



August 30, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am
 Tuesday: 8:00am
 Wednesday: 8:30am
 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: 10:00am-10:00pm
 Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm
 Friday: 9:00am-Noon



Save the Dates

Blue Mass

September 10th @ 6pm

40 Hours Devotion

September 13th, 14th & 15th
 6pm each evening

Ministry Fair Open House

September 20th 9am-12:00pm

Outdoor Mass at Hoffer Park

October 4th @ 10:30am

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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,

Summer is not over. Summer is not over. If I keep saying it, it will be true, right? But as we enter the Fall, it is a very awesome time at Seven Sorrows. Here are some upcoming events, so please put these in your calendars!

Sept. 13, 14, 15: Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions

During these three days, we will have round-the-clock adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. Each evening at **6PM** (Sunday night Mass, and Monday and Tuesday night Evening Prayer), we will come together to pray.

Our homilist this year is Fr. Anthony Dill, who is pastor at St. Francis in Harrisburg, and also works in the Diocesan Tribunal. He is a very good preacher and a great priest.

Please come to adore our Lord in the Eucharist with our parish family!

Sunday, Sept. 20

Ministry Fair and Breakfast

Many of our ministries will be present in the lower cafeteria after the 8 and 10:30AM Masses to showcase what they do and ask for volunteers. Please take the time to come down and see how you may serve God and our neighbors here in Middletown and in our communities!

In addition, we will have a free, full breakfast, provided by our Room at our Table organization. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, Oct. 4 – 10:30AM

Seven Sorrows Outdoor Mass and Picnic – Hoffer Park

I love this day! We'll celebrate our 10:30AM Mass at Hoffer Park together, and then have a free lunch to celebrate the great gift of our Faith and parish. Please bring your chairs and your blankets to enjoy this time together.

It truly is a gift to live out our Catholic Faith, and to do it here in Middletown. This Fall, let's live it out together through worship of our God, service to His people, and time together!

Vacation Church Pictures

To be honest, I was overwhelmed by the number of people who sent pictures from the churches of the places they traveled this summer. We received over 50. I've tried to put them all in, and I hope you've enjoyed seeing all of the places we as a parish family have visited.

Even more, I'm so heartened by the joy you show in going to Mass while on vacation. I hope it has encouraged you to find a Mass close to your vacation, and know that Jesus is always present with you!

Below are a few more pictures. I hope you all had a great summer, and continue to send the pictures. I'll include them when we have room. God bless you!

Fr. Sahd



St. Paul's, Juneau, AK



Holy Redeemer,
Kitty Hawk, NC



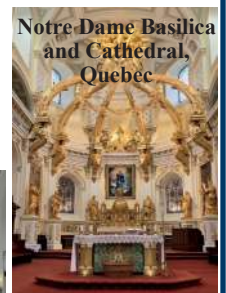
St. Benet's,
Beccles, England



Holy Redeemer,
Bar Harbor, ME



St. Theresa's Cathedral,
Hamilton, Bermuda



Notre-Dame Basilica
and Cathedral,
Quebec

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Theresa Goles
10:30 am +Joe Souders
6:00 pm +Kim Shipkowski

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

8:00 am +Helen Ostrowski

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

8:00 am +Dr. Bryce and Deanna Young

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

8:30 am +Paul Quarry

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 St. Gregory

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**
6:00 pm +Anna Schmeltzer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

8:00 am Special Intentions of Michael and Diane Matas

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**
8:00 am +Vince Varankar
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**
4:30 pm +Tony Horney

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:30 am +Carmine DeMicola
6:00 pm +Robert Maracci



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 30	Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Matt 16:21-27
Mon. Aug. 31	1 Cor 2:1-5 / Luke 4:16-30
Tue. Sept. 1	1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Luke 4:31-37
Wed. Sept. 2	1 Cor 3:1-9 / Luke 4:38-44
Thu. Sept. 3	1 Cor 3:18-23 / Luke 5:1-11
Fri. Sept. 4	1 Cor 4:1-5 / Luke 5:33-39
Sat. Sept. 5	1 Cor 4:6b-15 / Luke 6:1-5
Sun. Sept. 6	Eze 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Matt 18:15-20



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are dedicated to all the **teachers of the parish.**

As summer fades, remember that education is always the most powerful tool to change the world.

