

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

Our Mission: To Proclaim the Kingdom of God for the Salvation of Souls

Sunday, December 26, 2021

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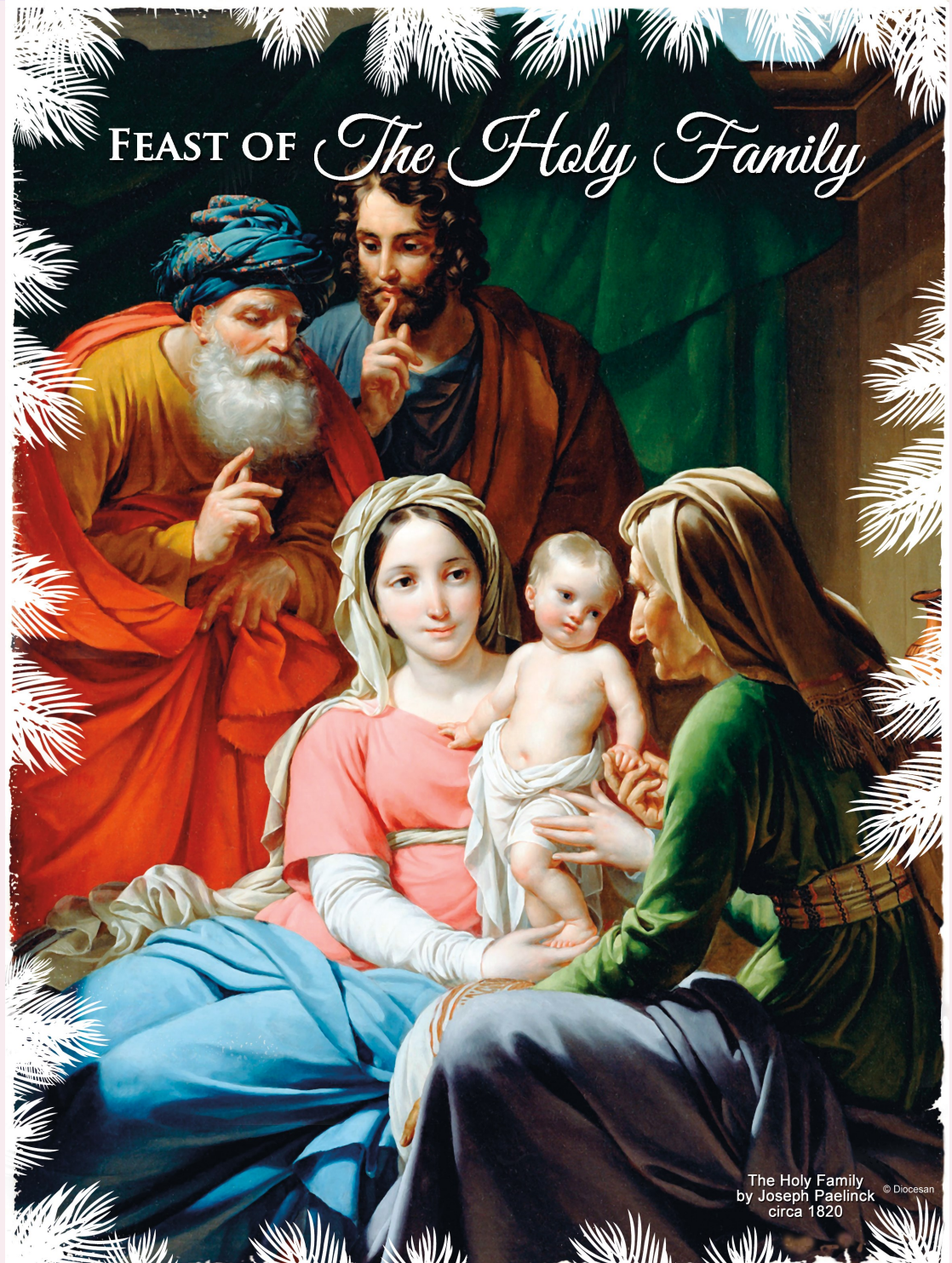
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Weekend Masses

