

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince Street, Shippensburg, Pa 17257

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



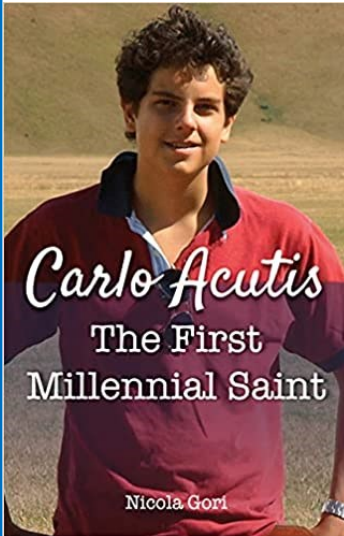
6th Sunday of Easter

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Book of the Month - May and June

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori



I'm very excited to introduce the Book of the Month for May and June of 2023, and it is a short biography of sorts that covers the brief life of perhaps one of the most modern Saints we've ever seen. Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 in Italy, and his short yet extraordinary life of holiness is not only relatable but deeply inspiring to people of all ages. We long for stories of authentic holiness, and Carlo's life is exactly that type of story. From sports, to video games, from daily Mass and frequent confession to creating a website of Eucharistic miracles, please join us as we look deeper into Carlo's life in this insightful and short book

(143 pages). As always, you will have to purchase this book yourself (please contact us if you have monetary issues in this regard), but please also just come to the Book Discussion either way if you can, which will be held **Wednesday, June 28th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the social hall. Thank you and God Bless you!

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.



Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 17th:
Vigil Mass 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, May 18th:
Mass 8:30 A.M.
Mass 6:30 P. M.

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH
PICNIC

SHIPPENSBURG MEMORIAL PARK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 6PM

SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
THE CHURCH LOBBY BEGINNING THE
WEEKEND OF MAY 20-21

Join Us
CHURCH
— POTLUCK —

Every 3rd Sunday

Immediately following the
11am Mass. Please bring
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. The social hall will be
open for water.



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.

God Bless
OUR MOTHERS

A mother defends
herself with a
heart filled with
love before doing
so with words.

- Pope Francis



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.

Meet our Retreat Leader

Monsignor William J. King



Monsignor King is currently the Vice-Rector and Director of Human Formation at St. Mary's Seminary. He is preparing for his new position as a full-time faculty member in the School of Canon Law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He holds a Doctorate In Canon Law (J.C.D.) among numerous other degrees and

studies. Ordained in 1983 he has served as Judicial Vicar and Vicar General of the Diocese of Harrisburg. More about Monsignor King in the future. What is he going to lead us in at our 45th Corpus Christi Men's Retreat, August 4 -6 at St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD.? Having done extensive medical studies, he is well aware that doctors and nurses have discovered and know the healing effects of medications and standard prescriptions that can help people on their way to healing. He will present another kind of prescription found in Matthew, chapter 5 verses 1 – 12; the Beatitudes; in his aptly titled theme "A Roadmap for Better Living: A Fresh Look at the Beatitudes." Stay tuned for more details! Contact John Thornton: (508) 868-5640, johnnie7746@gmail.com

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 tote 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.

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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: 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



Tickets are here!

You may pick up your tickets Monday-Thursday from 9-4 in the parish office.

MASS Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	May 13 Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump
Sunday, 8:00am	May 14 People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of Sarah Hubert
Tuesday, 8:30am	May 16 Intentions of Sharon Taylor
Wednesday, 6:30pm	May 17 In Memory of Ed Huffner
Thursday, 8:30am	May 18 In Memory of Clement Lavia
6:30pm	People of the Parish
Friday, 8:30am	May 19 In Memory of Ray Ocker
Saturday, 5:00pm	May 20 In Memory of Edith Hayes
Sunday, 8:00am	May 21 People of the Parish
11:00am	Intentions of Gloria Swieczkowski

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, May 13—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, May 14— Coffee Hour (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass).

Wednesday, May 17— Morning Prayer 8:30am

Friday, May 19—Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm

Sunday, May 21—Parish Potluck Following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm). Please bring a dish to share. The parish will supply water, juice & coffee.

Sunday May 21— Open House at 1:30pm in our social hall to discuss potential building projects at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church.

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings w/your children

Jesus is the reason for our hope. Death could not defeat him. When he rose from the dead, he brought with him a light and a life that will never go out. He shares that life with us. At baptism, a candle is lit and we're invite to receive the light of Christ. We can't defeat death on our own.

Jesus shares his light with us and we are asked to share our light with others. In our second reading, we are told we should always be willing to give an explanation for our hope. We need to study and learn about Jesus. **How do we do this?** When the Bible speaks about knowing, as we heard in the Gospel, it is knowing with our head, our heart and our body. We know Jesus because we are in a relationship with him, we are connected to him. We spend time in prayer with him, being with Jesus in church, and especially by being able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Who are the people we can share our faith with? In the first reading, Phillip explained his hope and faith in Jesus to the Samaritans. These are people who worshiped God in a different way. They did not come to the temple. Through Phillip, they saw the power of God and received the Good News of Jesus with great joy.

AS YOU SHARE YOUR
LIGHT,
OTHERS WILL FIND
GREATER LIGHT TOO.

Living our Faith: Use your actions to explain your hope in Jesus to those around you.

Ordination

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, the Diocese of Harrisburg invites you to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate on May 20 and the Ordination to the Priesthood on June 3. Both ordinations are at 10 a.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. Free parking will be available in the South Street Parking Garage (220 South Street, Harrisburg).

Not able to attend in person? Join us via livestream at www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese. Visit the Diocesan website for more details.



Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside of the Religious Education office. You may email, mail, or slide completed forms under my door! Let me know if you have any questions!

Jolene Cramm jcramm@hbgdiocese.org

Register Now for Vacation Bible School!!!

There is NO COST, but spaces are limited— so don't wait!

VBS is for students in pre-k (4 & 5 years old) through 5th grade. VBS is August 7-11 this year from 6-8pm in the social hall with some outside activities, as weather permits.



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 down-loading 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.**

QUO VADIS DAYS

"Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29)

A discernment retreat for young Catholic men

June 25-29, 2023

Mount St. Mary's Seminary

www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations



Calling all young Catholic men – are you wondering what God's plan is for your life? Do you need guidance in your discernment? Join us for Quo Vadis Days for a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and guidance as you explore God's call for your life.

Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation and sports, discernment talks, and great food are all included in this weeklong camp. Quo Vadis Days is for men ages 15-25 and will be June 25 - 29 at Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary. Cost is \$100 per person. Register by June 16 to attend. Details and registration can be found at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/quo-vadis-days/>. Questions?

Please contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, June 1st 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

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 you

May 6-7, 2023 (In Pew)

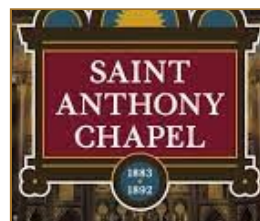
Weekend Collection:	\$4,616.04
Building Improvements:	436.00
Social Outreach:	180.00
Parish Youth Education:	105.00
Votives/Donuts	35.50
Ascension:	110.00
Holy Land:	30.00
Catholic Home Missions:	7.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$5,519.54

Online giving made easy!

Please visit the following link:

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>

ONLINE GIVING TOTAL FOR APRIL: \$6,128.08



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. Reg-

istration forms are in the back of the church. Cost is \$100 per person. **Deadline to register is Sunday May 28th.** For more information, please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com.