

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm, First Saturday of the Month 9:00 am

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

*Go,
make disciples of all nations...*

Matthew 28:19



Join
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 5, 2023**



OFFICE OF PONTIFICAL MISSIONS ~ DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

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

Reconciliation:

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

5th
**Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time**

“Your light must
shine before others,
that they may see
your good deeds
and glorify your
heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Fridays

Church (717) 532-2912

Campus (717) 477-1244

Emergency (717) 323-2679

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4
 9:00am Intentions of Father Ulam
 5:00pm In Memory of Karen Fumento
Sunday, February 5
 8:00am People of the Parish
 11:00am In Memory of Bob Bagley
Tuesday, February 7
 8:30am Intentions of Ruth Nickey
Wednesday, February 8
 6:30pm Intentions of Terry & Cheryl Flinn
Thursday, February 9
 8:30am Intentions of Melissa Stahl
Friday, February 10
 8:30am Intentions of John & Andrea Thornton
Saturday, February 11
 5:00pm In Memory of Annabelle & Joseph Cretella Sr.
Sunday, February 12
 8:00am People of the Parish
 11:00am Intentions of Roger & Kitty Waters

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Homemade Soup Sale

**Attention
All Soup
Makers!**

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for people to make soup for their soup sale. Containers will be available in the social hall kitchen the weekend of Feb.

4th & 5th. Please list ingredients on your labels. Please bring your soup to the church on Saturday Feb. 11th between 10am to 2pm or at 4:30pm on Feb. 11th.

We will be selling pints and quarts of soup after all masses February 11th and February 12th.



CRAB CAKE SALE



"The Knights of Columbus are taking orders for homemade Crab Cakes until the 11th and 12th of February. There is an order sheet in the back of the church to place orders. The cost will remain \$6 per crab cake. The crab cakes will be available for pick up after all masses on the weekend of February 18th and 19th. If you have any question, please contact Brian Van Scyoc at 717-532-9316."

Church Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 4— Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk).
 Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Sunday, Feb. 5—Coffee Hour (in Mary's Kitchen) after the 8am Mass

Tuesday, Feb. 7 — RCIA Class 7:00-8:00pm in the basement of the Social Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 8— Morning Prayer 8:30am

Friday, Feb. 10— Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, Feb. 11 — 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, Feb. 12—Coffee Hour (in Mary's Kitchen) after the 8am Mass

Sign-up to Serve for Coffee Hour.

Sign-up sheet is in the lobby of the Church.





Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

Our Purpose and Objectives

- To increase access to social services and counseling services.
- To increase access to youth programming.
- To partner with existing stakeholders such as the school district and Shippensburg University to meet educational and community needs.

The SCRC was started in 2010 in response to the growing need to help residents find and utilize social services. Shippensburg falls between the counties of Franklin and Cumberland which means that services can be difficult for community members to access if the services extend to Shippensburg at all. The Resource Coalition has brought service providers and community members together since this time, with the aim of connecting clients with resources as well as developing programs to meet needs.

The SCRC is a Shippensburg University Center For Excellence and serves as a "learning lab" for the university. Students, Faculty, and staff are involved in our work and have initiated many of our programs and services. We also provide a bridge for building community-university relationships. Whether you are on or off campus, contact us with your questions and ideas! You may call 717-477-1961 or email sp-scrcc@shipresources.org

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

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings w/your children

Here at our parish, we are transitioning away from Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Mass, and instead, we would like to encourage parents to discuss the weekly readings or homily with their children either before or after Mass occurs. This spiritual conversation, even if it is simple or a bit scattered, can be very powerful, and it is a way for God's word to come alive in our hearts. We will provide questions and discussion points to help parents start this conversation with their children, and please consider doing this with your family each week!

During this Ordinary Time, when Father Ben is wearing green, we listen and learn about Jesus's ministry and how he taught his apostles to live a life of love and giving.



During the time Jesus walked on the earth, they did not have refrigerators to keep food cold, so the people used salt to preserve food. Salt is also used to flavor food.

Have you ever made popcorn from scratch? The kernels are put in a pan with oil and heated until the kernels pop. If you tasted the popcorn it would taste very bland. As soon as you add salt to the popcorn, it tastes so much better and helps to bring out the flavor that was there all along in the corn. **What could Jesus have meant when he said, "You are salt?"**

Another comparison Jesus made is light. We know that Jesus is the light of the world. Today we hear Jesus tell his apostles to be light. Jesus explains that a lamp, when lit and put under a basket, does not give off much light. We live in a community of people. In that community, we might be part of a neighborhood, school, sports team, music group, friends group. We are meant to bring something good to each of these groups to help them become better.

