



Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

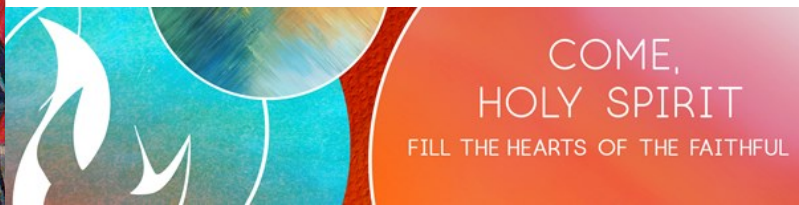
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am,
Wednesday 6:30 pm,

First Saturday of the Month: 9:00 am

Holy Days: Vigil Mass 6:30pm, Holy Day 8:30 am

CONFESSION TIMES:

Saturday: 3:30pm – 4:30 pm

Wednesday: 5:30pm – 6:20 pm

1st Fri. of the Month: 7:30 am – 8:20 am

1st Sat. of the Month: 8:00 am – 8:45 am

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

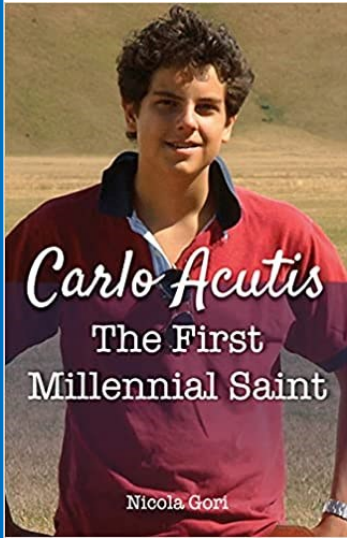
1st Friday of the Month: 7:30 am – 8:20 am
Fridays: 9:00am—7:00pm (sign up in the lobby)



Pentecost

Book of the Month - May and June

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori

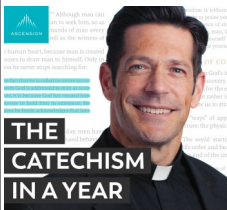


I'm very excited to introduce the Book of the Month for May and June of 2023, and it is a short biography of sorts that covers the brief life of perhaps one of the most modern Saints we've ever seen. Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 in Italy, and his short yet extraordinary life of holiness is not only relatable but deeply inspiring to people of all ages. We long for stories of authentic holiness, and Carlo's life is exactly that type of story. From sports, to video games, from daily Mass and frequent confession to creating a website of Eucharistic miracles, please join us as we look deeper into Carlo's life in this insightful and short book

(143 pages). As always, you will have to purchase this book yourself (please contact us if you have monetary issues in this regard), but please also just come to the Book Discussion either way if you can, which will be held **Wednesday, June 28th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the social hall. Thank you and God Bless you!

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR!

Join Father Ben and a big group of parishioners at Our Lady of the Visitation as we learn and grow in understanding about our Catholic Faith by listening to a podcast for about 15-20 minutes a day (that equals only about 2-3 pages of the Catechism, which is not much!).



Father Mike Schmitz, who led a podcast two years ago that was beautiful and still free for everyone – *The Bible in a Year* – has decided to help everyone go a little deeper in our understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches by reading a tiny bit of the Catechism every day. Father Mike is very enjoyable to listen to because of his authenticity, his humor, his knowledge of the faith, and also his profound insights and application of the faith to every day life.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday night, June 21st from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm in our church's social hall. The event will be mostly a Q&A event for Fr. Ben, and anyone can certainly show up even if they have not kept up with this podcast or read any of the Catechism in their lives! Please come, and we will be in touch about future events as well.

PARISH PICNIC

All parishioners and their families are invited to the Knight of Columbus sponsored covered dish picnic on Wednesday, June 7th at 6pm in the large pavilion in the Memorial Park. Please bring a dish to share, place settings, and a beverage.

Please sign-up in the church lobby.

Join Us

**CHURCH
— POTLUCK —**

Every 3rd Sunday

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!) Every 1st & 3rd Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. The social hall will be open for water.



Grades 6-12 will meet every 2nd & 4th Saturday evening (unless otherwise noted in the church calendar bulletin ad) from 6-8pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends. **THE NEXT YOUTH GROUP WILL BE SATURDAY JUNE 3 AFTER THE 5PM MASS.**

A parishioner has graciously volunteered to provide transportation to anyone who may need a ride to a Dr's appointment, grocery store, etc. For more information please call Elizabeth at 1-603-703-1517

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Diocesan Camp at Kirchenwald is seeking volunteers to assist at its residential camp for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from August 13-18, 2023. The camp is dependent on volunteers, with a particular need for volunteers who can spend the night. There are no special qualifications or minimum time required for volunteering. All volunteers are required to complete the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Clearances. There is no cost to volunteers; all meals, events, campground activities, etc. are included.

