



Fifteenth 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

FrSahd@ssbvm.org

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

July 12, 2026

The bronze bell dates back to 1905. It was originally used in the first church of our parish, St. Mary's, on Ann St. It was later transferred to the "new church" (our present gym) tower, but buried inside of it and not used. That tower uses speakers to project bell "sounds." This bell was discovered inside of that tower, and refurbished for the garden.

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year, our diocese welcomes priests from around the world to ask for assistance in the work of the Catholic Church everywhere on the planet. This year, we will welcome Fr. Xavier Kachappilly, O.S.S.T., who will speak on behalf of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, otherwise known as The Trinitarians.

Fr. Xavier sent this message regarding his visit:



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.

As we gather freely to worship, many of our brothers and sisters in faith do not share that freedom. Trinitarian priests from India and other countries minister in parts of the Middle East, where openly practicing the Christian faith can place lives at risk, offering the sacraments, spiritual strength, and hope to those who persevere in faith despite fear.

In Northeast India, where Christian communities often face hostility, our priests and seminarians nurture small but devoted Catholic communities, while also providing education to children and young people. These are opportunities that help them build a future rooted in faith, dignity, and hope.

Your generosity during this Mission Appeal will directly support these efforts: the formation of seminarians, the care of vulnerable communities, and the mission of bringing God's mercy and redemption to places where it is needed most.

We prayerfully ask you to consider making a donation during our second collection. Checks may be made payable to the parish, designated for the Trinitarian Mission Appeal. Together, let us stand in solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters and help keep the light of Christ burning brightly in the darkest corners of the world.

Fr. Xavier is very happy to be with us. He comes from Kerala, India, and was ordained a priest in 2008. For 11 years he worked as a missionary in Northeast India, where he served as a high school principal and pastor. He later worked in the administration of his order, and also in the seminary.

In 2025, Father came to the U.S., where he is Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, MD, and chaplain in a hospital. He is also mission director for the Trinitarians.

Thank you so much for your generosity of welcoming Father next weekend, as well as your prayers and support. We can't imagine the hardships of living the Catholic Faith where we are just 3% or 4% of the population, and where the rest is openly hostile to us. Thank you for assisting Father Xavier, the Trinitarians, and the work of the Church, in this effort.

Capital Campaign Update

To date, our parish has been extremely generous to our new gym and renovated cafeteria project. So far, our parishioners have pledged **\$1.83 million** toward the \$3.7million project! That is from over 230 parishioners. Thank you so much! We are well ahead of where our fundraising partners thought we'd be at this point.

But we still need everyone's help if we desire this project to happen. And it will take everyone's participation to make it work. But thank you all for your prayers and support. In every way — prayer, Faithfulness, and generosity — you always give everything to us. God bless you!

Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 St. Henry

8:00 am +Tony Horney

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 St. Kateri

8:00 am +William Vitelli

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 St Bonaventure

8:00 am +Ann Marie Myer

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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

6:00 pm +Mario Corradi

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

8:00 am +Anna Papalia

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026 St. Camillus de Lellis

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

8:00 am +Jack R. Brommer Sr.
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**
4:30 pm +Robert James Kerwin

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Teresa Speitel
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm +Jean Robinson



DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 12	Isa 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Matt 13:1-23
Mon. July 13	Isa 1:10-17 / Matt 10:34-11:1
Tue. July 14	Isa 7:1-9 / Matt 11:20-24
Wed. July 15	Isa 10:5-7, 13b-16 / Matt 11:25-27
Thu. July 16	Isa 26:7-9, 12,16-19 / Matt 11:28-30
Fri. July 17	Isa 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 / Matt 12:1-8
Sat. July 18	Mic 2:1-5 / Matt 12:14-21
Sun. July 19	Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Matt 13:24-43



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Philip Cartier

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

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.



SUNDAY OFFERING

July 5, 2026

Sunday giving \$13,892.75
Online giving 8,847.25
Total \$22,740.00



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2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793

Collected and Pledged: **\$154,594 (87%)**



Consider spending a quiet, uninterrupted hour in the physical presence of Jesus Christ this summer.

Praying before the consecrated Host helps to deepen our spiritual intimacy with God, find interior peace amidst daily distractions, and seek healing, guidance, or simply express gratitude.

Anyone interested or with questions may contact Anna at annajdale@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY JULY 12

8:00 am KOC Water Bottle Collection **Narthex**
(after all Masses)
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**

MONDAY JULY 13

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY JULY 14

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

THURSDAY JULY 16

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #1**

FRIDAY JULY 17

SATURDAY JULY 18

4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**

SUNDAY JULY 19

8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**
(after all Masses)
8:00 am KOC Blood Drive **Gym**
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Cove Edward Webb
(child of Michael and Robyn Webb)

who was 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.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
LT. Col	Sam Herbert	Army
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	Mackenzie Mehalick	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
AIC	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

Whisk Café - Friday, July 17- 98 Masonic Dr. Elizabethtown. Gather outside Whisk at 8:45 am. Text/Call Kathy Bednarik at 717-574-1929 by July 14 if in need of ride, or traveling on own.

Mass & Game Night - July 23

M & H Railroad - Sunday, August 2. Meet at Noon at Rail Station. Text/Call Augie Spadone at 717-877-4131 by July 27 to reserve a seat. Special Price \$15, payable at M & H Station. "Faith, Friendship & Fun" Newsletter -(in the Narthex Flyer Rack) Includes Events/Activities through December.

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NEED TO KNOW

Capital Campaign Our Faith, Our Future

We are thrilled by the continued participation in our capital campaign! Every pledge—large or small—reflects a shared commitment to the future of Seven Sorrows. We encourage every household to take a moment this week to review the campaign materials and consider how you can participate. Your involvement is what will turn our vision into reality. Richie Musser and Harry Holt from Kirby-Smith will be reaching out to see if you have any questions.

Forms are available online or at the parish office. For any questions, contact Campaign Manager Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com. Thank you for your generosity!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Blood Drive

Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Seven Sorrows School Gymnasium.

To schedule an appointment, please visit 717GiveBlood.org and click on "Donate Now."

Appointments are recommended to help reduce wait times, but walk-ins are welcome. Thank you for helping save lives through the gift of blood donation.



Can't make Mass?

The Holy Eucharist is vital to our Faith and our Spiritual, physical and emotional well being. 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 Church Office. We have Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist dedicated to this Ministry who will call to schedule a convenient time to visit and bring the Eucharist for as long as needed.



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RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Matthew 13:23)

God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan.

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