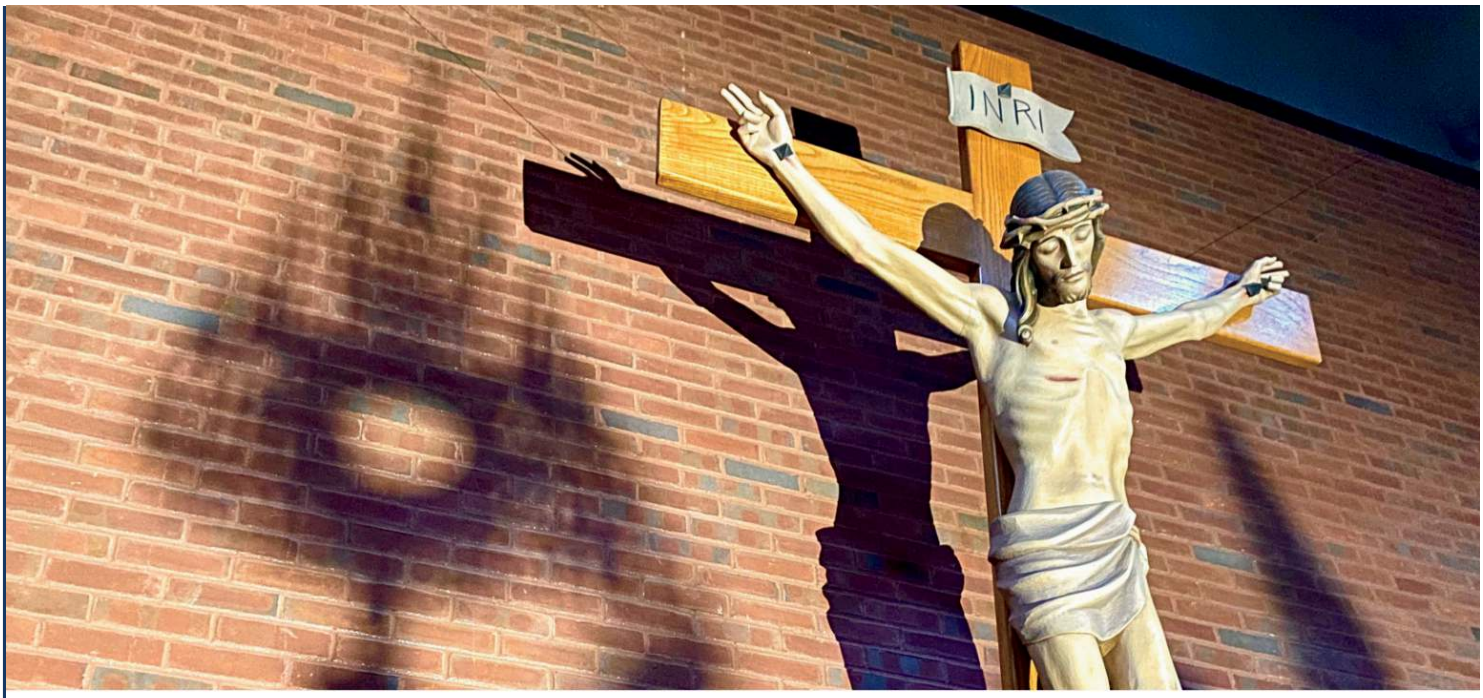


October 18, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor FrSahd@ssbvm.org