If you are not able to volunteer but wish to support this special ministry, your prayers, financial generosity or simply sharing this volunteer solicitation with someone you think might be interested all make a significant, positive difference. Donations may be sent to Catholic Life and Evangelization, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg with Camp Kirchenwald in the memo line.

For more information or any questions, please contact Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, Ext. 317, or email KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.



Please consider being an usher. Duties will involve recruiting a family to bring up the gifts, securing

the collection, and helping others get to their seats (especially elderly or handicapped individuals) among other things. Please contact Joe Cretella at pjcretella1@gmail.com or (717) 377-1480 for more information.

The Catholic Church is community. With this teaching in mind, we are inviting families to join our greeter team. We are planning to expand the number of greeters; so families and any other interested parishioners are encouraged to contact John Thornton: johnnie7746@gmail.com or (508) 868-5640 We would LOVE to have you become part of this very important and fun ministry. as a FAMILY or individual.

Ladies, Father's Day is Only a Couple Weeks Away!!!



Why not surprise your Dad or the man in your life with a life changing experience; a reservation for the 45th Corpus Christi Men's Retreat, **August 4 -6** at St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. This will

give him a weekend to unwind and refresh his faith life. The campus is beautiful and a perfect place to spend some quiet time with God. Cost for your gift? The deposit (\$60) or the entire cost (\$200). He'll enjoy 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, hear a great inspiring speaker (Monsignor William King) present the Beatitudes in a totally new way, and you and the family can join him for our closing mass and luncheon. Contact John Thornton (508) 868-5640, johnnie7746@gmail.com for information.



PLEASE DONATE 

Donations Needed for Lourdeshouse Maternity Home

Lourdeshouse Maternity Home (a Catholic Charities residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of: toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates/cups/bowls, plastic utensils, cleaning supplies (bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose cleaner, dish soap, wipes, disinfectant spray), regular laundry detergent and baby detergent. Donations can be placed in the tote in the back of the church.

Donations Needed for Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families.

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families (a Catholic Charities residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of laundry detergent, disposable masks, body/hand lotion, conditioner, and copy paper. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the church.

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Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

Christ Among Neighbors (CAN): CAN has been helping Shippensburg residents with emergency financial needs for over 20 years. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning. Visit our website or call us to learn more. Suzanne Hildabrand 717-377-8316; www.christamongneighbors.com.

Hound Packs: Hound Packs are put together every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Please sign up in the lobby of the church if you are able to volunteer. We pack them in the back of the industrial building on Marden Ave. which is off of Lurgan Ave. If we have enough help, it usually takes about 30 minutes. Please place the soup only in the food bank container outside of the confessional.

Shippensburg Produce Outreach (SPO): SPO is in need of helpers on Tuesdays. We are no longer collecting egg cartons. SPO is located on South Penn St in building next to the Lutheran Church.

Thanks for your support in these missions for the community.

Any questions call or text Bobbi Staver 717-816-5309

MASS Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	May 27 People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	May 28 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
11:00am	In Memory of Molly Best
Tuesday, 8:30am	May 30 Intentions of Johanna Jacks
Wednesday, 6:30pm	May 31 Intentions of Fr. Ben Dunkelberger
Thursday, 8:30am	June 1 In Memory of James Jacks
Friday, 8:30am	June 2 In Memory of Ray Kress
Saturday, 9:00 am	June 3 In Memory of Ray Kress
5:00pm	In Memory of Annabelle & Joseph Cretella Sr.
Sunday, 8:00am	June 4 People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of James Brennan

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 31— Morning Prayer 8:30am

Friday, June 2—Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, June 3— Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk).
Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Saturday, June 3—Youth Group 6-8 pm (Grade 6-12), Saturday evening from 6-8 pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends!



VBS is for students in pre-k (4 & 5 years old) through 5th grade. VBS is August 7-11 this year from 6-8pm in the social hall with some outside activities, as weather permits.

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside of the Religious Education office. You may email, mail, or slide completed forms under my door! Let me know if you have any questions!

