



Guest Speaker for Evening Reflections
Fr. Anthony Dill
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

40 Hours Devotion

September 13, 14 & 15, 2026

Sunday evening 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 13, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am

Tuesday: 8:30am (school Mass)

Wednesday: 8:30am (as usual)

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: 24/7 in the church (40hrs)

Tuesday: Until 6pm in the church (40hrs)

Wednesday: 10:00am-10:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-Noon



Free Breakfast & Ministry Fair

Next Sunday

September 20, 2026

after the 8am & 10:30am Masses

Upper & Lower Cafeteria

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage &
Yogurt Parfaits

Come and see how you and your family
can help our parish, through its many
ministries and organizations, show the
face of Christ to our community!

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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,

As Christians, we KNOW Jesus is with us. He is always and everywhere with us. We take it for granted, but when we pray, we know He is there. When we are in trouble, we call upon Him.

The Eucharist – the TRUE Body and Blood of Jesus – is the reason we KNOW this. He knew we'd need proof that He was here, and so He gave us the instructions at the Last Supper to “do this” (to say His words “in memory of Him”), and He'd truly be with us.

It is THE ULTIMATE way that Jesus is with us always, “until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

So, the Eucharist, who is the guarantee of His Presence with us, and also the source of how His Divine Life gets transferred to us, is a great gift.

We celebrate that gift THIS WEEK during our Forty Hours devotions. Beginning right after our 10:30AM Mass this weekend, and continuing until Tuesday at 6PM, we will have continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church.

This is a great time to worship the greatest gift we can have on earth: the True Presence of our God! Jesus will be present on our altar throughout those days, including overnight.

Please consider joining us for an hour – or for five minutes – of adoration of our Lord.

Each night at 6PM (Mass on Sunday night, and at Evening Prayer on Monday and Tuesday), Fr. Anthony Dill – pastor of St. Francis in Harrisburg -- will be here to preach and draw us closer in worship of Our God. He is an awesome preacher and priest. Please join us!

In addition, Bishop Senior is scheduled to be with us on Tuesday night. Please plan on being here with us as many nights as possible, but especially for our closing on Tuesday night with our Bishop, who graciously has accepted our invitation to join us.

In our parish, Mass attendance has grown greatly over the last few years. Your appreciation for the Blessed Sacrament – the Body and Blood of Christ – is inspiring. This week, let's give praise to God for the gift of KNOWING He is with us, and also for the gift of His Life in the Eucharist, which He gives us Divine Life.

Capital Campaign Update – Thank You!

As you perhaps may have followed in recent weeks, our capital campaign for the new gym and renovated cafeteria is going very well. We are very close to our \$2.5M goal.

I cannot believe how generous you have been with our – your – parish. The feasibility study that was conducted showed we could raise – on the upside -- \$2.1M. We started fast, so our fundraising partners suggested we make a “stretch” goal of \$2.5M.

That no longer appears to be a stretch. We are just shy of \$50,000 short of that! Thank you so much! So many of you – and so many “friends” of our parish, who are not parishioners but want to help – have pitched in! It is unbelievable.

You are all supporting! Thank you so much! The Knights of Columbus in our parish are emblematic of the sacrifices we are all making. At the end of August, they presented the parish with a check for \$20,000. On behalf of all of us, I was so grateful for their support. But in the end, they reflect the generosity of all of you. Your faith, your goodness, is so good!

Hopefully we will soon reach our \$2.5M goal. Once we do, we will still need to continue to raise funds, as the total cost of the project is \$3.7M. We will make up the difference in other ways, but we would really love to make up a lot less from other places. Your help is still needed, but thank you for all you have done.



