

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00pm, Sun. 8:00am & 11:00am **Daily Mass:** Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 8:30am Wednesday 6:30pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 9:00am **Holy Days:** Vigil Mass 6:30pm, Holy Day 8:30am & 6:30pm



CONFESSION TIMES:

Saturday: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

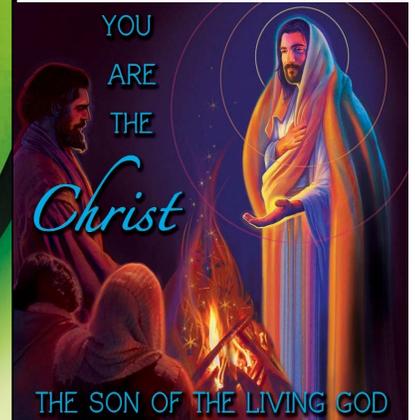
Wednesday: 5:30– 6:20 pm

1st Fri. of the Month:

7:30 - 8:20 am

1st Sat. of the Month:

8:00 – 8:45 am



ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

1st Friday of the Month:

7:30am – 8:20 am

Fridays: 9:00am—7:00pm

(sign up in the lobby)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

Jesus Returning the Keys to St. Peter by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1818
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*Lord, your love is
eternal; do not
forsake the work
of your hands.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	August 26 People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	August 27 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
11:00am	In Memory of Eileen Carey
Tuesday, 8:30am	August 29 In Memory of Father Dave Hillier
Wednesday, 6:30pm	August 30 In Memory of Richard Smith
Thursday, 8:30am	August 31 In Memory of Richard Smith
Friday, 8:30am	September 1 Intentions of Mary Geesaman
Saturday, 9:00am	September 2 In Memory of Rhonda Mae Reed
5:00pm	Intentions of Marge Lukas
Sunday, 8:00am	September 3 People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of Margaret Hammar

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The Word of God Alive: Discussing the Readings w/your children



How is a lock opened and secured? A key is a tool that can open and close a padlock like this. Without a lock, a key doesn't really have a use of its own. Without a key, a lock cannot do its work. Someone who holds the key decides who gets to have access to something or does not have access.

The prophet Isaiah spoke of someone who had a key. God said, "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, what he shuts, no one shall open". Eliakim was a scribe. A scribe is a person who keeps records by writing them down. Because there were no computers or printers to make books at this time, it was the scribes job to copy the words of the prophets by hand.

The house of David wasn't just a house someone lives in. The house of David was the household, the family of King David. The king during that time, King Hezekiah, was a descendant, or family member of King David, who was the greatest king of the Jewish people. God was giving Eliakim power like a key opens a lock and the key had the power of the king.

We know that God is all-powerful and had a plan to bring us and all of creation close together with God. God invited Eliakim to be part of that plan. We have apart in that plan also. God asks us to share in the work of evangelization – spreading the word of God. When we tell the good news about who Jesus is to us, we help others to come closer to Jesus.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?", how did Peter answer?

What are some of the names we have for Jesus?

Living our Faith: What are some other ways you will share what you know about Jesus with others?

MASS FOR HOPE & HEALING

to pray for the survivors of clerical sexual abuse

A Mass for Hope & Healing will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, Harrisburg. During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse. All are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, September 19th at 7pm
Saint Catherine Laboure Church
4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg PA 17111

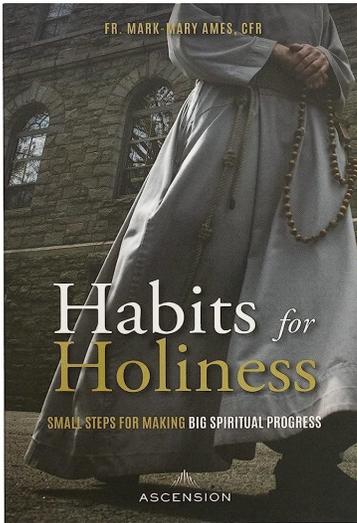


SIGN UP TODAY!

A formation of a parish community group is being started. The purpose is to bring the social and spiritual aspect of Our Lady of the Visitation church together. This is not a committee, just a group of parish members to assist with the coordinating of parish events. There will be a sheet to provide information and a representative at the back of the church after mass to provide more information.

