



OUR LADY
OF THE VISITATION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PA

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

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Office Hours:
Mon. – Thurs.
9:00 A.M.-4:00 PM

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17th 2017

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Our Mission

To Proclaim the Kingdom of God
for the Salvation of Souls



Weekend Masses - Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM Tuesday - Friday (Rosary starts at 8:00AM)

Holy Day Mass - Check www.olvshippensburg.org click on "Liturgical Schedule."

Reconciliation - Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 PM; First Fridays of the Month, 7:30AM-8:20AM and upon request

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM First Friday of the Month

Bible Study - Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00PM in the parish hall. (No Bible Study this Wednesday, Sept. 13th)

Intentional Disciples Group - Sundays 3:00-4:30- Beginning Sunday September 17th

Religious Education- Sundays from September 10, 2017 until May 6, 2018 Time: 9:45AM-11:00AM

(No Class on the following days: October 8, November 26, December 24 & 31, January 14, February 18 & April 1)

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 9:00AM.

--Email proposed announcements to the Office Manager at tplotner@hbgdiocese.org

meeting DATES

BIBLE STUDY:

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

"The Early Church"

Wednesdays, August 23rd - October 25th

PRO-LIFE GROUP:

The next Pro-Life meeting is **Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 PM** in the parish hall. Please contact Joanne Meehan at (717) 491-6495 or olvprolife@yahoo.com for more information.

WILD FLOWERS:

An informational meeting will be held on **Monday, September 18th @ 6PM** in the OLV social hall.

To learn more about Wild Flowers (grades 6-8) contact Jessica Reinsfelder at jessreins@yahoo.com.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 10th after the 8:30 AM Mass**. We will begin reading and discussing "The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit" For more information, contact Signe Kelker at 717-532-7353



Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be **Thursday, Sept. 21st at 7 PM** in the social hall.

For more information contact Brian VanScyoc at 717-658-3767 or bkvanscyoc@att.net

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be **Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 PM** in the social hall.

For more information about the Ladies Aux. contact Signe Kelker at 717-532-7353 or sikelk@ship.edu.

**CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF FATIMA
OCTOBER 14-15, 2017**

(at all weekend Masses)

(more information to come)

Smith's BBQ Chicken Dinners at OLV



Sunday, October 1st


Pick Up 11 AM to 12 PM Parish Hall

Reserve Your Dinners Now!

Celebrate Respect Life Sunday with a Chicken Dinner from Smith's BBQ. All meals are packaged to go. Meal consists of half a chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll/butter, applesauce or macaroni salad and a homemade dessert. Cost is \$12 per meal. Proceeds benefit the OLV Pro-Life Ministry. Tickets available starting Sunday September 17th after Masses or by calling or texting (717) 491-6495.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOTBALL TICKETS

"Please support the Knights of Columbus who are selling "Football Sweepstakes" tickets after the Masses. Each \$10 ticket will be valid for 10 weeks of the pro football season.

 \$2500 is given away each week across our state in cash prizes. Winners are contacted automatically. Remember that your donation helps the KC support **your** church."



Pro-Life Holy Hour

Sunday October 1, 2017

Eucharistic Adoration
following the 11am Mass
with reposiotion at 1pm

Bul l et i n bl ooper . . .

**Ladi es, don't forget the rummage
sale. It's a chance to get rid
of those thi ngs not worth
keeping around the house. Bring
your husbands.**



Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg may register online, now, at www.hbgdiocese.org/women, for the **3rd Annual Diocesan Women's Conference**, Saturday, **October 14, 2017**, at Bishop McDevitt High School. Brochures for paper registration are also available at parishes and online. **Theme:** *"Lead All Souls to Heaven": Mary's Message to Us from Fatima*. **Keynote Speaker:** **Susan Brinkmann**, award-winning Catholic author and noted speaker. The title of her keynote address is: *The Message of Fatima for Today's Woman*. This Conference includes 36 workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary & Benediction, opportunity for Confession, beautiful music, good food, many exhibitors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, fellowship with hundreds of women and more. Last year we had more than 800 women attend this conference. We expect another large crowd this year. We would love to see you there! Thank you!



"CCM FAMILY & FRIENDS CALEDONIA DAY!"

Sunday, September 24 – 9:00AM-6:30PM

Caledonia State Park

Catholic Campus Ministry at Shippensburg University



Students & Parishioners: September 24th is Caledonia Day! **Students:** Invite your family and friends! Is your family coming to "SU Parent's Day"? "Invite them, and your friends, to join you at nearby Caledonia State Park for lunch, hiking, volleyball, and more. If their schedule will not permit them to join us. "No Problem!" You're already part of the SU CCM family! Come join the fun anyway! If you need transportation, please let us know. **Parishioners**, if you too would like to join the fun, please RSVP as well. To register, or for questions, contact Office Manager, Jessica Reinsfelder at jmreinsfelder@ship.edu or (717)477-1244

Blast From the Past

Dorothy Trigg

On Saturday, I had the honor of traveling to Harrisburg with our archivist Mike Bannon to attend a conference on Parish and Diocesan archives. While there, I looked at our parish box, and found some more documents on the history of the Parish that I would like to share with you. Shippensburg had had a parish in the 1800s that was made up of mostly Irish Catholics that were working on the railroad (since these were migrant workers, and had to travel with the work, they left Shippensburg which was why there was no church from the mid- 1800s until the 1950s). Despite the absence of a physical church, Catholic community was still very much aware of its history not only in Shippensburg, but in Pennsylvania. This is shown by a newspaper article I found in the box from August 14, 1942.

