



40 Hours Devotion

September 13, 14 & 15, 2026

Sunday evening Opening Mass - 6PM
Adoration in the church starts right after the
10:30am Mass on the 13th

Monday morning Mass - 8:00AM
Monday evening devotions - 6PM

Tuesday morning Mass - 8:30AM
Tuesday evening devotions - 6PM

September 6, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

FrSahd@ssbvm.org

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 9:00am (Labor Day)
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



Guest Homilist

Fr. Anthony Dill
St. Francis of Assisi

Father Anthony Robert Dill was ordained to the priesthood on June 30, 2012, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden. In the years since, he has served the Diocese of Harrisburg in both parish ministry and in roles that require deep training in the Church's law.

Before coming to St. Francis, Father Dill served as Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra. On June 17, 2024, Bishop Senior assigned him as Pastor of our parish in Allison Hill. He is the eighteenth pastor in our 125-year history.

In addition to leading our parish, Father Dill continues to serve the wider Diocese of Harrisburg:

Defender of the Bond — a canonical role in the Diocesan Tribunal, serving in marriage-nullity cases on behalf of the bond of marriage itself.

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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,

On this Labor Day weekend, we take a holiday to rest from our work, which God has given us to support our livelihoods and families.

Pope Leo the 13th wrote right after the Industrial Revolution – in 1891 -- that for most of us who do not have a natural fortune, we have an example of a hard worker in our Faith. “We see in Christ Himself, [one] who...being the Son of God, and God Himself, ... did not disdain to spend a great part of His life as a carpenter Himself” (*Rerum Novarum*, 23).

Work in-and-of itself is not a consequence of Adam and Eve’s sin, but the pain associated with it is. Even still, Jesus, who did not sin, still labored. Pope John Paul the 2nd said that Jesus gave us the “Gospel of Work,” by “showing that the basis for determining the value of human work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person (*Laborem Exercens*, 6).

I think of those who were not shown that dignity in former times. I think of those who worked in the steel mills or coal mines earlier this century who were not given the protections necessary for their very dangerous jobs. Still, in order to support their families, they went to work every day, knowing the extreme dangers that came with their everyday work.

How many of them saw their relatives and friends die or be injured? How many suffered from black lung?

God bless them for their drive to provide for their families. May our work today afford the dignity that is proper to the human person. As technology continues to evolve, may we be given opportunities to provide for our families in ways never before seen!

Photo Directory – Thank You

I hope you have picked up your parish directories, if you indeed had your pictures taken for it. If not, you may pick them up in the parish office. Thank you for having your family take part in that great project.

Even more, I cannot thank our photo directory volunteers who did all of the work. It involved scheduling, designing, writing, selecting photos and preparing the text for the front of the book. Countless hours were spent preparing the directory by chair Donna Kandsberger and Mary McCormick, Sara Bonavia, Judi Leo, and Karen and Tim Wilson.

In addition, Augie Spadone and Carolyn Astfalk helped put together the parish history, which is quite informative. I hope you enjoyed the write-up and pictures of our history as much as I did!

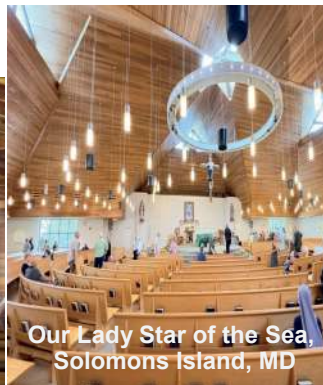
Thank you for helping our parish family grow together; this project is key to that. Thank you all!!

Vacation Mass Photos

Fr. Sahd



St. Eleanor Regina Chapel,
Michaux State Forest, PA



Our Lady Star of the Sea,
Solomons Island, MD



Immaculate Conception,
Fairbanks, Alaska



Basilica of the
Sagrada Familia,
Barcelona

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Labor Day

9:00 am +Ethel M. Chorpenning

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am +Edward Zlogar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 St. Peter Clover

8:30 am +James Paros

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

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

6:00 pm +Nancy Kosheba

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

8:00 am +John S. Jacobs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

8:00 am +Joseph Burns
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**
4:30 pm +Dominic Long

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Paul Fogle
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm +Jim Benson



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 6	Eze 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Matt 18:15-20
Mon. Sept. 7	1 Cor 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6-11
Tue. Sept. 8	Micah 5:1-4a / Matt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wed. Sept. 9	1 Cor 7:25-31 / Luke 6:20-26
Thu. Sept. 10	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Luke 6:27-38
Fri. Sept. 11	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Luke 6:39-42
Sat. Sept. 12	1 Cor 10:14-22 / Luke 43-49
Sun. Sept. 13	Sir 27:30-28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Matt 18:21-35



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Wyatt Kodi Daniel Horst
(child of Kodi and Jasmine Horst)
Colby Scott Ash
(child of Scott and Hannah Ash)

who were baptized by Water and the Spirit.