BOOK OF THE MONTH
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July & August



The new Book of the Month for July & August will be **Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress** by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR. This short book, approx. 130 pages, is a powerhouse of good, practical spiritual insights (inspired by St. Francis and Franciscan Spiritually in a real way) written by a young Capuchin Franciscan priest who currently does a number of popular media outreach initiatives online in our modern world [YouTube and Podcasting to name a few]. You will take many golden nuggets away from this book if you give it a

chance, and I want to invite you to come to the Book Discussion on **Wednesday, September 6th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the Social Hall. Here are some of the main topics discussed in this book as mentioned on the website: To live within a family and *create a Catholic culture in the family*; To *make prayer the center of your life*; *Contentment is needed for deep joy*; *Closely listening to others pulls you into the mystery of Christ*; *Recreation can foster growth*; To turn the drudgery of work into the *"altar of the desk"*; And so much more!

August 12-13, 19-20 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$6,934.10
Building Improvements:	\$365.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$85.00
Social Outreach:	\$280.00
Assumption:	\$945.00
Votives/Donuts	\$120.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$8729.10

ONLINE GIVING with WESHARE

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>

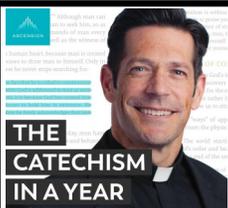


Every 3rd Sunday

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided. **THE NEXT POTLUCK WILL BE SEPTEMBER 17TH**



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. **THE NEXT RUN WILL BE SEPTEMBER 2ND**



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, September 20th from 7:30 pm – 8:30 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.

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next YOUTH GROUP MEETING on SAT. SEPT. 9TH from 6-8pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends!!



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, September 7th 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 Wednesday, September 6th at 2PM in the social hall. For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbbonitz@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Important Announcement concerning the Ladies Auxiliary meetings! Beginning with our September meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the church social hall. We meet September through May with no meetings in the summer. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at 2:00 PM. Prior to the first meeting, there is an optional lunch at KMJ Diner at NOON.



Please join us for the Weekday Rosary. It is recited at 8am Tuesday – Friday, with Mass following at 8:30am on Tues, Thurs. and Friday and Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 8:30am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for students in grades pre-k through 8th grade will begin on Sunday, September 17th. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board outside the Religious Education Office and on our website www.olvshippensburg.org. A reminder that the Diocese of Harrisburg requires a two year sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Class time for grades kindergarten through 8th grade is from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM on most Sunday mornings during the school year.

The preschool class meets on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the church basement (across from Mary's Kitchen). The children are taught Catholic prayers, traditions, and Bible stories—along with crafts and activities. (In a fun and nurturing setting!)

Sunday, September 17, 2023—First day of Religious Education classes and Catechetical Sunday. All catechists and students are invited to attend the 11:00 Mass.

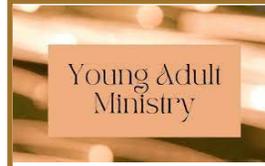
Now is the time to register for all grades!

For more information contact Jolene Cramm at 717-532-2912 or jcramm@hbgdiocese.org.



Coffee Hour will begin on Sun. Sept. 17th following the 8am Mass. We are need of volunteers to help make coffee hour a success. A sign up

sheet is available in the church lobby. For more information please contact the parish office.



“Calling all young adults ages 18-39! Please join Franklin County Young Adult Catholics at the 11:00 Mass at OLV on September 17, 2023! We look forward to seeing you there!

For future events, you can find us on Facebook and Instagram at Franklin County Young Adult Catholics. Or email Rachel Little, littlelach2011@gmail.com, or Anissa Freeman, afreeman9159@gmail.com, with questions.”

Donations to Benefit Victims of Maui Wildfires

Catholic faithful who wish to donate to those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui, Hawaii may contribute to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). This Foundation was established to support the parishes and school communities in the Diocese of Honolulu. Bishop Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for those affected by the devastation in Maui. **You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>**. Donations may also be made by going onto the Diocesan webpage of the Diocese of Honolulu and click on the HCCF link. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope for the fire victims and their families.