Salt and light are best when inside something else. Light under a bucket will not shine brightly. If you don't add salt to food, the flavor of the dish does not change. When we shine our light and flavor, we change the world.

Living out Faith:
What are some ways you can do positive things to change your groups? Choose to do at least one positive thing each day.



Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) @ Shippensburg University

Shippensburg University



Catholic Campus Ministry

You are invited to come to our many events, especially the weekly dinner and weekly co-ed Bible Study on Thursday nights in the Spiritual Center on campus [google it, if you're not sure where it's located!], but there will be so much more as well! We would love to get you into our GroupMe for CCM to keep you up-to-date on all our different events, including but not limited to, fun and fellowship events, service opportunities, prayer/retreats, and lots more too!

Weekly events: Located at the Spiritual Center right off campus on Thursday evenings. Includes two things, ·CCM Weekly Dinner = 5:00 pm ·Big Group Bible Study = 6:15 - 7:15 pm. For more information please contact Joseph at jmgonzalez@ship.edu or call the CCM office at 717-477-1244.

If you would like to provide a meal for our Catholic Campus Ministry students, please contact Joseph at jmgonzalez@ship.edu or call the CCM office at 717-477-1244. The dinners are held every Thursday at 5pm (except during breaks) at the Spiritual Center on Campus.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

The next KOC meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 7:00pm in the social hall. This is a joint meeting with the Ladies. For more information regarding the Knights please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com

The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 7:00pm in the social hall. For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-39!

PLEASE JOIN FRANKLIN COUNTY YOUNG
ADULT CATHOLICS
AT THE 11:00 MASS AT
OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION
ON FEBRUARY 12, 2023!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

MASS
11.00 am

SUNDAY POTLUCK

Join us for a Potluck Sunday Lunch every
3rd Sunday immediately following the
11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm).

Please bring a dish to share.

The parish will supply water,
juice & coffee.

Mardi Gras Tea Party



Mardi Gras Tea

All women of the parish
are invited to attend
Sunday, February 19,
2023 3:00 pm to 5:00

pm. This is an afternoon of sharing and
fun to celebrate before the beginning
of Lent. Ladies are asked to bring: your
tea cup or mug, some finger food to
share, a happy and joyful spirit, and a
friend! Questions or for more info.
contact Mary Poffenbarger - 301-639-
3297 email - missmary@lockfarm.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join
us for our Youth Group meeting on the
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month
from 6-8pm in the social hall.

Feel free to invite your friends!

Ash Wednesday February 22

MASS TIMES:

8:30am & 6:30pm

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

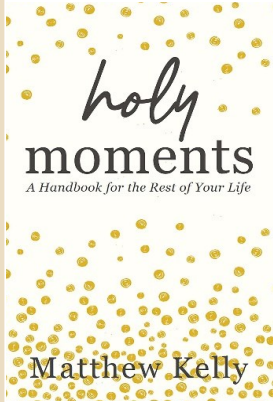
bit of the Catechism every day. Father Mike is very enjoyable to listen to because of his authenticity, his humor, his knowledge of the faith, and also his profound insights and application of the faith to every day life. Please consider checking out the QR code and/or website below, and we will be meeting as a parish as well to check in and see how everyone is doing.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday night, February 15th 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



Book of Month: January & February

The Book of the Month for the first two months of 2023 will be the free book that we gave away to everyone this Christmas! ***Holy Moments*** is a book by Matthew Kelly that will fill your heart with hope, peace, and joy as you renew your perspective and then your efforts in living out God's will every single day. Matthew Kelly is one of the



best story tellers I've ever read, and he also combines this skill with the depth of his Catholic faith in this book. He encourages you to live your faith in practical yet challenging ways while also helping you to be at peace based on Christ's mercy and love for you specifically.

Please consider joining us when we have our Book of the Month summary and discussion, and we will meet on **Wednesday,**

March 1st 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 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 New Year. – Fr. Ben



Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The solidarity fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



On February 17, 1950, Bishop George L. Leech of Harrisburg made Shipensburg a parish in its own right. This church would also be responsible for the mission chapel of Doyleburg. Doyleburg was part of the parish until 1965. On February 18th, Father Norman Koller took up residence at the Hotel Shippens. Fr. Koller was a native of Buffalo, New York. Daily Mass was started on February 19, 1950.

In 1950 the Hosfeld property, 4.5 acres and buildings was purchased for the parish. A large house was remodeled to include the rectory and small meeting rooms. A former stable was made into a chapel. This was a time of anti-Catholic feelings in the general area populace. On Sunday December 3, 1950, the Holy Mass was offered for the first time on the new site.

Mike Bannon, Parish Archivist.