

The Good Shepherd

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince Street, Shippensburg, Pa 17257



World
Day of
Prayer for
Vocations

*Amen, amen,
I say to you,
I am the gate
for the sheep.*

John 10:7

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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

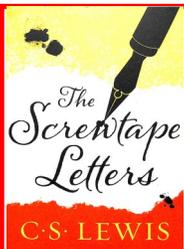
ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

Fridays: 9:00am—7:00pm

(sign up in church lobby)

CHURCH EVENTS



Book of the Month March & April

The Screwtape Letters,
by C.S. Lewis

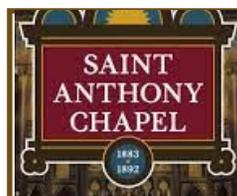
The Book of the Month for the March and April of 2023 is a classic by C.S. Lewis, who is also very well known for his other books like *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Mere Christianity*! In this case, *The Screwtape Letters* is a masterful piece of fiction writing that brings the reader into a variety of 'letters' that are written from a senior evil spirit (or demon) to a new or younger evil spirit, with the goal of teaching how to properly tempt and distract human beings from the good things of the spiritual life and lead them into despair or grave sin. It is certainly an accessible book, and it is perfect for Lent to open our minds to the different temptations and false mindsets or distractions we can fall into during our journey towards heaven (as well as being perfect for Easter in the 'complaints and frustrations' of the evil spirits as to what good things we are doing in our lives to grow closer to Christ!).

Please consider joining us when we have our Book of the Month summary and discussion, and we will meet on **Wednesday, May 3rd from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the social hall of the church. **You do not need to finish the entire book or even read any of it to attend!** However, I do really think you will enjoy this book if you give it a chance. May God Bless you and help you grow closer to Christ this Lent and Easter!
– Fr. Ben

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH PICNIC

SHIPPENSBURG MEMORIAL PARK
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 6PM
WATCH FUTURE BULLETINS FOR MORE INFO



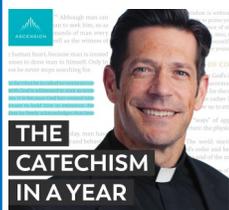
Join us on Saturday, July 8 for the parish bus trip to Pittsburgh.

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.

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, May 17th from 7:15 pm – 8:15 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.

Father Ben Dunkelberger

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

40 HOURS OF ADORATION

MAY 7—MAY 9

Sign up sheet is available in the lobby of the church.



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.

Join Us
CHURCH
— POTLUCK —

Every 3rd Sunday

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



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.

USHERS & GREETERS



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.

Called to *Serve*

Contact Us for More Information

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MEN'S RETREAT

"A Roadmap for Better Living" August 4, 5, and 6, 2023!!

This year's Corpus Christi Men's Retreat will again be held at beautiful, reflective Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. You have had the opportunity to read reflections from attendees of last year's Retreat. Don't let another year go by without attending this wonderful opportunity to meet with other men of all ages, listen to inspiring sessions from our retreat leader, and grow in your faith journey. Our retreat leader this year is Monsignor William King. Msgr. King is Seminary Vice Rector at "The Mount". His theme can be subtitled "A Fresh Look at the Beatitudes". Watch your bulletin for more about the retreat and Msgr. King. And, of course, consider attending the retreat with over 250 other like-minded men.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

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

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

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 box 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.

MASS Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	April 29 People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	April 30 In Memory of Doug Kauffman
11:00am	In Memory of Catherine Karvois
Tuesday, 8:30am	May 2 In Memory of Trudy Ensminger
Wednesday, 6:30pm	May 3 In Memory of Michael Marchesani Jr.
Thursday, 8:30am	May 4 In Memory of Ed Huffner
Friday, 8:30am	May 5 In Memory of Berthold Wendeln
Saturday, 9:00am	May 6 Intentions of Susan Clanton
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	May 7 In Memory of Trudy Ensminger
11:00am	In Memory of Dwayne Burt

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, April 29—Youth Group 6-8 pm (Grade 6-12), Saturday evening from 6-8 pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends!

Sunday, April 30— Coffee Hour (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass).

