



October 11, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
28th 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



The Month of *The Rosary*

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary, a special time dedicated to deep prayer and meditation on the life of Jesus and Mary.

Rosary of the Seven Sorrows

If anyone feels called to recite the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows before the 4:30PM, 8AM & 10:30AM Masses please contact Amelia Answay @
aansway@comcast.net

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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,

Last week, Saturday was beautiful. Then, Monday was awesome! Sunday, though, was not good, of course!

And Sunday was the day for our annual Outdoor Mass and picnic. Still, Mass was beautiful and the “picnic” in the cafeteria went very well. I cannot thank you all enough for attending, despite the rain.

I apologize if you did not get our e-mail or see our notice on Facebook that detailed the change. We waited until Saturday in order to see if the forecast would change; it did not. Because of the technical equipment needed, and the fact that Mass should not be held in inclement weather, we decided to move it inside. It burned me to change it, but it was the right decision, considering the weather. Thanks so much for understanding!

I'd like to thank the Knights of Columbus, who took care of a lot of the logistical details and the heavy lifting, and our parish staff, who coordinated and organized everything! We are blessed that they serve us! We also had several parishioners who stepped up to volunteer. Thank you so much!

We are blessed with the parish that God has given to us here in Middletown. Sunday was a day to celebrate our Catholic Faith and the family that God has given us. As Daniel writes, “Every shower and dew, bless the Lord! Praise and exalt Him above all forever!” (3:64).

Don't Take A Vacation From Your Vocation!

Thanks again to everyone, over the summer, who has sent pictures of the churches where they attended Mass during their vacations! It has been so awesome to follow along with you, all over PA, the U.S., and the world!

This is the last week that we'll be including these pictures, until summer arrives again. Still, please remember to make Sunday Mass a part of your vacation plans, no matter where you go!

God Bless,
Fr. Sahd



Sacred Heart,
Dunn, NC



St. Ludwig,
Berlin, Germany



St. Patrick, Edinburgh, Scotland

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

Twenty - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Deceased Members of the Shank
and Relken Families

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026

8:00 am +Ethel M. Chorpenning

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

8:00am +Ronald Pristello

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026

8:30 am +BJ Smertneck

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

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

6:00 pm +Richard Ste. Marie

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

8:00 am +Special Intentions of Deb Sahd

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

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

8:00 am +Anthony and Lena Russo

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

4:30 pm +Carmine DeMicola

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +James Paros

10:30 am +Gloria Marino

6:00 pm Our Parish Family



DAILY READINGS

Oct. 11 Isa 25: 6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matt 22:1-14

Oct. 12 Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1 / Luke 11:29-32

Oct. 13 Gal 5:1-6 / Luke 11:37-41

Oct. 14 Gal 5:18-25 / Luke 11:42-46

Oct. 15 Eph 1:1-10 / Luke 11:47-54

Oct. 16 Eph 1:11-14 / Luke 12:1-7

Oct. 17 Eph 1:15-23 / Luke 12:8-12

Oct. 18 Isa 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thess 1:1-5b / Matt 22:15-21



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Bill Brigham

Betty Marks

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



SUNDAY OFFERING

October 4, 2026

Sunday giving \$15,487.00

Online giving 8,355.25

Total \$23,842.25

Scan for Online Giving



2026 DAC

Goal: \$177,793

Collected & Pledged: \$165,877 (93%)

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 OCTOBER 11

8:00 am CCW Bake Sale **Narthex (after all Masses)**

8:00 am OTS Boscov's Coupon Sale **Narthex (after all Masses)**

9:15 am Religious Ed

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 12

Parish Office / Chapel Closed

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

6:00 pm Senior Ministry Meeting **Drexel Room**

6:30 pm PTT Meeting **Library**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts **Cafeteria**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14

5:45 pm Girl Scouts **Cafeteria**

6:00 pm Anchored **Drexel Room**

6:15 pm Off the Streets **Library**

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #2

6:30 pm OCIA **Library**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

6:45 am TMIY **Upper Cafeteria**

1:30 pm Knights of Columbus Tailgate **Cafeteria**

4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

8:00 am OTS Donation House **Narthex (after all Masses)**

9:00 am Confirmation Parent Meeting **Church**

9:15 am Religious Ed

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

1:00 pm Bible Study **Drexel Room**

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

Glass Blowing - 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.
Holly Jolly Holiday - December 11 Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Cost per person - \$135. Reservations accepted through October 29. Transportation provided by Elite Coach.
Game Night (last night for 2026)- October 22 at 6:30pm.
Crafts with Pat- **Cancelled**. Originally scheduled for Nov. 7.
*For more information on all events see the Newsletter in the Narthex flyer rack.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

A sincere note of thanks to all who delivered Meals on Wheels to the shut-ins of our community in September.
Your help is greatly appreciated.

OFF THE STREETS

OTS will be selling shopping passes in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend for Boscov's annual Friends Helping Friends one day sale. The sale date is Wed., 10/21, and the passes are \$5 each. A pass entitles you to 25% off purchases, including sale prices. Just in time for all your Christmas shopping needs!

GIVING TREE

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.

NEED TO KNOW

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3501 PRESENTS THE
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OCTOBER 17, 2026

KICKOFF TBD
TAILGATE STARTS 2 HOURS BEFORE KICKOFF

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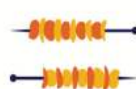
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Babysitters are on duty to provide care for little ones during the 10:30am mass.
The Playroom is located in the church basement. Entry is to the left of the Narthex down the stairs.

If you are a Catholic medical, graduate, PA, or nursing student (or anyone studying at Penn State Hershey), please know that there is a student group for you! We are Catholic students who seek to build community through fellowship, mentoring networks, and discussion of Catholic medical ethics. Please reach out to Peter via email at pforstmeier@gmail.com to get in touch with us.



**TRUNK
-OR-
TREAT**



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2026
5:00 - 7:00 PM



RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato ssbvm.org/Education
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Schedule:

10/18/26 Class and 8th Gr. Confirmation Meeting (9AM)
Church

10/25/26 Class and 2nd Gr. 1st Communion Meeting (9AM)
Church



EGG Season - Jif Creamy Peanut Butter

Due to our record egg count over the past two years, we are anticipating another big season! Once PB batter begins, we can use almost 200 jars of peanut butter in a week.

Our goal is to collect 1,000 jars. Current Count: 173 jars. Every donation helps us reach our goal! We are grateful for your generosity and support of this beloved tradition. Please consider donating 40 oz. or 48 oz. jars of Jif Creamy peanut butter by placing them 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



"Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way and encourage men to consider answering God's call to the diaconate.

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