



OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PA

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

December 19-20, 2020

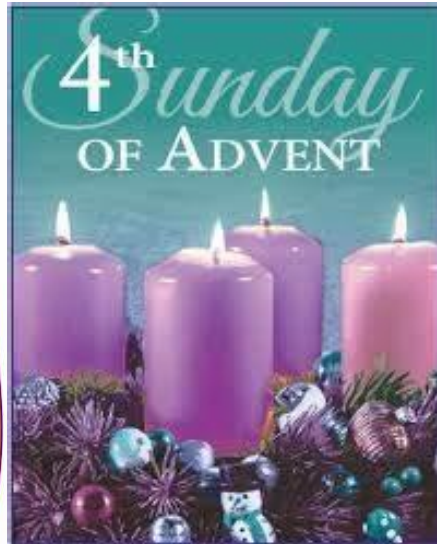


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Closed to visitors at this time.

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Our Mission:

To Proclaim the Kingdom of God
for the Salvation of Souls

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Weekend Masses - Saturday 5:00 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily Mass - 8:30 AM Tuesday - Friday
Holy Day Mass - Check www.olvshippensburg.org click on "Liturgical Schedule."
Reconciliation - Saturdays, 3:30PM-4:30PM
Religious Education Class - No in person classes at this time. Please work on the lessons at home.
[Click here for Rel. Ed. Calendar](#)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held every Sunday during Advent!



Mass Intentions

Saturday December 19	3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confessions In Memory of Dan Marshall
Sunday December 20	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	People of the Parish Intentions of Joseph Hudock Jr
Tuesday December 22	8:30 AM Mass 7:00-8:00 PM	In Memory of Dan Marshall Confessions
Wednesday December 23	8:30 AM Mass	In Memory of Dolores Stern
Thursday December 24	2:00 PM Mass 5:00 PM Mass 8:00 PM Mass	People of the Parish In Memory of Harry & Marie Lutz In Memory of Dolores Stern
Friday December 25	10:00 AM Mass	In Memory of the Marasigan Family
Saturday December 26	3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confessions In Memory of Harvey & Edith Hayes
Sunday December 27	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	People of the Parish In Memory of Patrick & Roger DeChene

December 12-13, 2020	Collection
Weekend Collection	\$3,025.00
Christmas Flowers	220.00
Building Improvements	215.00
Social Outreach	120.00
Christmas	150.00
Assumption	20.00
Immaculate Conception	450.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Matthew 25	20.00
Retirement for Religious	1,106.00
Total Income:	\$5,336.00

LECTORS

Sat. Dec. 19 th	5:00pm	Signe Kelker
Sun. Dec 20 th	8:00am 11:00am	Cheryl Bannon Mary Poffenbarger
Thursday December 24 th	2:00pm 5:00pm 8:00pm	Mike Hess Andrea Thornton Nancy Redington
Fri. Dec. 25 th	10:00am	Cheryl Bannon
Sat. Dec. 26 th	5:00pm	Signe Kelker
Sun. Dec 27 th	8:00am 11:00am	Tina Connor Matt Courson

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

If you are interested in becoming an usher at any of the Masses please contact Joe Cretella at 717-377-1480 or by email at pjcretella@comcast.net for more information.



We are compiling a list of parishioners who are willing to help clean and sanitize the church after special events such as funerals, weddings, etc. Cleaners would simply wipe down pews after the event ends with cleaning spray the church will provide. Volunteer cleaners will be asked to commit to an event if it's possible for their schedule. If interested, please contact the parish office by phone or email Tracy Plotner at tplotner@hbgiocese.org



Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule:
December 31st at 7PM
January 1st at 10AM



If you would like to receive the bulletin and other updates by email, please contact the parish office either by phone or email. Thank you!

**DECORATE the Church** Please join us on **Tuesday, December 22nd** to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will begin at 9am (after the 8:30am Mass.) **Volunteers with SUV's or Vans** are also needed to help pick up Poinsettias on **Wednesday, December 23rd** at Maplewood Nursery in Shippensburg. We will meet at 9:30am in the church lobby. If you are interested please contact:
Nancy Redington at 717-264-6488 or email rosered1@comcast.net
Cheryl Bannon at 717-300-3790 or email peaceangel1948@gmail.com



Save-the-Date - Diocesan Men's

Conference!

