

November 1, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

All Saints Day

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:
Monday: 8:00am
Tuesday: 8:00am
Wednesday: 8:30am
Thursday: 7:00pm
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





Mass of *Remembrance*

November 5th @ 7:00PM

All are welcome to attend this beautiful Mass, both to pray for those who have died, and also to support our parishioners who have lost a loved one.

Heavenly Father,
Through Your holy providence You never cease to watch over Your Church with the aid of shepherds and co-workers fashioned after Your open heart. Stir up within the Diocese of Harrisburg young men and women who will hear Your call to Priesthood and consecrated life. Lead our families, parishes and schools to sow the seeds that will reap a harvest of sacred workers for Your church. We ask this through Christ the Good Shepherd. Amen

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few weeks ago, thanks to your extreme generosity so far in our capital campaign, we reached our initial goal of $2.5 million in pledges for our upcoming gym and cafeteria renovation!

That's unbelievable! It happened so quickly, and that is due entirely to your love and dedication to our awesome parish, and your commitment to living out the Faith here in Middletown for the long haul.

That number -- $2.5M – represents pledges. As you see on the campaign thermometer elsewhere in this bulletin, we have about half of that amount in cash. The rest will be paid over the next few years. Thank you for continuing to pay on your pledges, as that will allow us to collect all of that $2.5M number.

We are still going to continue to raise money, because preliminarily, the total cost of the project is $3.7M. The more we raise toward the project, the less we'll have to take out of savings to pay for the project.

We are continuing to work with the architect, engineers and others to put together a formal and final set of drawings for the project. We hope to have them by the end of November.

Once we have them, we will get firm pricing for the project, and then get final diocesan approval. Once the Diocese approves, we will send the project out for bid to several contractors.

We hope to begin construction in 2027, once all of these factors are met. I am learning A LOT about the process, and it is highly complicated. It is a full-time job in-and-of itself! I am grateful for the help of so many in our parish who are qualified in these areas and are providing major help in this area.

Once we get formal and final plans, I will share them with the parish. In the meantime, please know we are working to put together the best project for the best price for our parish. I pray it is something we are all proud of, and something for the long-haul!

God bless you, and thank you so much for helping to make this project a reality!

All Saints Day!

Today is a Holy Day of Obligation, but it's also a Sunday! So we're already at Mass! Today is a day to feel the power of so many who are cheering us – and also interceding for us – in eternity.

The Communion of Saints is real. They are with Our Savior, at His Throne, and they desire us to be with them. They want nothing more than that, because that is what Jesus Christ wants for us. They ARE the Body of Christ, and they desperately want us to know how awesome it is, and want us to join them.

Let's feel that pull toward our Savior TODAY, on this great Feast. The Saints want us with them, and let's join them as the Body of Christ today, so that one day we will reign with them in Heaven! Happy Feast Day!

Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:30 am +Marie Messner
6:00 pm +Mark Shipkowski

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026
8:00 am +Frank Korchnak

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026
8:00 am Special Intentions for Zachary Young

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026
8:00 am +Jerry Guy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CONFESSION
7:00 PM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
ALL HOLY SOULS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026
8:00 am +Suzanne Herb

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
7:15 am - 7:50 am CONFESSION
8:00 am Special Intentions of Rev. Chris Sahd
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm CONFESSION
4:30 pm +Gloria Marino

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am +Deceased Members of Legion of Mary
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm +Kaityln Shipkowski

DAILY READINGS

Nov. 1 Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matt 5:1-12a
Nov. 2 Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11 / John 6:37-40
Nov. 3 Phil 2:5-11 / Luke 14:15-24
Nov. 4 Phil 2:12-18 / Luke 14:25-33
Nov. 5 Phil 3:3-8a / Luke 15:1-10
Nov. 6 Phil 3:17-4:1 / Luke 16:1-8
Nov. 7 Phil 4:10-19 / Luke 16:9-15
Nov. 8 Wis 6:12-16 / Thes 4:13-18 / Matt 25:1-13

FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar this weekend are in honor of
the union of **ROBERT and HANNA McCULLOUGH.**
Congratulations! May God bless you with a lifetime of love and happiness!

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.

Need prayers?
Reach out to our Prayer Chain
Donna Jennings at 717-566-3184 or via email at djennings2095@comcast.net.

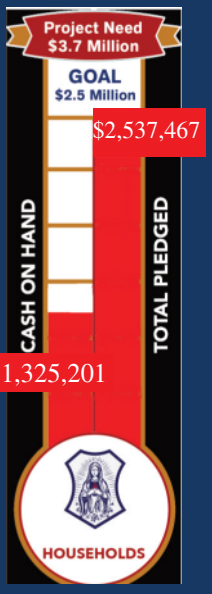
SUNDAY OFFERING

October 25, 2026
Sunday giving $16,437.00
Online giving 4,215.49
Total $20,652.49

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2026 DAC
Goal: **$177,793**
Collected & Pledged: **$185,929 (105%)**

Thank you! Because of your overwhelming generosity, we have reached our goal in pledges and payments to the DAC! Thank you for continuing to pay on your pledge, so that we do indeed reach our goal. God bless you and thank you!



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 AT SSBVM

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Bible Study Art Room
7:00 pm CCW Meeting Drexel Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
7:00 pm KOC Meeting Drexel Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #1
6:30 pm Christian Initiation Library
7:00 pm Mass of Remembrance

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
6:45 am TMIY Cafeteria
4:30 pm Boxes of Joy Return Narthex

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
8:00 am Boxes of Joy Return Narthex (after all Masses)
9:15 am Religious Ed
10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement
1:00 pm Bible Study Drexel Room

Remember Prayer Our Military



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

Play Bingo with Residents at Middletown Home - November 10 at 2 pm. Meet at Home's Main Entrance. Dollar Store Prize Donations accepted & appreciated!

Senior Ministry Committee Meeting - November 10 at 6 pm in the Drexel Room.

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).

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Boxes of Joy

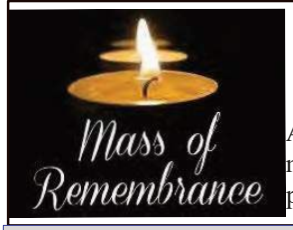
The filled boxes must be returned the weekend of Nov. 7/8.



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



NEED TO KNOW



Thursday November 5th
Mass of Remembrance at 7pm.

An invitation is extended to all family members who have lost someone this past year.

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



Come see the Seven Sorrows Difference!

Families with children in preschool through 8th grade are invited to our Open House on Sunday, November 15, from 12–1 p.m. Come explore our classrooms, meet our teachers, and discover what makes our school family special! Scan the QR code or visit https://bit.ly/SSBVMTOUR to register.

CAN'T ATTEND MASS?



The Holy Eucharist is vital to our Faith and our Spiritual, physical and emotional well being.

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass for a short period of time or extended time, due to recuperation, age or housebound, please call the Church Office.

We have Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist dedicated to this Ministry who will call to schedule a convenient time to visit and bring the Eucharist for as long as needed.

RAISING DISCIPLES

Religious Education Coordinator - Lisa Fortunato
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11/01/26 Class and Family Mass & Treat 10:30am
11/08/26 Class

SSBVM Catholic School Principal - Angela Warner
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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



"Blessed are the poor in spirit , for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)
The saints show us that true joy and freedom come from placing God above all else. Their lives remind us that holiness often begins in simplicity and humility, responding generously to God's call. During National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for more men and women to courageously follow Him, discerning a life as a priest, religious brother or sister, or through holy matrimony. Could God be inviting you to join in this holy witness?
Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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