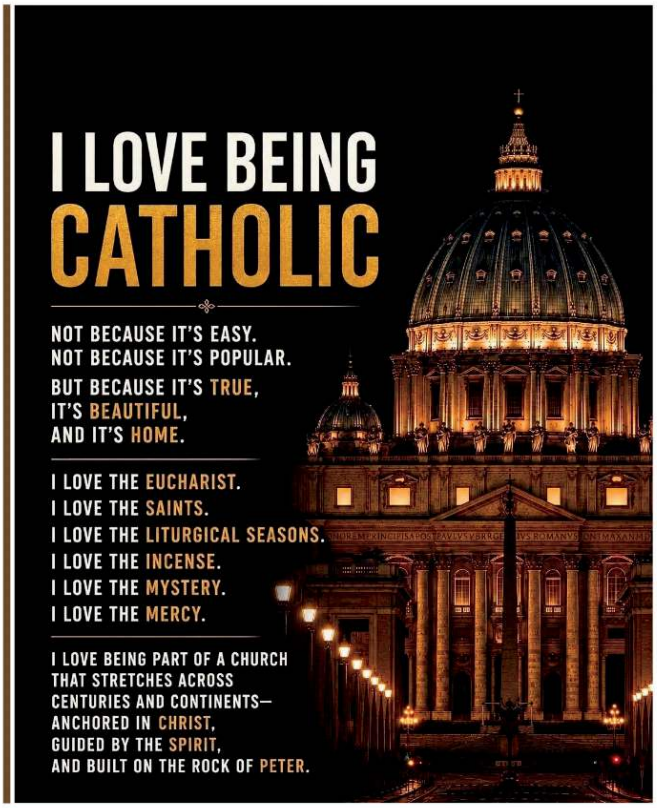
THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday: No Mass
Thursday: No Mass
Friday: No Mass
Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASS:
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS:
Thursday: No Confessions
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



Invite someone to Mass.

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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,

Today is World Mission Sunday. This is a date set aside all over the world in the Catholic Church to support the evangelization, educational, and social work of the Church in the world's poorest areas.

Throughout its history, beginning with Jesus and his preaching of the dignity of the poor and marginalized, the Catholic Church has made this missionary work a huge priority. It is what built hospitals and schools in the US and all throughout the world. These structures existed because of the generosity of you, the Church, throughout time.

This is not a governmental social program. This is not a non-governmental organization working with secular motives.

This is good work being done all throughout the world in our name, and in HIS Holy Name.

Please be generous in your support and your prayers. We focus on this Sunday especially this year, as Archbishop Sheen was beatified recently. He was in charge of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (a part of the Pontifical Mission Societies) in the United States. His work was to collect funds from our country and supply them to those in need throughout the world.

If you are moved to donate to this awesome work of the Church, please use the envelope provided, or place a check in the collection with "World Mission Sunday" on it. Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity.

No Weekday Masses This Week

Every year, the priests of the Diocese get together in Maryland for a week-long "convocation", or conference, with the bishop. We have daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, talks on theological subjects, meals together, and free time to hang out and talk with each other. It's a great time, and Fr. Josh and I really look forward to being together with our brother priests.

It does mean, though, that there will be no daily Mass or Thursday confessions at Seven Sorrows from Monday through Friday of this week. I'm sorry, but there just aren't enough non-Diocesan clergy in the area to have Mass at Seven Sorrows in our place.

Instead, there are other parishes in our area which will have Masses this week. Please see the schedule below. May God bless you and thank you for your Faithfulness and your prayers. Please know of my prayers for you and our parish during this week, and see you Saturday morning and next weekend for Mass!

Church	Days	Times
Our Lady Blessed Sacrament Harrisburg	Weds-Fri	12Noon
St. Joan of Arc	Tues. and Thurs .	6:45AM
Hershey	Mon, Weds, Fri	9:00AM
St. Lawrence (Latin)	Mon-Fri.	7:10AM
Harrisburg	Weds. and Fri.	6:30PM
St. Patrick's Cathedral Harrisburg	Mon-Fri	12Noon
St. Margaret Mary Harrisburg	Tues-Fri	8:30AM

God bless you,
Fr. Sahd

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Bishop McDevitt - 717-236-7973

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026
NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026
NO CONFESSION
NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
7:15 am - 7:50 am CONFESSION
8:00 am +Coby Hall
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm CONFESSION
4:30 pm +Thomas Gramuglia

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Special Intentions of Ann Marie and Kenneth Licata
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm Sheron Marshall

DAILY READINGS

Oct. 18 Isa 45:1, 4-6 / 1Thess 1:1-5b / Matt 22:15-21
Oct. 19 Eph 2:1-10 / Luke 12:13-21
Oct. 20 Eph 2:12-22 / Luke 12:35-38
Oct. 21 Eph 3:2-12 / Luke 12:39-48
Oct. 22 Eph 3:14-21 / Luke 49-53
Oct. 23 Eph 4:1-6 / Luke 12:54-59
Oct. 24 Eph 4:7-16 / Luke 13:1-9
Oct. 25 Exo 22:20-26 / 1Thess1:5c-10 / Matt 22:34-40