45th ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI RETREAT- LAUNCH DAY!

Friday evening provided a memorable occasion during the procession transporting the Blessed Sacrament between the large church and smaller chapel for 24 hour adoration. As we were lined up along the sidewalk, a large rainstorm arrived and lasted the time we were outside. Everyone was soaked but in good spirits as the rain soon ended.

During the talks Monsignor King gave out 2 handouts: one extrapolated each beatitude into practical everyday behaviors; the other structured an examination of conscience around the beatitudes to help us prepare for confession on Saturday.

Monsignor King's presentations were gentle reminders of how we should be living our lives as good Catholic men, with reference to the beatitudes. Using the first two beatitudes gave Monsignor King enough of **a launching pad** to deliver his messages through Sunday morning. He did not really address the other 6 in detail.

There were a number of father/son and grandfather/son/grandson attendees. The average age of retreatants, which was 71 a few years ago was 59 this year.

Tom Reinsfelder just provided the expected and unexpected of the 45th Annual Retreat. Every retreat is like that. One thing that really caught my eye was the average age. This tells us our youth are getting involved and the future looks bright. So, mark August 2, 3, and 4 2024 to share in this spiritual rebirth. John Thornton

USHER TRAINING

day



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
9TH AT
10:00AM

This meeting is for new and current ushers. Please join Fr. Ben as he reviews the responsibilities that an Usher at OLV has and to answer questions regarding their role. Please consider becoming an usher!

Light refreshments and coffee/juice will be served



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: We will continue to collect only soup over the summer. **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



Wednesday, August 30th - Morning Prayer 8:30am

Friday, September 1st — Confession 7:30am –8:20am Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm (sign up in church lobby)

Saturday, September 2nd — Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am



Do you like to sing? Were you in choir in high school or college and miss singing in one? Well, I am looking for new singers to join the OLV choir. So if you are at least high school grade (9th grade) and up and interested in

joining the choir, please come out Wednesday, September 13th after the daily Mass in the evening (around 7 or 7:15PM) as we will start our new wrap around season. We usually sing at the 11am Mass on Sundays as well as Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, and other Masses that we are needed. We rehearse once a week (usually Wednesday evenings) from 7:15pm or so till about 8:30pm. We will usually go over music for Sunday and any other special occasions that might be coming up. We also look at Christmas and Easter music during the appropriate season we are in. We are a small group, but we have fun learning and singing. Hopefully if you join with us we can make this group bigger and stronger. If you have any questions about the group or interest, please see me after Mass (if I play) or contact me at Madams@hbgdiocese.org.

Training for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There are many upcoming training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you need a mandate or need to renew your mandate, please register for a training session. You may register for a training session here: https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/extraordinary_minister_training

And the training sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 29, 2023- Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Father Stephen Kelley
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - Diocesan Center, Harrisburg - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Father Joshua Weaver
- Saturday, September 9, 2023 - Saint Joseph Parish, York - 10 AM to Noon - Father Peter Rettig
- Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Corpus Christi Parish, Chambersburg - 10 AM to Noon - Deacon Daniel Signore
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Father Stephen

PLEASE SEE FATHER BEN BEFORE REGISTERING!

Seeking volunteers for Mission trip to México

The Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Providence, with the support of the Diocesan Secretariate of Catholic Life and Evangelization, are in search of tradesmen and tradeswomen willing and able to assist them in improving their convent facilities. Projects vary and have included concrete work, carpentry and painting. This journey is a continuation of trips conducted over the past twenty years by men and women from parishes in Hanover, York and Lancaster, led by Father Joseph Gotwalt and now by Father Michael Reid. Mission trip location is the Convento Franciscano Tlalixtaquilla, Guerrero, Mexico, January 16-27, 2024. Please text Mary Reid Graci at 717-756-9689 for more information.

Are you engaged to be married, or know someone who is? Consider attending or gifting someone a Catholic Engaged Encounter retreat! The CEE retreat fulfill one of the criteria for marriage preparation and provides much needed tools for a successful marriage.

One more retreat remains in 2023 - September 22-24. Registration is open until September 8th, but space is limited so sign up today! Contact Julie at harrisburg@engagedencounter.com for more information. You can register online at www.hbgdiocese.org/cee.