



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 5-6, 2020



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Shippensburg, PA
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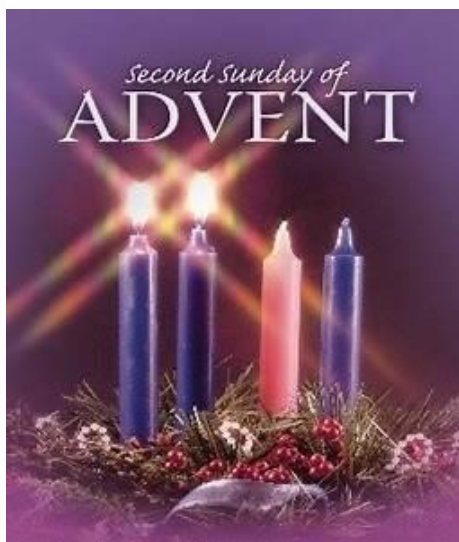
Church: 717-532-2912
Campus: 717-477-1244
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Office Hours:

Closed to visitors at this time.

Website:

www.OLVshippensburg.org



Our Mission:

To Proclaim the Kingdom of God
for the Salvation of Souls

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Weekend Masses - Saturday 5:00 PM - In the church

Sundays: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM - In the church

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM Tuesday - Friday. In the church

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 5	3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confessions People of the Parish
Sunday December 6	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	In Memory of the Stewart - Gelas Family In Memory of Sister Tarcisa
Monday December 7	7:00 PM Mass	In Memory of Dolores Stern
Tuesday December 8	8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Mass	Intentions of Merarr Estevez People of the Parish
Wednesday December 9	8:30 AM Mass	Intentions of Nicole Belanger
Thursday December 10	8:30 AM Mass	In Memory of Elmer Greey
Friday December 11	8:30 AM Mass	In Memory of Clarence Toigo
Saturday December 12	3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confessions In Memory of Dan Marshall
Sunday December 13	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller People of the Parish

November 28-29, 2020	Collection
Weekend Collection	\$2,713.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Building Improvements	130.00
Parish Youth Education	5.00
Social Outreach	45.00
Matthew 25	30.00
Total Income:	\$2,943.00



Mass Schedule:
December 7th at 7:00PM
December 8th at 8:30AM & 7:00PM

The parish office will be closed
Tuesday, December 8th

LECTORS

Sat. Dec. 5 th	5:00pm	Bobbi Staver
Sun. Dec 6 th	8:00am 11:00am	Nancy Redington Matt Courson
Mon. Dec. 7 th	7:00pm	Mike Hess
Tues. Dec. 8 th	8:30am 7:00am	Andrea Thornton Sue Kiley
Sat. Dec. 12 th	5:00pm	Signe Kelker
Sun. Dec 13 th	8:00am 11:00am	Cheryl Bannon Mary Poffenbarger

ATTENTION LECTORS:

The Lector workbooks have arrived. Please pick up your book outside of the sacristy. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

The gift of prayer via a Mass intention makes a wonderful gift for a birthday or anniversary, for someone who is ill, or a perpetual way to lift up in prayer the souls of departed relatives or friends. If you would like to request a Mass be offered for a specific intention, please contact the parish office at 717-532-2912 or email tplotner@hbgdiocese.org



We are now 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@hbgdiocese.org



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 rosred1@comcast.net

Cheryl Bannon at 717-300-3790 or email peaceangel1948@gmail.com

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

It is an awesome privilege not only to welcome people to the church, but being for others a representative of a welcoming and gracious God. 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 picretella@comcast.net for more information.



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. John will be organizing and contacting all current, past, and future greeters during the next week. Members of the Campus Ministry are encouraged to join. Thank you for your consideration and May God Bless you abundantly.



Online Giving

Online Giving Option: Please visit our website at www.OLVShippensburg.org click donate. Please remember to select our parish in the drop down menu. Thank you for your continuing support during these uncertain times.



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!

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.



Help our elders. In good time and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1

[IS 40:1-5, 9-11](#)

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm

[PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14](#)

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading II

[2 PT 3:8-14](#)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia

[LK 3:4, 6](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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 – Shippensburg, PA

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 beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, November 30th, and you can do this 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** will be 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 put in envelopes and **will be available for pick up beginning on Monday, December 7th at 9:00 am at the door to the Church Office**. 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!