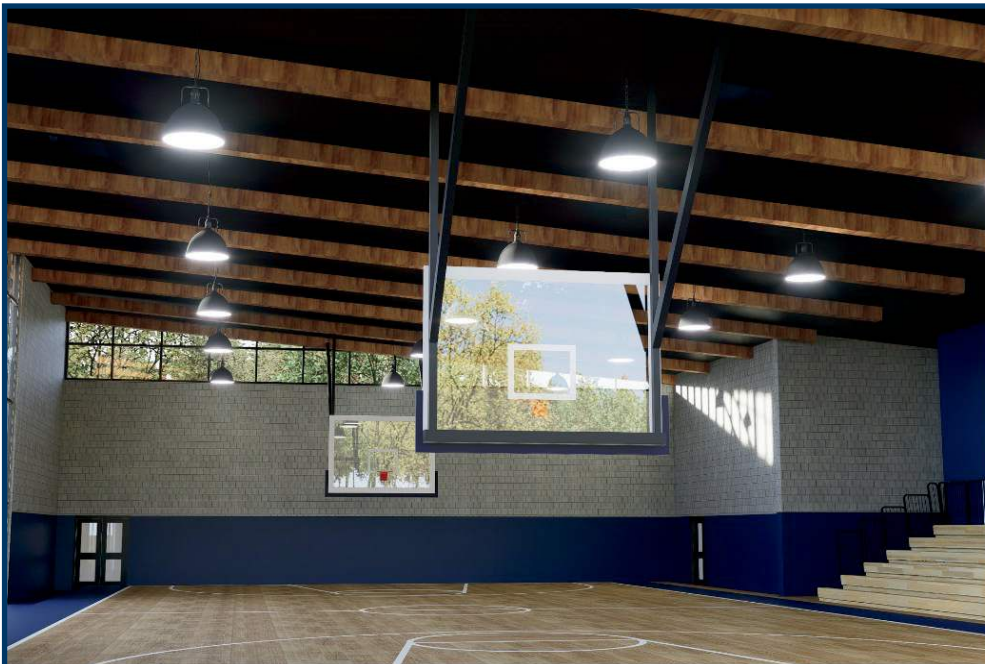




Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

July 5th, 2026

Gym and Cafeteria Renovation

Thank you to all who have contributed to our capital campaign for our new gym and renovated cafeteria. It is amazing that so many have taken part! But this can only happen if everyone participates. Thank you so much for your love of our parish!



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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Independence Day, for the 250th time! What a year! I pray that you and your families are enjoying this national holiday in health and happiness.

Two hundred and fifty years seems so long ago, and I can't fathom just how long it's really been since our country's founding. How could I? I've only been alive for 47 of those years.

It has taken a ton of work to keep our country together, and alive. It took wars, demonstrations, courageous leaders, a hard-working people, a Constitution that held us together when nothing else seemed like it would bind us. It took so much to get us here.

Now, imagine 1,993 years. That is as long as we've had the Church. With all of the work it took to keep our country together for 250 years, now imagine a Church, which covers the whole world with people that have nothing really in common, staying alive for 1,993 years.

It really defies logic. It should've fell apart right away. If we compare the 12 Apostles with the Founding Fathers of our Country, I think the Founding Fathers surely had more qualifications and courage.

But it didn't matter. Think of the popes and bishops through the centuries. Many were saints. Some were distinctly not. Yet, it didn't matter. The Church continued and endured, and even managed to be a shining light to the world.

It is proof that our God surely is the guarantee of Our Church. As the hymn goes, "the Church's One Foundation, is Jesus Christ Her Lord." There is no other way to express the resilience of the Church than the fact that God is Her foundation, and His Holy Spirit who directs us.

What a beautiful gift we have in the Church. She unites us together with all Catholics throughout the world, and is a sign of the unity of the Body of Christ. For 1,993 years.

Happy Birthday, America. We are so blessed to live in this country, and I pray we all fight to preserve the rights we were founded on: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I also pray we desire to stay in the Church, which will continue no matter what, because Jesus is the captain of this boat!