You are the face of Jesus to me. Please pray for me, that I may be His face to you!
Fr. Sahn

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Beginning of 40 Hours

Adoration in the Church after Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am +Deceased Members of Sinkovich and

Spadone Family

6:00 pm 40 Hours Devotions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am +Faye Stago

6:00 pm 40 Hours Devotions

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:30 am +Mary Dinga

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Hildegard

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CONFESSION

6:00 pm +E. Thomas Chorpenning

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

8:00 am +Anthony Horney

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 St. Janarius

7:15 am - 7:50 am CONFESSION

8:00 am +Arthur Gutierrez

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm CONFESSION

4:30 pm +Madlyn Walsh

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Robert James Kerwin

10:30 am Our Parish Family

6:00 pm +Mary Goles



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 13	Sir 27:30-28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Matt 18:21-35
Mon. Sept. 14	Num 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17
Tue. Sept. 15	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / John 19:25-27
Wed. Sept. 16	1 Cor 12:31-13:13 / Luke 7:31-35
Thu. Sept. 17	1 Cor 15: 1-11 / Luke 7:36-50
Fri. Sept. 18	1 Cor 15:12-20 / Luke 8:1-3
Sat. Sept. 19	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 / Luke 8:4-15
Sun. Sept. 20	Isa 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Matt 20:1-16a



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are in loving memory of **Eric Breon**.

They are a gift from his wife Deborah on their Wedding Anniversary



SUNDAY OFFERING

September 6, 2026

Sunday collection \$13,330.00

Online giving 8,984.25

Total \$22,314.25

Scan for Online Giving



2026 DAC

Goal: \$177,793

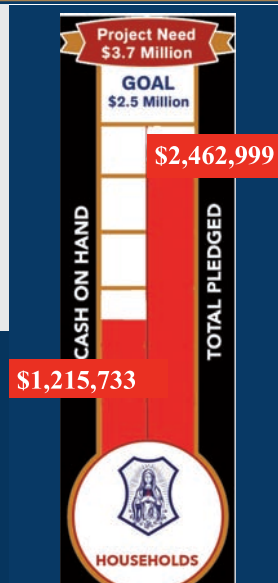
Collected & Pledged: \$158,794 (89%)

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 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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14

6:00 pm Forty Hours Church

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

6:00 pm Forty Hours Church

6:30 pm PTT Meeting Library

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

5:45 pm Daisy Girl Scout Meeting Upper Cafeteria

6:30 pm Choir Practice Church

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #2

6:30 pm OCIA Meeting Library

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

6:45 am TMIY Upper Cafeteria

10:00 am Women of Grace Art Room

4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House Narthex

5:30 pm Ministry Fair Set Up Lower Cafeteria

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

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

9:00 am Ministry Fair Cafeteria

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls

Wildean M. "Patty" Wolf
(mother in law of Andy Volovar)

Ty Snavely

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

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
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. We will be accepting reservations through October 29.

Glass Blowing with Glass Artist - October 19 at 10 am. 6322 Schoolhouse Road, Elizabethtown. \$45 per person, payable at Studio. Text/Call Kathy at 717-574-1929 by October 12 to reserve your space.

Game Night - September 24. After 6 pm Mass until 8:30pm. Please bring a favorite snack to share!

For more information on all events see the flyer Narthex flyer rack.

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.

OFF THE STREETS

Off the Streets donation house is in the Narthex on the 3rd weekend of the Month.

We are very low on cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items, brooms, mops, buckets.

We are grateful for the continued support and generosity of our parish family.

NEED TO KNOW



We have recently upgraded the phone system in the Parish Office.

There have been some glitches that are being worked out,

If you have called in and are having trouble leaving a message, please call back during office hours or email the office staff.



Parish Playroom

Babysitters are on duty to provide care for little ones during the 10:30am Mass. The Playroom is located in the church basement. Entry is to the left of the Narthex down the stairs.

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

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!



Cub Scouts!!

Cub Pack 113 will be having a sign-up for new Cub Scouts on September 15th at 7 pm. Alternate will be at the Pack Campfire at Shank's September 29th at 6:30pm.

Any questions, please call 717- 329 - 9114.

RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato ssbvm.org/Education
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SSBVM Catholic School Principal - Angela Warner Sevensorrowsschool.com
awarner@ssbvm.org

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



"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Matthew 18:35)

Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals, anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could He be inviting you to serve His people as a priest?

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



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