SUNDAY OFFERING

August 30, 2026

Sunday collection \$16,987.00
Online giving 3,634.25
Total \$20,621.25

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2026 DAC

Goal: \$177,793

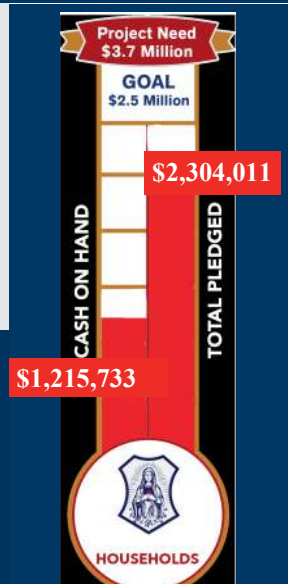
Collected & Pledged: \$160,794 (90%)

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 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**

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Closed

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

6:00 pm Senior Ministry Meeting **Drexel Room**
6:30 pm PTT Meeting **Library**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

5:45 pm Girl Scout Meeting **Upper Cafeteria**
6:00 pm Anchored Meeting **Drexel Room**
6:15 pm Off the Streets Meeting **Library**
6:30 pm Choir Practice **Church**

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #1**
6:00 pm Blue Mass **Church**
6:30 pm Mental Health Ministry **Rectory**
6:30 pm OCIA Meeting **Library**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

6:45 am TMIY **Upper Cafeteria**
4:00 pm High School Ministry **Gym**
4:30 pm CCW Bake Sale **Narthex**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am Senior Ministry Sign Up **Narthex**
8:00 am CCW Bake Sale **Narthex (after all Masses)**
9:00 am Catechist Meeting **Library**
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul

Ron Andrews
(son in law of Anna Sullivan)

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.

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
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
A1C	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

Brunch in the Park - Anniversary Celebration September 27. Pot Luck Signups September 5-6 & 12-13 in the Narthex.

Holly Jolly Holiday - Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on December 11. Cost per person - \$135. Watch for our (narthex rack) information flyer coming out after Labor Day. We will be accepting reservations through October 29. See us at our Ministry Fair Booth on September 20 for answers to questions or to make your reservation/payment.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



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Did You Know?

Every time you replace
"this is overwhelming"
 with *"what's the first step"*
 you shift your brain activity
 from **Fear** to **Problem Solving**.
 This engages your logical mind
 to handle challenges.

Try it!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

HDCCW PRAYER SHAWL RETREAT

Mark your calendar for SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 9:30AM – 2:30PM and join women from our Harrisburg Diocese at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Social Hall as we pray, knit and crochet. Enjoy fellowship and a catered lunch. Mass is at 8:30am. Meet us in the Narthex of the church at 8:20am, if you would like to sit together.

You do not have to be a member of a Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry to attend.

Email hdccwcommunitycommission@gmail.com to register and provide your lunch choice of ham, turkey or veggie sandwich with sides. The cost is \$14.00. Please send a check to Kathy Kokoski, 12 Kensington Square, Mechanicsburg, Pa 17050. Call Kathy at 717-448-8899 with any questions.

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.

RAISERIGHT (SCRIP) PROGRAM UPDATE

Our RaiseRight (SCRIP) program is modernizing! Shifting to online e-gift cards allows school families to earn tuition rebates instantly right from their phones. Families can invite friends, relatives and co-workers to participate. Because of this digital transition, our physical card inventory is being phased down. Once sold out, we will exclusively carry physical cards for **Amazon, Giant, Target, Walmart, and Dunkin' Donuts**. Buy physical cards in the narthex from mid-August to mid-December, or year-round in the parish office during regular hours. If you wish to help a family in this way, email Lisa Fortunato lfortunato@ssbvm.org for our enrollment code.

KOC 3501 invites you to join us for our **Annual Blue Mass on Thursday, September 10, at 6:00 PM at Seven Sorrows BVM Church**. We gather in prayer to honor and thank our **police officers, firefighters, EMS, and all first responders** for their courage and service. As we mark the **25th anniversary of September 11**, we also remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



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

Religious Education Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato
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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: 52
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 are needed for all positions.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matthew 18:15)

Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life?

If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for 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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