Note: The original Church was called St. Mary of the Visitation, and though the Chapel was gone the community still referred to itself as the parish of the Visitation.

Marking 100 years of the existence of the Catholic Church in Shippensburg, the Catholic Church in the community of the Chapel of the Visitation will celebrate their centennial with a public service at 12 o' clock noon Sunday in the public school auditorium.

The celebration will be in the form of a solemn high mass to be sung by the acting pastor, Father John C. Baker of the Society of Jesus, assisted by Father William C Bier of Washington D.C., as deacon, and Father Luis M. Torralba of the Philippine Islands as sub-deacon. Father Bier and Father Torralba are also members of the Society of Jesus, whose priests of early days spread the gospel through many sections of rural Pennsylvania.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

September 16-17	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lector:	Charles Itle	Matt Courson	Tom Feeney
Ushers:	Volunteer	Randy Prue	Leonard Joy
	Frank Kerch	Brian VanScyoc	Ed Kutlik
Altar Servers:	Travis Detwiler	Hunter Parks	Xavier Rodriguez
September 23-24	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lector:	Chuck Music	Greg Shaw	Roberta Huffner
Ushers:	Dan Marshall	Tom Wright	Leonard Joy
	Frank Kerch	Volunteer	Ed Kutlik
Altar Servers:	Travis Detwiler & Volunteer	Sean Meehan & Volunteer	Kaz Predecki & Volunteer

Contribution for September 9-10

Ordinary Income		Non-Operating Income	
Weekend Collection	\$3,378.50	Building Improvements	125.00
Assumption	10.00	Social Outreach	30.00
Diocesan Collections		Parish Youth Education	10.00
Peter's Pence	1,265.00	Votives/Coffee Hour	59.70
Hurricane Harvey	300.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$5,178.20

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	September 16 th	5:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
Sunday	September 17 th	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Berthold Wendeln Intentions of Susan Spevack
Tuesday	September 19 th	8:30 AM	MaryAnn Zarichansky
Wednesday	September 20 th	8:30 AM	Intentions of Pospisil and Barta Families
Thursday	September 21 st	8:30 AM	Mary F. Ryan
Friday	September 22 nd	8:30 AM	Intentions of Susan Spevack
Saturday	September 23 rd	5:00 PM	Mark Matteucci
Sunday	September 24 th	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	People of the Parish Marie Lutz

The Conewago District Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join them as they host the Annual Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Marian Day to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017** at St. Joseph Parish, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover, PA. Registration will begin at 9:00AM. A Spiritual Rosary begins at 10:00AM followed by Holy Mass at 10:30AM. Rev. Joseph Gotwalt is the Celebrant and Homilist. A luncheon is planned at 12:00PM. Please register by the October 7, 2017 deadline by contacting Harriet Glass, [717-677-4303](tel:717-677-4303); by mail at P.O. Box 425, Arendtsville, PA 17303 or by email at hrglass@embarqmail.com. The registration fee of \$10.00 includes lunch. Make checks payable to "Conewago District CCW."



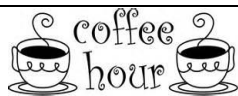
Bishop Ronald Gainer will open the Forty Days for Life Campaign across the street from Planned Parenthood, 727 S. Beaver St., York, on **Monday, September 25th at 11 am**. The program will open with prayer and words of encouragement from Bishop Gainer, followed by music, life-related testimonies, 40 Days for Life best practices, and refreshments.

Then, from September 27th to November 5th, the York community will continue the vigil for a full '40 days for life.' The campaign is made up of three components: Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach. The Peaceful Vigil location will be on the public sidewalks outside of the Planned Parenthood Clinic at 728 South Beaver Street, York.

Please consider standing for life locally in York during this campaign for 1 hour or more per week or for any time you can spare. In any given week, 15-20 babies lives are ended at the Planned Parenthood in York, so please join us in defending life locally, right in here in central Pennsylvania!

40 Days for Life has generated proven life-saving results since its beginning in 2004 in College Station, Texas. There have been 13,305 babies saved, 154 abortion workers convinced to leave their jobs, and 86 abortion clinics closed during the campaigns.

You can join York 40 Days for Life by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/york or contact Tom Evans, Leader, 40 Days for Life Campaign in York, 717-999-4025 or tomevan54@comcast.net.



Your hosts will be:
Sept. 17th 8:30AM Bivens **11:00AM** Nye
Sept. 24th 8:30AM Kasarda **11:00AM** Huffner

Daily Mass... Why Go?