Saturday5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturdays3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
First Friday of the Month7:30 am – 8:20 am
First Saturday of the Month.....8:00 am – 8:45 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month7:30 am – 8:30 am

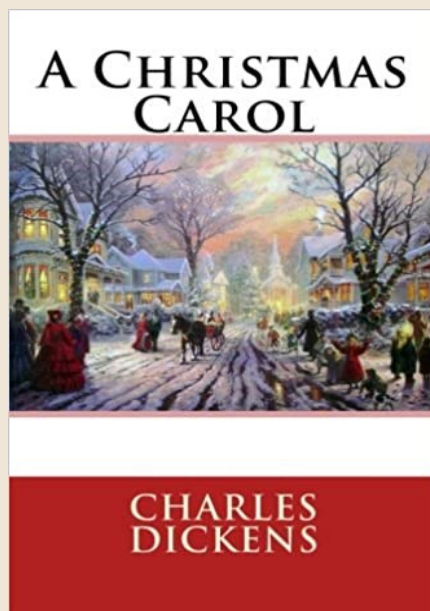
Religious Education

Sundays9:30 am – 10:45am

BOOK OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

For the months of November and December, we will be switching lanes a bit and reading a somewhat well-known fiction novel ***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens! You may remember the basic story or the movie illustrations of this Christmas classic, but we will be especially reflecting on the spiritual reflections, significance, and depth found in this story. It is a very short book overall, so I encourage you to take your time when reading it and think about how different interactions between the characters

might lead to a greater understanding or perspective of how we are currently living our relationship with God or with others. Of course, this is an enjoyable read as well based on Dicken's style and the flow of the story, even though it is a bit more serious of a novel than, for example, the Muppets movie illustration. Just one practical note: **any version you purchase** should work well, so you don't have to purchase the same exact version as shown in our picture. We will be discussing this book on Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 pm in the social hall, and I hope you will consider joining us! God Bless you.



Sunday, December 26

- 8:00am People of the Parish
- 11:00am In Memory of Bill & Sarah Lutz
- 1:00pm In Memory of Thayne Maurer

Tuesday, December 28

- 8:30am Intentions of Dale & Carol Crowley

Wednesday, December 29

- 6:30pm Intentions of Barnett & Pearce Family

Thursday, December 30

- 8:30am Intentions of Signe Kelker

Friday, December 31

- 8:30am People of the Parish
- 6:30pm In Memory of Dolores Stern

Saturday, January 1

- 9:00am People of the Parish
- 5:00pm In Memory of Father Dave Hillier

Sunday, January 2

- 8:00am In Memory of Roland Stewart
- 11:00am In Memory of Marcus Steinour

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The Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus is generously sponsoring a Deluxe Chartered Bus for us to travel to the March for Life in Washington, DC on

Friday, Jan. 21st, 2021. This is a free event, we only ask for your ongoing prayers for the protection of unborn babies. Please consider attending. We never know how our presence and prayers can positively influence those observing. If you wish to attend with us, please e-mail me back with your name, e-mail address and phone # of the phone you will be using in Washington (in case we get separated) Please bring your own snacks, food and beverages for the day. Jean Griffith (717) 360-6620 mugs60@hotmail.com

Stayed tuned for future details because we will also be having probably Mass, adoration, and a viewing of the March for Life on Jan. 21st here at our parish. We'll let you know!!



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary **The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, January 6th at 7pm in the parish hall.**

For more information contact Mike Connor at mconnor2001@gmail.com or 717-530-5165.

The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, January 4th at 7pm in the parish hall. For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Wednesday , Dec. 29th — Adoration, 7-8 pm after the 6:30 pm daily Mass that evening.

Saturday , Jan. 1st — Run with a Priest” (or bike, or walk). Meet outside of the social hall entrance at 10am [*run may start a few minutes late b/c of the big feast day Mass at 9*]



Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study is coming to OLV!!

