

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



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

Why you are no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

—Galatians 4:7

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm
Closed Fridays

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Campus (717) 477-1244
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But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

—Luke 2:19

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday,	December 31
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday,	January 1
8:00am	In Memory of Janet Hidalgo
11:00am	In Memory of Tara Porter
Tuesday,	January 3
8:30am	In Memory of Hannah & Michael Imo
Wednesday,	January 4
6:30pm	Intentions of Michelle Jones
Thursday,	January 5
8:30am	Intentions of Brian Jones
Friday,	January 6
8:30am	In Memory of Dean Bartle
Saturday,	January 7
9:00am	In Memory of Dolores Stern
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday,	January 8
8:00am	Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump
11:00am	In Memory of Kevin Carberry

Contact Us for More Information

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Mass Schedule Change

Father Ben will be away from Jan. 2–6, therefore the only daily Mass that will be celebrated at the church will be the **6:30pm Wednesday**

evening Mass on January 4th. Father Ben will celebrate private Masses for the other days. Also there will be no confession or adoration on First Friday, January 6th.



Become a Foster Parent

Make a lasting difference in a child's life. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need.

Please contact Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpeifer@cchbg.org for more information and to register for our upcoming classes!

Christmas UN-Decorating

Help is needed after the 11am Mass on Sunday January 8th to undecorate the church.

Christmas poinsettia's will be available for pick up after the 11am Mass on January 9th. Please help yourself!



The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass will be Saturday, 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.

Soup Makers Needed



The annual Catholic Charities "Souper Bowl Sunday" Soup Sale will take place February 11-12, 2023 at various parish locations around the Harrisburg region. Anyone interested in making soup for the event is welcome to participate. We can supply you with one-quart containers. You can make as much soup as you like. All types of soup are welcome. Donated soup will be collected at the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg) on Saturday, February 11th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. All proceeds from the sales will benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing - Evergreen House, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. To register as a soup maker, please email Karen Willey at karencwilley@gmail.com for more information.



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

Church Events

Saturday, Jan. 7— Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Saturday, Jan. 7— 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, Jan. 8—Coffee Hour (in Mary's Kitchen) after the 8am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

**A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE
LEGAL PROTECTION OF UN-
BORN 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, (even though we plan to do that in future years) 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.

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.



**The 2023
Calendars
are here!**

**Pick up
your cal-
endar in
the lobby
of the
church.**

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) @ Shippensburg University



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.

THANK YOU

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.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 5th 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, Jan. 3rd 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.



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 will be Sunday, January 15th.



YOUTH GROUP: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for our Youth Group meeting on Saturday **Jan. 7th and 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!

*"As a true mother,
she walks at our side,
she shares our
struggles and she
constantly surrounds
us with God's love."*

Pope Francis

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
the Mother of God**

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*



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