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 23, 2026

Sunday Giving \$9,870.00
Online Giving 5,286.49
Total \$15,156.49

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2026 DAC

Goal: \$177,793

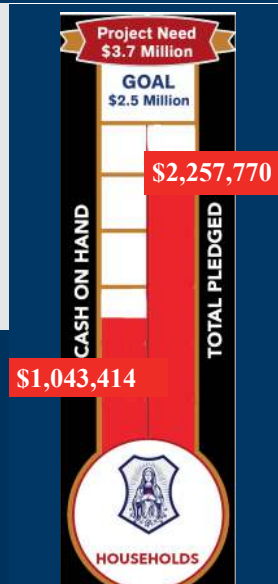
Collected & Pledged: \$160,479 (90%)

Capital Campaign

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



Thank you for your continued dedication to Seven Sorrows!



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
11:30 am Parish Rosary Making School's Art Room

MONDAY AUGUST 31

6:00 pm Legion of Mary
7:00 pm CCW Meeting Drexel Room

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 pm KOC Meeting Drexel Room

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

6:30 pm Choir Practice Church

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

7:45 am Senior Ministry Trip Off site
8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #4

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5

4:30 pm Women of Grace Narthex
4:30 pm Senior Ministry Sign Up Narthex

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 am Women of Grace Narthex
8:00 am Senior Ministry Sign Up Narthex
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
11:30 am Children's Rosary Church



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul
Charlie Facchina
(father of Angela Standish)

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

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
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
CPT	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
AIC	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park - September 3. Meet at 7:45 am in church parking lot for carpooling. We'll leave SSBVM at 8 am. Tickets & Food Stand Purchases will be available, with separate payments, at Lake Tobias.

Brunch in the Park - September 27- Pot Luck Signups September 5-6 & 12-13, in the Narthex. See Newsletter in Narthex Flyer Rack.

Senior Ministry Committee Meeting - September 8 at 6 pm in Drexel Room. This will be our annual reorganization meeting. All are welcome to attend our meetings!

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Boundaries are part of self-care.

The goal of a boundary isn't to change another's behavior, but to create safety for ourselves. They are healthy, normal and necessary.

A boundary is what you do – Not what they agree to.

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.

NEED TO KNOW



Children's Rosary

All children and parishioners are invited to pray in the church after the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month (September 5) ANY CHILD can voluntarily lead a decade of the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join in prayer to support the children.

Seven Sorrows Athletic Association is seeking volunteers for two leadership positions:

Vice-President/Secretary to manage the duties of the Secretary and serve as a Game Manager occasionally or as needed at home games.

Treasurer to oversee the organization's finances, maintain accurate records, and follow the accounting requirements of the Diocese of Harrisburg and Seven Sorrows.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact:

Allison Bowen at abowen2973@gmail.com. Thank you for considering serving our organization!

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Anchored Meetings/Events

A Young Adult Ministry - all aged 18 to 35 are welcome to attend.

Planning Meeting - held the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Drexel Room (next meeting is September 9).

September Event - join our table at the Ministry Fair on Sept. 20 in the cafeteria after the 10:30 am Mass; afterward we will go to the Middletown Home Pumpkin Festival.



Apostles of the New Springtime

Journey from the birth of the early Church to the call of Christ that echoes in our own day. From Christ to the Apostles, from the Apostolic Fathers to the men of our time, the voice of God has never fallen silent. Now the call is ours to answer. Let us become the men we were created to be and set the world ablaze.

Join us for food, fellowship, and faith and rise as **Apostles of the New Springtime!**

Date: Saturdays beginning on September 12, 2026

Time: 6:45am – 8:30 am

Location: Upper Cafeteria

All men are welcome. For questions, contact Martin Ciccocioppo at 717-343-8961 or martincicc@verizon.net.

RAISING DISCIPLES

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Schedule:

09/20/26 - Meet Your Catechist/Parent Folder pick up
09/27/26 - 1st Class
10/04/26 - Class/Early Dismissal for Outdoor Mass @ Hoffer Park



40 & 48oz jars Jif Creamy Butter Jars
Goal: 1,000 Collected to date: 44
Thank you to those who've already started donating!
Jars may be placed on the cart in the Narthex.



The Seven Sorrows BVM School APPLE TREE is ready to harvest!

"Apples" can be found on the trees in the Narthex. Simply "pick" an apple and purchase the items requested by our Teachers. Please drop off your Apple donation to the School office by September 11th.

After School Care Aides -3:30-5:30 a few days a week or intermittent as needed.

Substitute Teachers are needed for occasional days - Teaching experience

Contact Mrs. Angela Warner at awarner@ssbvm.org if interested.

School Cafeteria Volunteers are needed to help serve school lunch to our students. If you have a few hours from 10:30am - 1:00pm any day of the week Monday - Friday, we could use your help. Contact the School office 717-944-5371 if interested.

Diocesan Clearances needed are needed for all positions.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
(Matthew 16:24)

Jesus entrusts His Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others.

Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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