

Our Lady of the
Visitation
Catholic Church

305 N. Prince St.
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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Baptism *of the Lord*

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22



Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am
(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters:
Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
1st Fri. of the Month
7:30am –8:20 am
Fridays
9:00am—7:00 pm
Wednesdays
5:30pm-6:20pm

Morning Prayer
Wednesdays.....8:30am

Rosary:
Tuesday—Friday
8:00am



Join us for a special afternoon to celebrate the past, present, and future of our parish! On February 16th, 2025, we will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Visitation in a very special way! A mass will be held to celebrate this special milestone at 2pm, followed by a meal in the social hall and a short Our Lady of the Visitation trivia game! All are welcome! Sign up in the back of church between January 26th and February 9th! Please note there will be two sign up sheets for this event. The first sign up sheet is to record the number of people attending and food preferences. The second sign up sheet is to volunteer to bring a side item or dessert. BYOB. Donations will be graciously accepted at the time of the event! Look forward to not only this event, but many other small events within the parish to celebrate this special year! Hope to see you there!

Saturdays...3:30– 4:30 pm & Wednesdays....5:30- 6:20 pm
1st Fri. of the Month....7:30–8:20 am
1st Sat. of the Month....8:00–8:45 am



Reconciliation
(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Sacrament of Penance: Mon. 8:30PM- 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)

Dec. 29 & Jan 5, 2024 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$6,867.71
Building Improvements:	\$512.00
Christmas:	\$5,861.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$130.00
Social Outreach:	\$302.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$943.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$80.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$50.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$149.57
Eastern Church:	\$60.00
Retirement for Religious:	\$60.00
Disasters:	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$15,065.28

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE
Please join us for our next coffee hour on Sun. Jan. 12th in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.

DONATE ONLINE
If you would like to give to the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org.

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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS – The Jordan River – Is it always beautiful? Is our faith always beautiful?

The Jordan River is a very important geographical landmark both in modern day Israel as well as throughout Salvation history in the Bible. The Israelites have to cross the Jordan River when finally crossing into the Promised Land after 40 years in the desert to complete their Exodus from slavery in Egypt. John the Baptist prepares for Jesus coming into the world by locating himself by the Jordan River and preaching as well as baptizing people with water and for the repentance of their hearts to get ready for when Jesus' public ministry begins. Therefore, when we get to the specific celebration of Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, we rightly expect spiritual fireworks and that is what happens. We see the descent of the Holy Spirit as well as a voice speaking from heaven, which we know is the voice of God the Father. However, on the other hand, we might expect that pictures of the Jordan River would be just as glorious in appearance, but our expectation would be wrong...sometimes. Does the Jordan River appear as a glorious and wide and maybe clear or peaceful and beautiful River at every single point of its existence? When you go to visit the Jordan River, does it overwhelm you with its power, or its beauty, or its depth? It depends, but there are parts of the Jordan River that are very narrow and very muddy and rather underwhelming in a certain sense. Here are two pictures of the Jordan River to compare:



My encouragement in this bulletin article for us this week is to use these images and this reality to reflect on our own spiritual journey each and every day of our lives. Sometimes we experience our faith as consoling and beautiful and life-giving, such as seeing the width, and depth, and beauty of the Jordan River at its most beautiful locations. And sometimes our lives and even our prayer lives or parts of our faith can seem hard, or messy, or shallow. However, the truth of the Baptism of Jesus is that He comes to be present with us in each and every experience that we have in our lives. God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ at Christmas is His willingness to come into our good times and difficult times. Jesus was Baptized in the Jordan River, but it may have been muddy and dirty water. This makes sense because he takes all of our brokenness and messiness and sin upon Himself. He nails those things to the Cross, and he wants us to experience His accompanying love and His consolation in good times as well. Whether life is good, smooth, or beautiful, or whether life is hard, difficult, or messy, Christ is there with us and wants us to know His love for us in that way as fully as possible.



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: We will continue to collect only soup. **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

AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, January 14th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall.

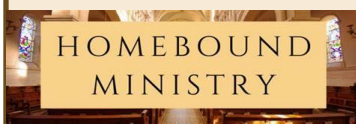
All are welcome to attend!



If you are interested in being an Usher please contact Joe Cretella at pjcretella1@gmail.com or call (717) 377-1480.

For anyone interested in becoming a Greeter please email John Thornton at johnnie7746@gmail.com or call (508) 868-5640

If you or someone you know would like a visit from our homebound ministry team please contact John Bonitz at jsbonitz@comcast.net or call (717) 262-3614



The Word of God Alive: Discussing the Readings with your children.

"He will baptize you with the HOLY SPIRIT and FIRE."



Baptism is the sacrament that welcomes us into God's family and prepares us for life in God.

At baptism water is poured over us three times at the baptism font. As this happens, the priest or deacon says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. These are the same words we say when we pray the Sign of the Cross.

At baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism as priest, prophet and king. This means we sacrifice and share (priesthood), tell the truth (prophet), and take care of everyone (kingship).

The person being baptized wears a white garment. The white garment symbolizes that we have been clothed in Christ. It is a sign of our dignity because we were created in God's image and likeness.

On the day you were baptized, you received a baptismal candle. It is lit from the Easter candle and handed to your parents. Parents are told, "Receive the light of Christ." Parents and godparents are instructed to keep the faith alive in our hearts.

Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast ends the season of Christmas. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, He prays. A dove (the Holy Spirit) descends upon Jesus, and a voice exclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well please." These words are also proclaimed at your baptism. Always remember that you are a child of God, today and forever.

Living our Faith: Pray this week that you will always love and honor God.

Help is needed on Monday, January 13th to undecorate the church. We will begin at 9am. Please sign up in the lobby of the church if you are able to help. **Everyone is welcomed and your help would be greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552.



Please feel free to take a poinsettia with you after Mass today.





Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KofC meeting is Thursday, February 6th at 7 pm in the parish hall. This will be a joint meeting and social afterwards with the Ladies Auxiliary hosting.

Please see Pat Shay at 732--319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday January 25th from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Bring your friends!**

The next potluck will be
Sunday Jan. 19th

Potluck Sunday

Following the
11am Mass.

Please bring own place settings
and 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.



For All Men 18 Years or Older

SCHEDULE:

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 7:30am Presentation (Video)
- 8:00am Small Group
- 8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Next meeting will be Sat. Jan. 18th in the social hall.



The next choir practice will be
Wednesday, January 15th
from 7:15pm-9pm.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	January 11 NO MASS OF CONFESSION People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	January 12 Intentions of Victoria Scalavino In Memory of Joseph A. Klimek
Monday, 9:00pm	January 13 NO MASS OR CONFESSION
Tuesday, 8:30am	January 14 In Memory of Dolores Crider
Wednesday, 6:30pm	January 15 In Memory of Warren Stanton
Thursday, 8:30am	January 16 In Memory of Mary Hare
Friday, 8:30am	January 17 Intentions of Paul Barner
Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	January 18 Intentions of Rich Hogle In Memory of Mary Hare
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	January 19 People of the Parish In Memory of Levi Maciejewski



*The flowers at the tabernacle are
placed in Memory of Robert Solder Sr.*



You may sign up for a week-end to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers cost 40.00. The flowers will be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. The sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin. Please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552 with questions.



All are welcome to join us in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings.



If you would like to be part of a prayer group to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory through prayer, please call Michelle at 717-552-7252.