



September 27, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
26th 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



Outdoor Mass *Hoffer Park*

Sunday, October 4, 2026

10:30AM @ Hoffer Park

Bring your own chair.

Meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy
 a FREE lunch afterwards!

Pet Blessing

Saturday, October 3, 2026

10:00AM

Join us under the portico as we give a special
 blessing over your pets, through the intercession
 of St. Francis...

...and meet some new friends
 along the way!

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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,

I'm really looking forward to our outdoor 10:30AM Mass and picnic next Sunday at Hoffer Park. I hope you will join our parish family for a great time!

Please, don't forget to bring chairs or blankets, and try to leave home a little earlier, as it always takes a little while to get parked and situated before Mass. Stay for the fried chicken and great free lunch that our parish will provide!

It is a great time to socialize with our parish family in a way that we don't often get to do during a regular Sunday.

And it is important to know those in our parish who share our Faith and attempt to live it out! When we are a team, we are stronger together in walking toward Jesus and living out the Faith.

Every week, someone comes up to me in line after Mass to tell me that this is the first time they've visited our parish, or even it may be the first time they've set foot in a Catholic Church! It is so awesome to hear that.

We have many new people visiting our parish every week, and your interaction with them is key in whether they will come back! Almost always, people will say that our parish is friendly and welcoming. That helps them make a decision to stay.

Sometimes, the story is a bit different. One recent visitor who was interested in the Catholic Faith and took the bold move to come in to Mass by themselves, told me that a parishioner would not move in to the pew, and was a bit rude about it.

Of course I don't know the full story, and there is always two sides to every story. But the fact remains that how we treat those around us at Mass, and how we enter into the Mass, makes a REAL DIFFERENCE in how others perceive the Catholic Church and Seven Sorrows in particular.

I know that it is really not the place inside of church to hold a conversation, but please feel free to shake someone's hand and say hi. If you don't recognize them, welcome them as you enter the narthex or go into the pew. That goes a VERY LONG WAY.

Thank you for what you do to help make Seven Sorrows a growing parish! Next Sunday's Mass and picnic at Hoffer Park will be another opportunity to sit and talk with those who are discovering the Faith and our parish for the first time. Don't be afraid to say hi!

New Missal Stand and Missal

You may have noticed that there is a large golden-colored stand on the altar that holds the Roman Missal (the red "instruction book" for the Mass). Up to this point, we had a wooden one, but a parishioner inquired about potentially purchasing a golden one for us.

However, the Diocese of Harrisburg has a storeroom of lots of liturgical articles from other parishes that may have closed or are not of use anymore, and they gave us this golden one to use. It is really nice, and really fits the candlestick and crucifix on the Altar. It really is a fitting article to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass.

I just like to let you know when some things change, so that you're always "in the know"! God bless you, and thank you for worshipping our God and serving Him and His people with us!

Fr. Sahd



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Twenty - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Mark Shipkowski
10:30 am +Ann and Ted Field
6:00 pm +Fran Merryman

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz

8:00 am +Mario Corradi

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

8:00am +Elizabeth Veet

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 St. Jerome

8:30 am +Audrey Jean Turner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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

6:00 pm +Nancy Jean Klinger

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

8:00 am +Marie Bartone

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 The Holy Guardian Angels

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

8:00 am +Mario Lanni

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

4:30 pm +Joyce O'Keefe

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Our Parish Family

10:30 am +Special Intentions of William
and Iva Mae Young

6:00 pm +Marie Shivetts



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 27	Eze 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Matt 21:28-32
Mon. Sept. 28	Job 1:6-22 / Luke 9:46-50
Tue. Sept. 29	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 / John 1:47-51
Wed. Sept. 30	Job 9:1-12, 14-16 / Luke 9:57-62
Thu. Oct. 1	Job 19:21-27 / Luke 10:1-12
Fri. Oct. 2	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Matt 18:1-5, 10
Sat. Oct. 3	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Luke 10:17-24
Sun. Oct. 4	Isa 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Matt 21:33-43



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are dedicated to **PEACE**.

May all the world be free of conflict and know the joy of peace.

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

September 20, 2026

Sunday giving \$11,917.00
Online giving 5,452.49
Total \$17,369.49



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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 27

9:15 am Religious Ed **School**
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
11:30 am Parish Rosary Making **School's Art Room**
12:00 pm Senior Ministry Picnic **Off Site**

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

6:30 pm Choir Practice **Church**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #4**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

6:45 am TMIY **Upper Cafeteria**
10:00 am Blessing of Pets **Portico**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

9:15 am Religious Ed
10:30 am Outdoor Mass **Hoffer Park**



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Mark Williams

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



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes
James Peter Walker

Benjamin Lucas Walker

(children of Nathan and Debra Walker)
who were 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
GYSGT	Brendon J. Parkhill	Marines
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
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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 - Celebrating the start of our 4th year this weekend, September 27 from 12pm - 3 pm,

Pavilion #1 Hoffer Park. Bring your favorite Pot Luck Dish!

Holly Jolly Holiday - Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on December 11. Cost per person - \$135. Reservations forms in the Narthex Flyer rack. Reservations accepted through October 29. Transportation provided by Elite Coach.

Glass Blowing with Glass Artist - October 19 at 10 am. 6322 Schoolhouse Road, Elizabethtown. \$45 per person, payable at Studio. No experience necessary. Text/Call Kathy at 717-574-1929 by October 12 to reserve your space & interest in carpooling.

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

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

A reminder to everyone that October is Pro Life month! The bassinets for donations will be in the Narthex and all donations will go to Morning Star. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

OFF THE STREETS

THANKS TO ALL who made the Off the Streets 3rd Annual Golf Tourney a HUGE success... \$12,400 will help many of our needy neighbors.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Grief changes your capacity.

- You get overwhelmed more easily.
- You need more quiet time.
- You feel exhausted but didn't do anything.
- You cancel plans, even when you want to go.
- Small tasks take more energy.
- You can't give to everyone like you used to.

This isn't laziness - be patient with yourself

NEED TO KNOW



Giving Tree If you know of anyone from the Middletown area who is in need of help this Christmas, please have them call the Parish office, **NO later than October 26.**

The Giving Tree will be placed in the Narthex on the weekend of October 31.

Join SSBVM and the surrounding community for a family friendly trunk-or-treat on Friday, October 23rd from 5pm - 7pm in the school parking lot.

We invite all parishioners and friends of SSBVM to host a trunk and hand out candy and other Halloween treats to the trunk-or-treaters. New this year, we will vote on and award the best, most creative trunk!

This is one of our biggest initiatives of the year, please help us make it a success! Questions can be directed to PTT@ssbvm.org.



October 3rd at 2pm and 6:30pm.
Tickets will be sold at the door for \$12
Cash /credit cards accepted.

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.

RAISING DISCIPLES

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

10/04/26 - Class/Early Dismissal for Outdoor Mass @ Hoffer Park



40 & 48oz jars Jif Creamy Peanut Butter

Goal: 1,000 Collected to date: 116

Thank you to those who've already started donating!

Jars may be placed on the cart in the Narthex.

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



"Which of the two did the will of his father?" (Matthew 21:31)

On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for priests who humbly serve God's people. Celebrate this day by writing a note of gratitude and encouragement to a priest who inspires you. Remember in prayer the priest who baptized and confirmed you.

Pray for the priests in your parish and support those discerning this vocation.

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