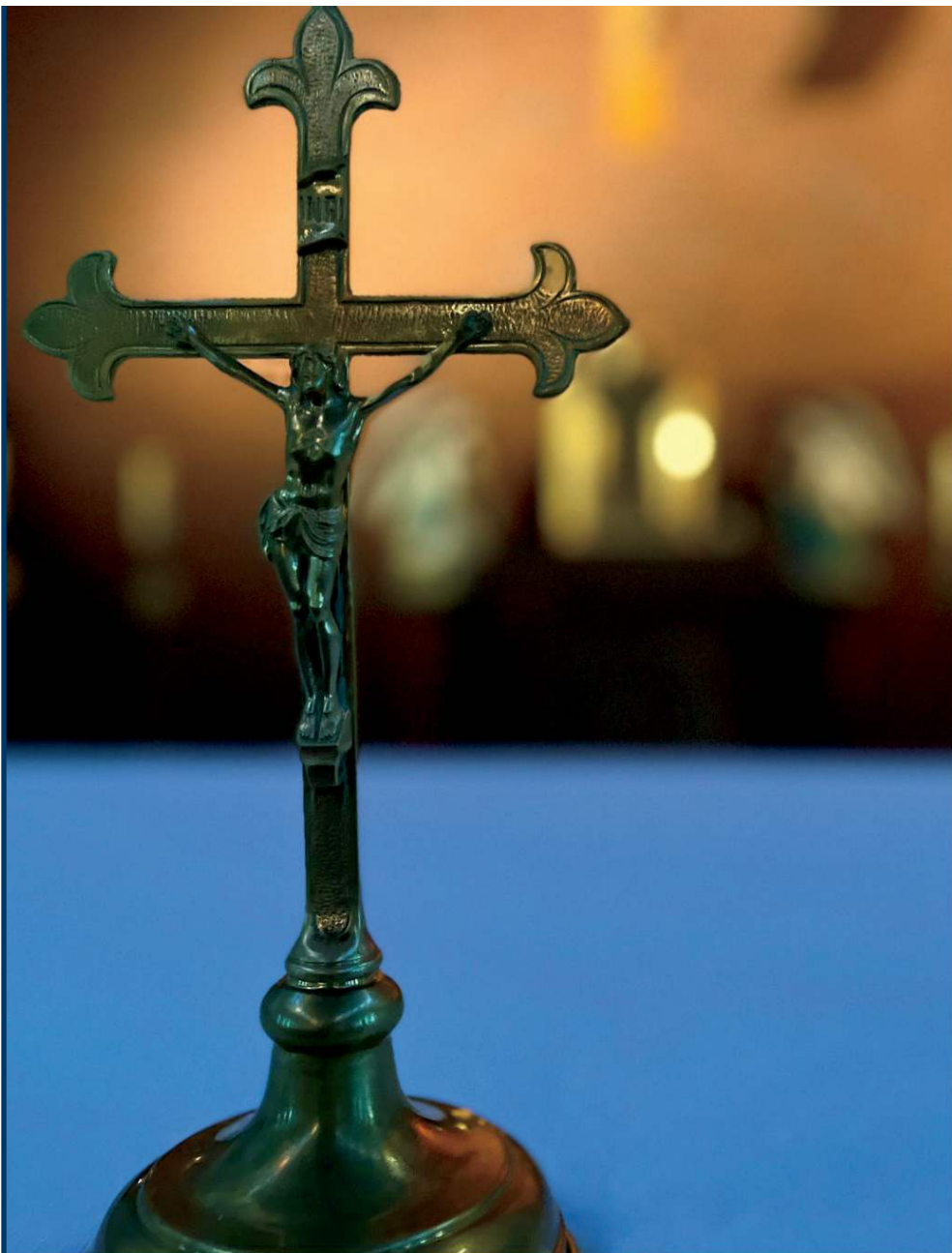




Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August 16, 2026



3rd Annual Off the Streets Golf Tournament

Friday, September 4, 2026 @ Sunset Golf Course

All proceeds from this event support the Dauphin County chapter of
OFF THE STREETS, a non-profit ministry that helps homeless families get off the streets.

Entries due by 8/28/26 - Contact Dennis May 717-919-9225

PARISH: 280 N. Race Street; Middletown, PA 17057 717-944-3133 Phone | 717-944-1170 Fax | ssbvm.org
RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm, Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend, the organization “Land of Peace” visited with us to talk to us about the state of Christians in the Holy Land, and to sell olive wood religious articles to benefit those Christians.

A few weeks before, we had a missionary visit to talk about his order’s service to persecuted Christians in Asia and the Mideast.

We are so blessed to live in a country where we can worship our God freely, and live in a Christian majority. We may suffer ridicule, or even worse, for our beliefs, but we can still hold them.

It is hard to imagine living in such a minority that we would not be able to live or worship freely.

I hope it has been a wake-up call for all of us that we live a blessed life here in our country. Let us never take for granted the ability we have to give praise to our God each Sunday. May the testimony of these Christians who have visited us, give us renewed Faith and desire to enter more often into the Holy Mass!

Even more, may it give us an awareness of how deeply so many live out their Catholic Faith, despite the hardships they endure. Last week, Noel from Land of Peace told us how difficult it was to make a living as a Christian in the Holy Land. He said that because they live in the Palestinian-controlled areas, they can not travel easily to prosperous areas of Israel to work. And inside the Palestinian areas, the governments control the funding and there is much corruption.