Lazy, Hazy Summer?

So much is going on in our parish, even though it's summer vacation. First, our parish held Vacation Bible School for our children. Over 80 students participated, with the help of parent volunteers, School Principal Angela Warner, Religious Ed Coordinator Lisa Fortunato, and leader Autumn Cybulski. It was a great week, and the kids were excited to learn about Jesus!

Take a look at the sidewalk chalk of stained glass they made!



Also, our Senior Ministry visited the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA. It was a faith-filled experience for all of them, and they enjoyed learning about this great saint.

In addition, our young adult ministry – Anchored – had their first get-together, and Off the Streets, our ministry which helps the homeless literally move off the streets and into a home with furniture and a security deposit, got a moving truck. They bought a lunch for all of us to celebrate after Mass last weekend. They're looking for volun-

teers to help, and know it makes a real difference. Over the last three years, over 350 families have been helped by this group. It makes a world of difference.

So much going on, amidst our vacations! The Church lives! God bless you!
Fr. Sahd





MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026 St. Maria Goretti

8:00 am +James Pristello

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

8:00 am +Chuck Bissell

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

8:00 am +Francis Dinga Jr.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026 St. Augustine Zhao Rong

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

6:00 pm +Charles Stare

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

8:00 am +James Fink

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 St. Benedict

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

8:00 am +Helen Crogue

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

4:30 pm +Joseph Hood

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Pauline Smith

10:30 am +Eileen Sceski

6:00 pm Our Parish Family



DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 5	Zech 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9,11-13 / Matt 11:25-30
Mon. July 6	Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 / Matt 9:18-26
Tue. July 7	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 / Matt 9:32-38
Wed. July 8	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Matt 10:1-7
Thu. July 9	Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 / Matt 10:7-15
Fri. July 10	Hosea 14:2-10 / Matt 10:16-23
Sat. July 11	Isa 6:1-8 / Matt 10:24-33
Sun. July 12	Isa 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Matt 13:1-23



"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.

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 28 2026

Sunday collection \$13,446.00

Online giving 4,859.25

Total \$18,305.25



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2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793

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

THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY JULY 5

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

11:30 am Children's Rosary

MONDAY JULY 6

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY JULY 7

7:00 am KOC Meeting **Drexel Room**

WEDNESDAY JULY 8

6:15 pm Off the Streets **Library**

THURSDAY JULY 9

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #4**

6:30 pm Mental Health Ministry **Rectory**

FRIDAY JULY 10

SATURDAY JULY 11

4:30 pm KOC Water Bottle Collection **Narthex**

SUNDAY JULY 12

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

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



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

William John Dubransky
(father of Stephen Dubransky)

Melvin Hoke

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



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Aspen and Kaden Jackson
(children of Anthony and Katelyn Jackson)

Miles Jacob Petersen
(child of Jordan and Catherine Petersen)

who were baptized by Water and the Spirit.



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
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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.



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.

OFF THE STREETS

**"Off the Streets" fundraiser
Jak Frost**

**Thursday, July 30
4pm - 9pm
15 % of all sales will benefit OTS
Cool off with yummy treat!**

NEED TO KNOW

Capital Campaign Celebrating Our Community

As we celebrate this holiday weekend, we are reminded of the blessings of freedom and the strength found in our parish community. *Our Faith, Our Future* campaign is built on that same spirit of togetherness. We are deeply grateful for the families who have already pledged their support to ensure our renovation project succeeds. If you have been discerning your gift, please prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners in this important milestone for Seven Sorrows. Richie Musser and Harry Holt from Kirby-Smith will be reaching out to see if you have any questions.

If you have questions, please reach out to our Campaign Manager, Richie Musser, at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com. Thank you for your continued support!



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.

**48th Annual Men's Retreat
July 31-August 2
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MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Spiritual Support Group

2nd Thursday of every month.
July 9 at 6:30 pm

Mental Health Ministry
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Women of Grace Retreat

Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, Pennsylvania

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RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Christ invites each of us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, we are called to follow him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen to His call and rest in His loving presence.

If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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