

October 25, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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



Family Mass *& Treat*

Sunday, November 1st

10:30am Mass

All are welcome to join us for Mass as we gather together in Faith, fellowship, and community.
And afterward...

a FREE Soft Pretzel!

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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,

This week, Fr. Josh and I were with the rest of our brother priests at a "convocation" – or week-long meeting – at a hotel in Towson, MD.

Before I was a priest, I used to wonder why the priests all had to get together. Surely, it was a just an excuse for a vacation or something. It meant that there would be no weekday Masses at many parishes, and I just didn't understand it.

I want you to know that, while it is a sacrifice for the parish for the priests to leave for a week, it is very much worth it. This week was a gift to me, and I pray, to the parish. After all, I am only a priest to serve you and lead you to our God.

There is nothing like Sunday Mass, when we are together as a family with our God. You don't know the joy I have celebrating Mass on Sundays! There is also an extreme joy I have being with my brother priests, most of whom I don't really get to talk with during the year.

We pray together, celebrate Mass with our Bishop, listen to talks on current issues in the Church, eat together, play cards and other games (Fr. Josh thinks he's top notch, but the jury is still out), and just enjoy each others' company.

On the first day – Monday – at Mass, after I had received Holy Communion, I was kneeling at the end of the row. Next to me, a line of priests were walking up to receive themselves. I didn't look up to see them, but I heard them singing the chant. I heard each voice individually. I thought of them, how God brought them to this day, and how each of us are so different, yet all called to Jesus as His priests.

An overwhelming joy came over me at that moment. I was thankful for the great gift of the priesthood, which I can't believe I've been called to live!

But even more, I immediately thought of all of you. I gave thanks to Jesus for allowing me to be your pastor. You are a gift to me, and one I pray I never take for granted.

All week, I prayed for you, and your individual intentions. I also prayed that I'd be a strong and courageous and loving shepherd, because you deserve that.

Thank you for your love, and please pray for vocations to the priesthood from our parish. Jesus is calling shepherds from right here! It is a life that is so joyful and fulfilling!

To give you a taste of the week, I thought I'd send you a picture of our "cafeteria" for the week, then our conference room, and finally our chapel, respectively.

I want you to get a sense of where we spend the week, trying to grow closer to Jesus for you! God bless you and thank you so much for being part of our family in Christ!
Fr. Sahd





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MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026
8:00 am +Albert Schmeltzer Jr.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026
8:00 am +Barbara Pristello

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026
8:00 am Special Intentions of Gabriella and Trejon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CONFESSION
6:00 pm +Joseph and Annarose Hepner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
8:00 am +Tim Fraley

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026
7:15 am - 7:50 am CONFESSION
8:00 am +Mario Corradi
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm CONFESSION
4:30 pm +Catherine Drayer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
Solemnity of All Saints
8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:30 am +Marie Messner
6:00 pm +Mark Shipkowski

DAILY READINGS

Oct. 25 Exo 22:20-26 / 1Thess1:5c-10 / Matt 22:34-40
Oct. 26 Eph 4:32-5:8 / Luke 13:10-17
Oct. 27 Eph 5:21-33 / Luke 13:18-21
Oct. 28 Eph 2:19-22 / Luke 6:12-16
Oct. 29 Eph 6:10-20 / Luke 13:31-35
Oct. 30 Phil 1:1-11 / Luke 14:1-6
Oct. 31 Phil 1:18b-26 / Luke 14:1, 7-11
Nov. 1 Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matt 5:1-12a

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Helen Manning
J. Bruce Bateman Sr.(father of Fr. John Bateman)
Mary Goudsward (sister of Michele Conway)
Carolyn Royer (mother of Susanne English)
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes
Eulalia Nicole Montanez
(child of Tyler and Sarah Montanez)
who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.

SUNDAY OFFERING

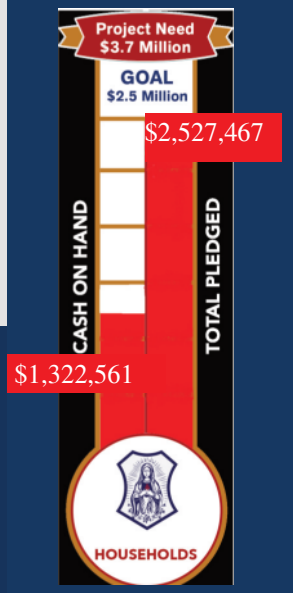
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Sunday giving	$13,217.00
Online giving	5,312.25
QCD**	2,000.00
Total	$20,529.25

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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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
6:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Bible Study Drexel Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
Parish Staff Workshop - Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:45 pm Girl Scouts Cafeteria
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #4
6:30 pm Christian Initiation Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
6:45 am TMIY Upper Cafeteria
10:00 am Women of Grace Art Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:15 am Religious Ed
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
11:30 am Children's Rosary Church
11:30 am Family Mass Social Cafeteria
1:00 pm Bible Study Drexel Room

FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are in loving memory
of **ANNAROSE HEPNER and ALL of our dearly departed**.
They are a gift from the Hepner family.