Patricia McGrath has been attending weekday Masses (in addition to Sunday Mass) for about 13 years now. Why?

I went to Catholic grammar school where the Sisters took each class to daily Mass once a week. I also went to Catholic High School where, as a student body, we all attended First Friday Mass each month. I learned at an early age how peaceful daily Mass was.

When I started working it was impossible to continue going to Mass so I decided to start saying the Rosary each day as I traveled to New York City. When John & I moved to North Carolina we were members of a Mission Parish with the main Church 70 miles away. We only had Sunday Mass when the Priest came and no other services during the week. This was a challenging time for us because it was like the Church was not needed in our lives. When we moved back north again John volunteered for Habitat and taught at Wilson College and I thought this was the perfect time in my life for "ME TIME with JESUS" so I went back to daily Mass and have done so for the last 13 years (except during tax season) I find even today that Sunday Mass is very distracting. I find daily Mass not only peaceful, quiet and interesting without distractions, I wish this could be done on Sunday. TRULY "HEAVENLY"

Today's society puts other activities before Mass- Church has to "fit" into their schedule instead of them fitting their schedules into Church.

Prayerfully

Patricia Ryan McGrath

**Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L.
to Celebrate the Red Mass**

The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D. D., J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will be the principal celebrant at the Red Mass on **Monday, September 18, 2017, at 5:30 PM** at The Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. The homilist will be the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh. All who attend the Red Mass are invited to greet Bishop Gainer and Bishop Zubik after the Mass. At the Red Mass, lawyers, judges, lawmakers, and public officials gather together to pray for God's wisdom and guidance in their pursuit of justice. The Red Mass originated in medieval England at the time of King Edward I, when the twelve judges of the High Court attended Mass as a group on the opening day of the judicial calendar. The Red Mass generally coincides with the time period in which the U.S. Supreme Court begins its new term. The Saint Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania, an organization of Catholic lawyers, sponsors the Red Mass each year. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A NOTE OF



Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the US are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a **wonderful** challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation in priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the **Annual Fishers of Men Dinner** on **Friday, October 6, 2017** in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00PM and dinner at 7:00PM. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause.

Let us meet this challenge together!

**JOURNEY
OF
Faith**

Do you have a longing to grow in your faith, and would you like to connect with others about that longing? Do you also want to connect with others about the weekly Mass, which is meant to be sustenance for our daily lives? **The Intentional Disciples Group** will explore how the weekly Mass and related Scriptures apply to our daily lives. We will meet weekly beginning **Sunday, September 17, from 3 - 4:30 PM**. Contact Kathy Carey at 717-658-9292 if you have any questions.

SOME POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE PARISH-- A SURVEY FOR PARISHIONERS-- RESULTS

August 20- September 10, 2017

1. Online Giving:

At this time, do you regularly support the parish through financial donations?

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 215 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | 28 |

If the parish provided an online donation option would you use it?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | 137 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe | 51 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For special collections only | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly, but not for special collections | 2 |

If you do not currently support the parish financially, are you more likely to donate to the parish if there is an online option?

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | 13 |

2. Hymnals:

Do you support the idea of moving to one hardback hymnal?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 206 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indifferent | 23 |

3. Second Collections:

Do you support the idea of passing the collection basket only once during Mass? In this basket, parishioners would place their donations for both first and second collections.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 198 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indifferent | 26 |

Considerations and Responses to Certain Comments

- Several parishioners commented about the noise and loud talking in the back of the church before and during Mass. Although it may be unreasonable to ask for total silence in the vestibule, I do ask everyone to be mindful of the fact that there are people who are praying in the church. Please be considerate of them.
- During Mass, please focus on Jesus and avoid chatter.
- OLV parish will NOT be ending the use of contribution envelopes. That is not something we have ever even considered.
- Based on the responses, the finance council will need to consider whether it is to our advantage to offer online giving in light of the number of people who said they would use it.
- If you use the online giving option, there is no fee charged to the parishioner. However, the parish would be paying for the service. That is why the finance council will need to consider whether we have enough people to justify using an online giving program.
- If we begin passing the collection basket just once at each Mass, this would not at all have any impact on our diocesan assessment. The diocese assesses all of the money that goes into the first collection- even if it is for the building fund, the youth education outreach or social outreach. The parish is not assessed for contributions to the Lenten Appeal or for votive candle money.
- There was an idea on one of the surveys regarding how we pass the basket for the second collection. It seems like a good idea. At this point, I am considering that idea, because it may be "the best of both worlds" so to speak. For now, no change to the usher procedure will happen before December 2, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent.
- Because of the overwhelming support of going to one hardback hymnal (which contains the Sunday readings) we will begin using the new hymnal the first Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2017). There is a hymnal that I have in mind, but I will be checking into whether or not it is the best option for us.
- For daily Masses, there will be a hardback Missal that will contain not only the responsorial psalms and antiphons, but also the full text of the readings for daily Mass.
- Thank you again for your input! May God bless this wonderful parish community!

--Rev. Dwight D. Schlaline

September 12, 2017