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

George Weiser
(father of Suzanne Gausman)
Joey Gotowski
(son of Cindy and Matt Gotowski)

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

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

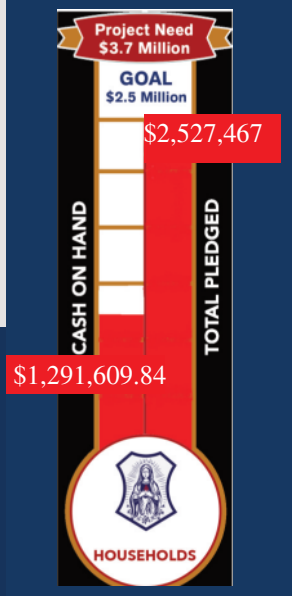
October 11, 2026

Sunday giving	$15,361.00
Online giving	4,084.25
Total	$19,445.25

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 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

MONDAY OCTOBER 19
6:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Bible Study Drexel Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21
6:00 pm Senior Ministry Drexel Room
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22
8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #3
6:00 pm Senior Ministry Game Night Cafeteria
6:30 pm Christian Initiation Library

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23
5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24
6:45 am TMIY Upper Cafeteria
10:00 am Women of Grace Art Room
4:30 pm Boxes of Joy Narthex
4:30 pm Smiles for Abby Narthex

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25
8:00 am Boxes of Joy Narthex (after all Masses)
8:00 am Smiles for Abby Narthex (after all Masses)
9:00 am First Communion Parent Meeting Church
9:15 am Religious Ed
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
11:30 am Parish Rosary Making Art Room
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
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
	Abigail Francis	USAF
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy

SENIOR MINISTRY

Glass Blowing- Oct. 19 at 10am. 6322 Schoolhouse Rd. Elizabethtown. $45 per person payable at studio. Meet at studio. text/call Kathy at 717-574-1929 with any questions.
Holly Jolly Holiday - Dec. 11 Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre Reservations accepted through October 29. Reservation forms in the Narthex flyer rack.
Game Night (last night for 2026)- October 22 at 6:30pm.
Crafts with Pat- Cancelled. Originally scheduled for Nov. 7.
Bingo w/residents at Middletown Home-Nov. 10 at 2pm. Dollar Store Prize donations accepted.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

October is Pro Life Month. There is a basinet in the Narthex for donations of "NEW" baby items for Morningstar Pregnancy Services.



Boxes of Joy, will be handed out by CCW members. These boxes are to be filled for Christmas with items for needy children in developing countries. They will be distributed, with an explanation of materials to fill the box, after masses on October 24/25. **The filled boxes must be returned the weekend of November 7/8**. With your help we can meet our goal of 250 boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



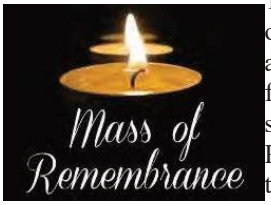
NEED TO KNOW



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 know of anyone from the Middletown area who is in need this Christmas, please have them call the Parish office, NO later than October 26.
The Giving Tree will be placed in the Narhex on the weekend of October 31.



Thursday November 5th we will host our Traditional Mass of Remembrance at 7pm. An invitation is extended to all family members who have lost someone this past year. Please call the Parish office if you lost a loved one this year and would like their name added to the list that will be read during Mass.



RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato ssbvm.org/Education lfortunato@ssbvm.org

10/18/26 Class & 8th Gr. Confirmation Mtg (9AM) Church

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

11/01/26 Class & Family Mass/Treat 10:30AM



40 & 48oz jars Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
Goal: 1,000 Collected to date: 191
Thank you to those who've already started donating!
Jars may be placed on the cart in the Narthex.

SSBVM Catholic School Principal - Angela Warner Sevensorrowsschool.com awarner@ssbvm.org

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



. **"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)**

While we make choices in our daily lives, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, invites us to surrender our will to His, offering our lives in loving service. Consider where God is calling you to place His will above your own.
Talk to Father Sahd to reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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