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

Holly Jolly Holiday - Dec. 11 Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre **October 29 is the last day to submit your reservation/payment to the Parish Office**. Price includes the show, dinner buffet, and transportation. Reservation forms in the Narthex flyer rack. **Bingo w/residents at Middletown Home**-Nov. 10 at 2pm. Dollar Store Prize donations accepted.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2026 COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE



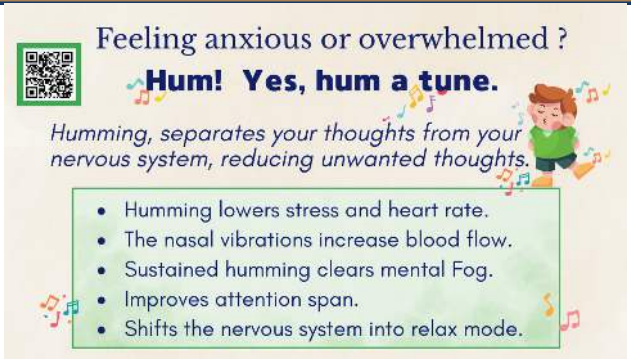
The Knights are seeking **new**, girls' coats, sizes 4 through 18 and adult small-medium. Donated coats can be placed in the Knights' food bin in the Narthex. For additional information or to make a monetary donation, please contact Jim Young (717-856-7088).

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN



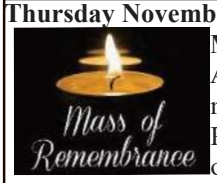
Boxes of Joy, will be handed out by CCW members. These boxes are to be filled for Christmas with items for needy children in developing countries. They will be distributed, with an explanation of materials to fill the box, this weekend. **The filled boxes must be returned the weekend of November 7/8**.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

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



NEED TO KNOW

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.



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 Narthex on the weekend of October 31.

Live Nativity – Roman Soldiers Needed!

We're looking for 2 to 3 more men willing to serve as Roman Soldiers joining our parking and crowd control team. Helmets, capes and lighted wands will be provided. Since this is an outdoor role, volunteers should plan to arrive around 4:00-4:30pm on Friday, December 4, 2026. Event time is 5:30-7:30pm.

Interested or have questions? Please email Lisa Fortunato @ lfortunato@ssbvm.org

Fall Fest & Ginger Goudie Memorial 5

Planting Seeds for Education

Saturday, November 7, 2026
The Janus School, 205 Lefever Road, Mount Joy, PA

Join us for the fourth annual Ginger Goudie Memorial 5K and The Janus School Fall Fest on November 7! This family-fun event supports continued excellence in education for students with learning differences and also honors Ginger Goudie, a dear friend and Janus teacher who passed away after her courageous fight against cancer in 2022. All Ginger Goudie Memorial 5K proceeds support the Ginger Goudie Financial Aid Fund and, in honor of her love for gardening, will continue planting seeds for education.
Registration is required to participate in the 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run. Registration is NOW OPEN through 11/4 at 11:59pm.You may register at: runsignup.com/Race/Pa/MountJoy/TheGingerGoudieMemorial5kPlantingSeedsForEducation

RAISING DISCIPLES

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

11/01/26 Class and Family Mass & Treat 10:30am
11/08/26 Class

40 & 48oz jars Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
Goal: 1,000 Collected to date: 213

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.

Apple Tree Gratitude

On behalf of the faculty and staff here at SSBVM School, we would like to thank all the parishioners for their incredible gifts from the Parish Apple Tree! Your generosity is overwhelming and we are so grateful for the prayers and support you provide for our teachers and administration. We could not do this important work without all of you. We are so blessed to be part of the SSBVM community!
We are grateful for all of you! God Bless you.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart...and your neighbor as yourself."
(Matthew 22:37-39)

Every vocation is rooted in this twofold commandment of love. Priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage calls us to give ourselves fully to God while serving others with compassion and selflessness. How is God inviting you to live out this love in a vocation that blesses both Him and those around you?
Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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