

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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:29

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

And said to me, You are
my servant, O Israel, in
whom I will be glorified.

—Isaiah 49:3

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Fridays

Church (717) 532-2912

Campus (717) 477-1244

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Grace be to you, and
peace, from God our
Father, and from the Lord
Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 1:3

Mass Intentions

Saturday,	January 14
5:00pm	Intentions of Lauren Bonitz-Stump
Sunday,	January 15
8:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of Marie Hershey
Tuesday,	January 17
8:30am	Intentions of Brian Jones
Wednesday,	January 18
6:30pm	Intentions of Michelle Jones
Thursday,	January 19
8:30am	Intentions of Karen Collard
Friday,	January 20
8:30am	In Memory of Mary Tarquino
Saturday,	January 21
5:00pm	In Memory of Harry & Mildred Henninger
Sunday,	January 22
8:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of Frank Prestileo

Upcoming Events & Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 15—Coffee Hour (in the social hall)
after the 8am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 15—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.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Ladies Bible Study 7-8:30pm (social hall)

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — RCIA Class 7:00-8:00pm in the basement of the Social Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 18— Morning Prayer 8:30am

Wednesday, Jan. 18 — Catechism in a Year Q&A 7:15-8:15pm (social hall)

Friday, Jan. 20 — Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 21— Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Sunday, Jan. 22—Coffee Hour (in Mary's Kitchen) after the 8am Mass

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The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, PA, for a Beginning Experience Weekend, May 5-7th, 2023.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends.

The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

The following is a testimonial of a person who attended the Beginning Experience Weekend:

"I can tell you that my encounter with the Beginning Experience weekend has brought me greater peace and given me an extended family of lifelong friends who I quickly grew to love and lean on. If you or someone you know is suffering the isolation and pain that can accompany the loss of a spouse or marriage, I encourage you to seriously consider attending the Beginning Experience weekend."

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan WEB SITE: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at phone 717-379-0800 or jpennat_58@comcast.net.

All CDC recommendations will be followed. Anyone sick will have to leave the weekend. The number of attendees for the weekend may be limited due to current COVID regulations. As with all Diocesan sponsored events, this program could be cancelled pending changing pandemic circumstances.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Please mark your calendars for Friday, January 20th which is when the March for Life will be happening in Washington D.C. Our parish is not taking a big bus down to the March for Life this year, but this year we will be dedicating our Friday Adoration as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. You may sign up in the lobby of the church.



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



The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass will be Sat. January 21, 2023, at Holy Spirit Church, Palmyra. This 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.

For additional information, please contact the Office for Life & Dignity at 717-657-4804 ext 322 or email mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org.

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!

Welcome to a new church season. We are in Ordinary Time and Father Ben will be wearing green for a short time. Another way to think about Ordinary Time is we are counting time. It is a time to listen to the Word of God, and grow into better disciples.

What does it mean to be a servant?

We have beautiful examples of those who serve God. In our readings today, we hear about the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul and St. John the Baptist who all lived their lives as God asked them to. Isaiah says he is a servant of God who was formed in his mother's womb. He says they are called to do a specific task, even though they may not know it right away.

St. John spoke about Jesus as one who ranked ahead of him. John recognized that Jesus was greater than him. On their own, these servants would not be able to do great work. But because God made them holy, these people would be able to do the work that belongs to God.

John was clear on what his work was as a servant of God. He served God so that Jesus might be known. John understood that Jesus was truly the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. John saw the Holy Spirit come down on Jesus and God say, "This is my beloved Son". This was so important that John had to tell everyone about Jesus.

In the psalm today, we sang, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will". We are telling God that we are here to do his work, to be his servant.

Living our Faith: In this new year and new season of the church, what are some ways you can serve God?

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 Thursday, Jan. 19th 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 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.

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. Thank you for your generosity!



POTLUCK SUNDAY 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.

The next Potluck January 15th.



YOUTH GROUP: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for our Youth Group meeting on Saturday **Jan. 21st** from 6-8pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends!

MEN'S CONFERENCE | MARCH 18, 2023

Diocesan Center, Harrisburg

SAVE THE DATE

**THE CHALLENGE:
RAISE THE BAR**

The Keynote Address will be given by Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples. As a Catholic evangelist, international speaker, and award-winning author, Marcel

loves to share his greatest passion - helping others come to know the love of Jesus and how to share that love with others. Stay tuned for more details to come!

COFFEE

Hour Volunteers

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY

OF THE CHURCH



Please join us in the social hall on Sunday January 15th after the 8am Mass for coffee & donuts.

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!).

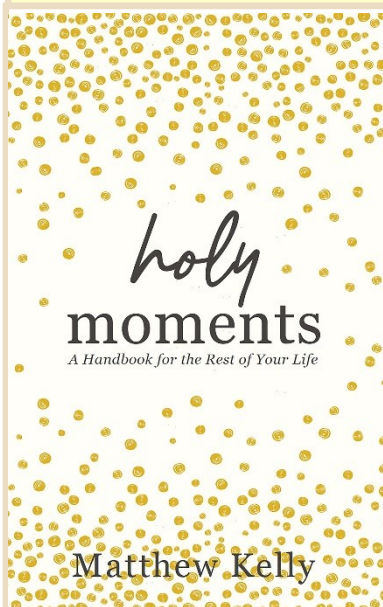
Father Mike Schmitz, who led a podcast two years ago that was beautiful and still free for everyone – *The Bible in a Year* – has decided to help everyone go a little deeper in our understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches by reading a tiny bit of the Catechism every day. Father Mike is very 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 first meeting will be Wednesday night, January 18th 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 2023

Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life, by Matthew Kelly



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