This 6 week Bible Study is for any woman who wants to let God reshape how you see and

experience intentional relationships, heal past friendship wounds, and cultivate lasting bonds.

When: Beginning January 2022—Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm

Dates: January 11th, 18th, 25th; February 8th, 15th, 22nd

Where: Mary's Kitchen

How: Please sign up in the lobby of the Church

Cost: \$20 + S & H (book purchased through Walking with Purpose)

<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/collections/study-guides/products/reclaiming-friendship-bible-study>. Books are presently backordered. If you sign-up for the study now or know you plan to attend, order your book now so it arrives in time for the study.

The first two lessons are available for download on the site in case your book does not arrive in time for the first study date.

December 11-12, 2021

Weekend Collection:	\$2,320.00
Building Improvements:	205.00
Social Outreach:	340.00
Votives/Donuts	56.09
Christmas Flowers:	255.00
Immaculate Conception:	615.00
Retirement for Religious:	605.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$4,396.09

The total online giving for the month of Nov. was \$5,707.79

Online giving made easy! Please visit the following link:

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED CHRISTMAS FLOWERS THIS YEAR!

The envelopes and personal dedications will be placed by the Tabernacle to be remembered at all Masses this Christmas season.

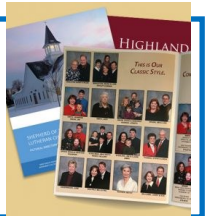


Volunteers Needed for Watering Christmas

flowers—We need at least 4 people to sign up for watering the poinsettias in the Church for three days on the first week of January. The dates are January 4th, 6th, and 8th, and a sign up sheet will be in back of the Church.

SAVE THE DATE! - New Parish Directory Coming in May 2022!

We have signed up with Re:Member Church Directories for at least three days in mid-May to have pictures taken and a new directory created for our parish. Please put May 16th-18th from 2-8:30 pm on your calendars! **Sign ups will not occur until around Easter**, and we will let you know how to sign up.



Welcome! Michael Adams

Please give a warm welcome to our newest employee here at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church. Michael Adams will be our head pastoral musician here at the parish, and he will both coordinate our other volunteers as well as play at Masses and many other things as we strive to grow and improve our music ministry here at OLV. Here is a short message and biography from him. Thank you Michael!

Greetings! My name is Michael Adams. I am from Carlisle, PA and my home church is St. Patrick's Church in Carlisle. I graduated from Carlisle High School in 2008 and went on to Messiah College (now Messiah University) to get my Bachelors in Church Music and graduated in 2012. I play multiple instruments which include piano, organ, trombone, and handbells. I am a member of the Carlisle Town Band and play 1st trombone. I enjoy playing with the group and we play some great, but challenging pieces with about 3 big performances through out the year and we host the annual Sousa concert in August every year (pre pandemic). Outside from music, some hobbies of my are: golf, cycling, and cologne collecting.

Christmas and New Years Masses at OLV! *(And Holy Days Explained)*

These are the six Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Church calendar year, but they should really be thought of as the Holy Days of Celebration! Here is a calendar of those six days to help you!

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| • January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | • November 1 – All Saints' Day |
| • The Ascension of Our Lord – Observed on the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter | • December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| • August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | • December 25 – Christmas, The Nativity of Our Lord |

Now the Catholic Church understands that we no longer live in a Catholic culture, which might give days off work for these Holy Days, and the Church is trying its best to help those that are heavily burdened by true busyness. Therefore, in the U.S. three of these six days, **Jan. 1, Aug. 15, and Nov. 1**, are not official requirements **when they fall on a Saturday or a Monday** (but the faithful are still encouraged to come to Mass and to celebrate!). However, December 8th and December 25th are always Holy Days of Obligation even on Saturdays and Mondays, which brings us to this year's Mass schedule at OLV, which is bit confusing due to the Saturdays. Long story short, here is how you fulfill the obligation this year:

- **FIRST**— Attend one Christmas Mass; Dec. 24th & 25th (5pm, 8pm, midnight {all Friday night}, or 10am Sat.),
- **SECOND**— Attend one Mass on Holy Family Sunday; Dec. 26th (8am, 11 am, or 1 pm....Christmas is too important, so we can't do a Sat. vigil; this is why I added a 1:00 pm Sunday Mass this year),
- **THIRD**— Attend one Mass on Epiphany Sunday; Jan 1st & 2nd (5pm Sat, or, 8am or 11 am Sun).
 - January 1st the feast of Mary is on a Sat., so it is not an official requirement this year, but please come if you can!!

God Bless you, and take care. - Fr. Ben *(if you'd like even more practical details and background, just ask!)*



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD*

MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST 6:30PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST 9AM

**Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year, but Please
Come if You Can!*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST 5PM

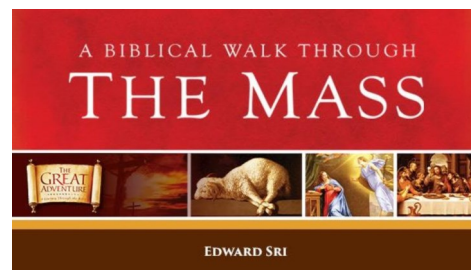
SUN. JANUARY 2ND 8AM & 11AM

Wednesday Night Bible Study: (January & February)

Dates: January 12th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th, and 16th [5 weeks total]

From 7:15—8:15 pm in the Social Hall

Fr. Ben will be leading the next Wednesday night Bible Study, which will be using Dr. Edward Sri's video series and book entitled "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass". There is so much depth to the Mass we celebrate every Sunday, so please considering attending as we will dive into Scripture, History, Tradition, and so much more to uncover the beauty of the Mass!





Catholic Charities Come and See Appeal

Because of the continuing challenges with the coronavirus pandemic, there will not be an in-person Catholic

Charities Come and See Dinner this year. However, your support of this appeal is still very much needed. Donations to the Come and See Appeal raise important financial support for the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing - Evergreen House (for women recovering from addiction), Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. Secured online contributions can be made via the www.cchbg.org website. For more information, contact Christopher Meehan, Catholic Charities Director of Development, at cmeehan@cchbg.org or 717-657-4804 ext 284. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



Welcome to our parish family Elsie Louise Baum & Henry William Baum, children of Michael & Katie Baum.

Elsie & Henry were baptized on Saturday, December 11th. Elsie and Henry were the first to be baptized in the new baptismal font that was dedicated to the parish in memory of John A. Bonitz.



The family of John A. Bonitz



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. Thank you for your generosity!



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

HOUND PACKS

We have been doing very well supplying the soups. We pack 130 bags each week but only when school is in session. Each bag gets 10 items and 2 of those items are

Volunteer Opportunities



soup each week. We pack the bags on Wednesday at 5:30 and it takes about 30 minutes. Please consider volunteering to help.

We pack at the warehouse that houses the Shoe Box Ministry on Marden Ave. We will start again

in January. Questions call Bobbi Staver 716-816-5309

Notre Dame Chorale to Perform at Cathedral

Save the Date! Everyone is invited to an evening of beautiful music on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, as the Notre Dame Chorale commence their 2022 Winter Tour.



The Chorale performance will begin at 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State

Street, Harrisburg. This is their first performance as part of the Winter Tour, which is leading up to the Chorale's international tour in May 2022. The Chorale is being hosted by the Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg. The event is free but donations will gratefully be accepted.

Diocesan Respect Life Mass with Bishop Ronald W. Gainer



Jan. 16, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Saint Margaret Mary Parish,
Harrisburg

The Diocesan Respect Life Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for a culture of life in our nation, from conception to natural death. All are welcome. Those in need of special accommodations, kindly RSVP to LKiley@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext 322. Watch the Live Stream: www.stmmparish.org