Please mark **March 20, 2021** in your calendar for the Annual *Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference*. **Theme: Catholic Men: Called to be Defenders of the Faith!**

Speakers: Dr. William Donohue, President of the Catholic League, The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Fr. Frederick Miller, Fr. John Szada, and Mr. Tony Devlin. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction led by Bishop Gainer, as well as outstanding music. This conference is one of the largest annual events in the Diocese every year. The cost this year is just \$10 per man. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you are not able to watch it livestreamed on March 20, you'll still want to register since all registrants receive a link to the conference several days after its completion. Online registration will be available on the Diocesan website shortly. If you are a man in the Diocese of Harrisburg, you do not want to miss this conference!



Greeters Needed

As you have seen, our Greeters are back! We would like at least 6 per mass so no one needs to be on too often. We currently have a need at every mass. If you are interested in assisting in God's work of "Welcome the Stranger, or friend as the case may be, please contact John Thornton with your name, phone number, e-mail and which mass you usually attend. John's contact information is: E-Mail - johnnie7746@gmail.com; Phone (508) 868-5640. Members of the Campus Ministry are encouraged to join. Thank you for your consideration and May God Bless you abundantly.

Guidelines & Restrictions on resuming Mass in the Church.

Only the front double doors will be used for **entering** the Church. Upon **leaving** the Church, the downstairs parishioners will exit the front double doors, the balcony parishioners will exit down the right side ramp and leave thru the side door, nearest the pulpit.

Please maintain proper social distancing while at Mass. Please do not sit in pews that are blocked off.

Parishioners must continue to wear masks when in the Church buildings. Congregational singing is still restricted.

The donation box will be placed in the lobby of the Church.

Restrooms near Mary's Kitchen and the restrooms in the social hall can be used.

Please do not gather in the social hall.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. R

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations." R

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm." R

Reading II

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance of the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son he is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
or
2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
or
3. Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou
O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the power of God cast into hell, satan and the evil spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruins of souls. Amen.

Christmas 2020 at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

For our celebration of Christmas this year to be safe, organized, and beautiful, we are adding one extra Mass and reserving seats for each Mass as well.

The Christmas Mass schedule will include three Christmas Eve Vigil Masses on the 24th, at 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 8:00 pm respectively*, and one Christmas Morning Mass on the 25th, at 10:00 am.

With the current seating restrictions, our church building only holds a maximum of 140 people safely for each Mass. Therefore, **you will need a ticket in order to attend any of these Masses.**

- You can reserve your tickets by either calling our office phone at 717-532-2912 or emailing Tracy Plotner at tplotner@hbgdiocese.org.
- **One other essential step in this process** you will need to pick up your tickets before the end of the workday, at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 21st. If you do not pick up your tickets before this date, then your seats will be opened to others looking to reserve seats.
- **The tickets will be available for pick up at the Church Office door.** The church office is closed for meetings, but it is staffed from 9:00 – 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.
- If you cannot pick up your tickets during our office hours, please contact us and we will find a way to distribute the tickets to you.

Finally, thank you for being patient with this process. If we did not do this, the church may end up being overcrowded or we may have to turn some people away! By reserving seats, we are trying our best to plan for the attendance that may be coming this year and try to do so safely and securely. If all the Masses fill up, then we may add additional Masses this year to account for these numbers.

May we prepare our hearts for Christmas, and allow Jesus to come more fully into our souls and our lives! God Bless you! Fr. Ben Dunkelberger

* The 2:00 pm Vigil Mass is allowed because of extraordinary permission given by Bishop Gainer this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Normally, 4:00 pm is the earliest time a Vigil Mass can be scheduled. Also, the Midnight Mass is being moved from Midnight to 8:00 pm this year because of the ability for our Thank you for understanding these changes during this unusual time!