Jolene Cramm jcramm@hbgdiocese.org

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings w/your children



Today marks the end of the Easter Season. It is the birthday of the church. Today we celebrate the gift that Jesus gave us, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Father wears red today because it

is the color of fire and we often think of fire and the Holy Spirit together.

What do you think of when you think of fire?

In the first reading we hear of tongues of fire that came to rest on the apostles.

The Holy Spirit is also like wind. **What does wind do?**

After the resurrection. Jesus appeared to his friends and said. "Receive the Holy Spirit." When he said this, he breathed on them. We can feel someone's breath even when we can't see it. Wind can't be held in your hands but it can move things. Wind can sometimes be very powerful and strong. Over time, wind can wear down mountains. Wind from tornadoes and hurricanes leave damaging effects.

On Pentecost, the disciples experienced this kind of strong, powerful wind. In the Acts of the Apostles, it was described as sounding like a strong, driving wind. Immediately, the disciples felt the effect of the Holy Spirit and were moved to act. They began to speak of the mighty acts of God. The disciples left the upper room and went throughout the known world at that time, spreading the Good News of Jesus.

In the second reading we hear that everyone has been giving gifts from God. We are to use those gifts to help ourselves and others get to heaven.

Living our Faith: What are some of the gifts that God has given to you. How will you use them this week to help others see the goodness of God in you?

Register Now for Vacation Bible School!!!

There is NO COST, but spaces are limited—so don't wait!



Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary

2023 College Scholarship



Applications for the Our Lady of the Visitation Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship are now available in the back of the church or by down-loading from the parish website. Any high school senior who is an active

member of OLV parish and will be attending an institution of higher learning this fall is eligible to apply. **Completed applications must be submitted to the parish by 4pm on May 31st.**

QUO VADIS DAYS

"Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29)

A discernment retreat for young Catholic men

June 25-29, 2023

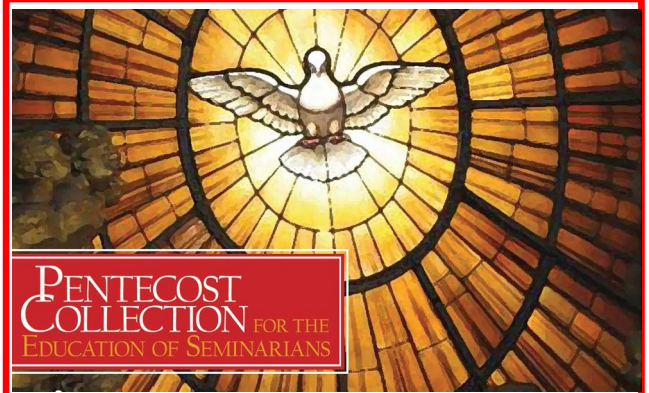
Mount St. Mary's Seminary

www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations



Calling all young Catholic men – are you wondering what God's plan is for your life? Do you need guidance in your discernment? Join us for Quo Vadis Days for a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and guidance as you explore God's call for your life. Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation and sports, discernment talks, and great food are all included in this weeklong camp. Quo Vadis Days is for men ages 15-25 and will be June 25 - 29 at Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary. Cost is \$100 per person. Register by June 16 to attend. Details and registration can be found at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/quo-vadis-days/>. Questions?

Please contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

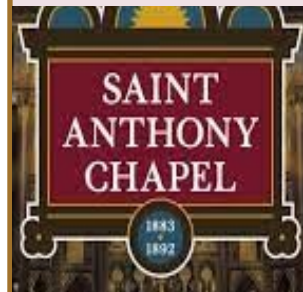


PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS

Pentecost Collection

The Diocese of Harrisburg was blessed to sponsor 12 Seminarians for priestly formation this past year. But these men need your help. Please pray for them, so that they may be formed as good and holy priests. If you are able, please also financially support their formation through the Pentecost Collection the weekend of May 28. The cost to educate one candidate for the priesthood is over \$44,000 per year. This cost goes beyond the classroom, as the Seminarians are provided room, board, healthcare, and other nominal expenses. Please support our future priests through the Pentecost Collection. Gifts can be made using the special parish envelop, online at www.hbgdiocese.org/pentecost-collection.

Deadline to register is Sunday May 28th



Join us on Saturday, July 8 for the parish bus trip to Pittsburgh. We will be visiting Saint Anthony's Chapel, home of the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican, and the Vanka Murals of Saint Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. Cost is \$100 per person. For more information, please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, June 1st at 7:00pm in the social hall. For more information regarding the Knights please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com

For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbbonitz@gmail.com.