Wednesday, May 3— Morning Prayer 8:30am

Friday, May 5—Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, May 6— Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Sunday May 7--Tuesday May 9– Forty Hours of Adoration (sign up in church lobby)

Sunday, May 7— Coffee Hour (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass).



ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of the Month:
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Please join us for the Weekday Rosary. It is recited at 8am Tuesday – Friday, with Mass following at 8:30am on Tues, Thurs. and Friday and Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 8:30am

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings w/your children

Do you have a pet? How do you take care of your pet? During Jesus' time the people had sheep. The person who cared for the sheep was called a shepherd. The sheep were not pets, they provided meat for the people and the wool was used or keeping the people warm. In the villages, the sheep were kept inside fences to keep them safe. The shepherd would keep the sheep safe from thieves and wolves.



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He wants what is best for us and he is here to protect us from harm. Just like the sheep, we need to stay close to the Good Shepherd to keep us safe from harm. We hear Jesus' voice, through the readings, and we recognize his voice. We hear about false teachers or

"strangers" who try to lead us to do things that are wrong. **Why would you not want to listen to these strangers?**

A good shepherd would go so far as to die for his sheep. That is what Jesus did for us. Jesus died for us so that we have a chance to get to heaven.

You are precious to God., he knows you by your name. Once you were baptized, you became a child of God. You parents are raising you so that you can hear the voice of Jesus and will listen to him.

Living our Faith: Pray this week that you may always stay close to God. Pray that those who do not know Jesus, can come to know and love him like our parish family does.



Please join us as we celebrate our **May Crowning** Sunday May 14th

Following the 11am Mass



Tickets are here!

You may pick up your tickets M-Th from 9-4 in the parish office.

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 downloading 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.**

Shippensburg University



Catholic Campus Ministry

JOB OPENING

Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry Shippensburg University

Help College Students live their Catholic Faith

Catholic Campus Ministry at Shippensburg University is seeking an **Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry**, a full-time, ten-month (equivalent) professional position. Needed to assist the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry in leading our Christ-centered Catholic Campus Ministry. Responsibilities include: creating innovative ways to bring people together; responding to inquiries about the Catholic faith; providing opportunities for young adult faith formation; attending weekly CCM Mass; providing pastoral care to students; coordinating retreats; mentoring individual students; overseeing organizational and financial responsibilities; and guiding the student Leadership Team. We offer competitive salary and benefits. You must be a practicing Roman Catholic possessing the ability to respect, promote, accommodate, and not be in conflict with the mission, moral and social teachings, doctrines, and laws of the Roman Catholic faith and must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. Preferred candidates will have previous experience in youth/young adult ministry and a strong academic background in a related field. **All interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by to: FrBDunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org**

Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, May 4th 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

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00pm in the social hall.

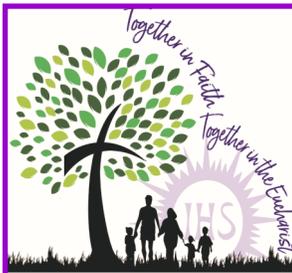
For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbbonitz@gmail.com.



Save the Date!

We are having an **Open House** in our social hall to discuss potential building projects at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church. It will take place on **Sunday, May 21st at 1:30 pm** (probably about an hour in length from 1:30 – 2:30 pm), so please mark your calendars. We have not committed to doing anything yet, and this is simply a brainstorming meeting where Father Ben will present a few ideas for building projects. Parishioners will be asked for both open discussion during the meeting, but especially, they will be asked to fill out a short survey. This survey will ask questions about these building project ideas and other suggestions as well as general parish questions such as what can our parish do better spiritually or what would YOU like to see in the parish overall as we move forward. This is a very exciting moment to potentially invest in our future, and I hope you will consider being present for this meeting if at all possible!

Thank you, and God Bless



2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

As of date we have received \$30,64600 in pledges & gifts towards our goal of \$31,608.00

To learn more about the Diocesan Annual Campaign, please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/> Thank you in advance for your gift.

COME ALIVE

THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Friday, May 26—Sunday May, 28

Christian Retreat Center: 369 CRC Dr. East Waterford, PA

A Catholic retreat for all young adults (20s & 30s) married or single. Registration: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/come-alive-young-adult-retreat/>

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