That sounds like the issue with most places where Christians are persecuted. Corruption and inability to find work.

Please, let us pray for our brothers and sisters, who desire to receive the Body of Christ and to live the Catholic Christian life in the same way we do, but are denied the basics of life. May our good God, who was persecuted as well, give them His peace and life.

Finally, thank you for your financial support of both of these efforts. God will truly bless you for your kindness!

Mass Media

I continue to be surprised by the numbers of people who have gone on vacation and sent us pictures of where they’ve gone to Mass while away! We have more pictures!

Below, our parishioners visited (pictures are in this order): St. Augustine in Lincoln City, OR; Blessed Sacrament in Seminole, FL; Mount St. Mary’s glass chapel in MD; and two pictures from the most impressive Cologne Cathedral in Germany. All Catholic Churches have Jesus present in the tabernacle, but that Cathedral draws your eyes to heaven, doesn’t it?

God bless you, and thank you for sharing with your parish family the places you went with your families on vacation! Worshipping Jesus while away is a great reminder that you are always at home with Him!

Fr. Sahd





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am Ray Zanzinger
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm +Sun O' Hare

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

8:00 am +Gus and Lena Benko

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

8:00 am +Mario Lanni

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 St. John Eudes

8:00 am +Mae Licata

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 St. Bernard

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**

6:00 pm +Helen Viscavage

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 St. Pius X

8:00 am +Dolores Walter

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

8:00 am +Joseph Felix Wall

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

4:30 pm +Leonard Walsh

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Elizabeth Christner

10:30 am +Peter and Marcella Perpetua

6:00 pm Our Parish Family



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 16	Isa 56:1,6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Matt 15:21-28
Mon. Aug. 17	Eze 24:15-23 / Matt 19:16-22
Tue. Aug. 18	Eze 28:1-10 / Matt 19:23-30
Wed. Aug. 19	Eze 34:1-11 / Matt 20:1-16
Thu. Aug. 20	Eze 36:23-28 / Matt 22:1-14
Fri. Aug. 21	Eze 37:1-14 / Matt 22:34-40
Sat. Aug. 22	Eze 43:1-7ab / Matt 23:1-12
Sun. Aug. 23	Isa 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Matt 16:13-20



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the pulpit this weekend are

in honor of Our Lady of Siluva.

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

August 2, 2026

Sunday giving \$12,747.00

Online giving 5,374.25

Total \$18,121.25

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2026 DAC

Goal: \$177,793

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Capital Campaign

If you have questions, please reach out to Campaign Manager Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com.



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Project Need \$3.7 Million

GOAL \$2.5 Million

\$2,177,057

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TOTAL PLEDGE

\$1,043,414



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

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

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

MONDAY AUGUST 17

11:30 am Rosary and Prayer Group **Church**

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #2**

FRIDAY AUGUST 21

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

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

11:30 am Back to School Social **Courtyard**
(gymnasium if inclement weather)



"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.

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
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1st Lt	Nicholas Campbell	Marines
ACI	Trey Kephart	USAF
MGST	Daniel Brought	Marines
A1C	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

Mass & Game Night - August 27. 6 pm Mass then games until 8:30 pm in Upper Cafe.

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park - September 3. Meet at 7:45 am in church parking lot for carpooling.

Brunch in the Park - September 27. Potluck signups September 5-6 & 12-13 in the Narthex. More details in the newsletter in flyer rack.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Back to School and Awards Celebration



August 23 following the 10:30 Mass featuring Rita's Water Ice and Philly Soft Pretzels.

Hosted by PTT and KOC.

All are welcome.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

*When a train goes
through a tunnel and its dark, you don't
throw away the ticket and jump off.
You sit still and trust the engineer.*

*Trust God today, no matter
how dark your situation.
He has promised to bring you
through the darkness.*

NEED TO KNOW



There is an opening for a scheduled adorer for Tuesdays 3-4 PM, beginning September 1st. 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.

Fall Women's Study at Seven Sorrows

September 19, September 26, October 10, October 24, and October 31.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./Noon

Cost of book: \$16.95 **The Rosary, Your Weapon for Spiritual Warfare** by Johnnette S. Benkovic Williams and Thomas K. Sullivan

Questions on this Study? Ask Chris Arnold on Saturday, September 5th after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, and between the Sunday Morning Masses on September 6th.

OFF THE STREETS



Off the Streets Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Friday Sept. 4 at Sunset Golf Course.

Players and raffle gift baskets are needed.

Forms with contact information are on church website and in the Narthex.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN



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CALLING ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH, PLEASE JOIN US AT THE FIRST CCW MEETING OF THE 2026-2027 YEAR ON AUGUST 31ST AT 7PM IN THE DREXEL ROOM. ENJOY SOME PIZZA, SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP WITH US. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT WE DO AND HOW YOU CAN JOIN US IN THIS REWARDING MINISTRY.

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Please drop off your Apple donation to the School office by September 11th. If a gift card is purchased through our SCRIP program, we will make sure the school office gets your Apple donation.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Woman great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:28)

In discerning a vocation, we are called to courage and perseverance, trusting God's plan for our lives. Whether called to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, answering His call requires faith that He will guide and sustain us every step of the way.

Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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