

# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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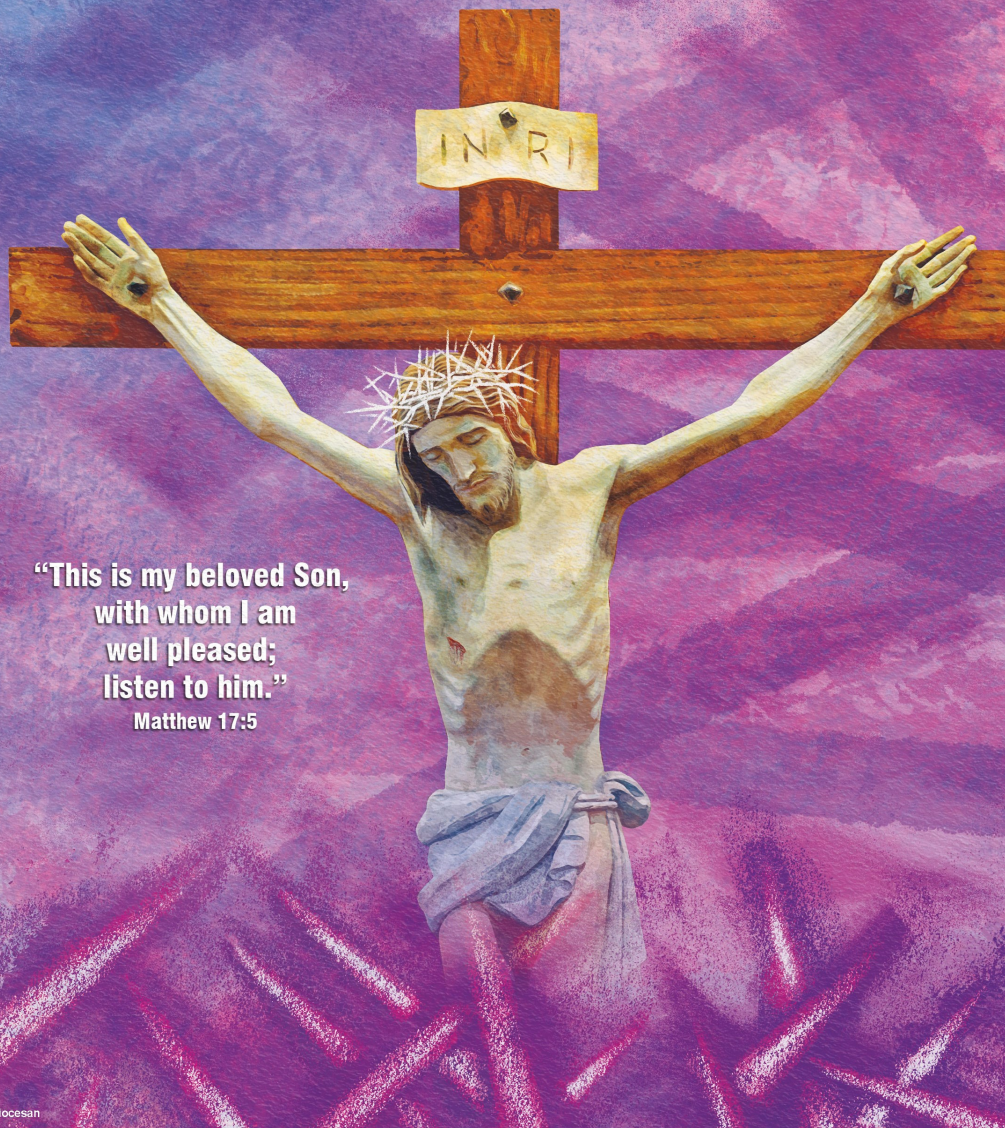
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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

**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

## Second Sunday of LENT



“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5

### Reconciliation:

#### Saturday:

3:30pm – 4:30 pm

#### Wednesday:

5:30pm – 6:20 pm

#### 1st Fri. of the Month

7:30 am – 8:20 am

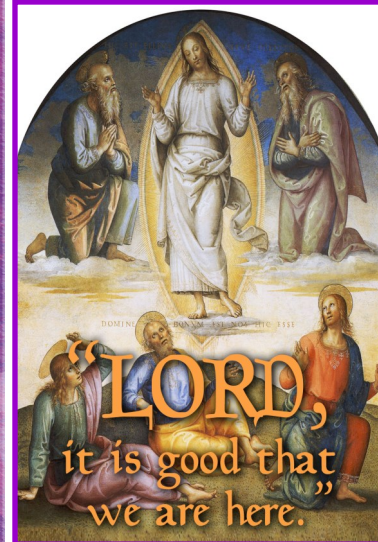
#### 1st Sat. of the Month

8:00 am – 8:45 am

### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday of the Month

7:30 am – 8:20 am



“LORD,  
it is good that  
we are here.”

### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Fridays

(Closed Holy Days &  
Holidays)

Church (717) 532-2912

Campus (717) 477-1244

Emergency (717)323-2679

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



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 4**  
 9:00am Intentions of Heather Phiffer  
 5:00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 5**  
 8:00am In Memory of Father Dave Hillier  
 11:00am Intentions of Father Ben Dunkelberger

**Tuesday, March 7**  
 8:30am Intentions of Tammy Polifka

**Wednesday, March 8**  
 6:30pm In Memory of Berthold Wendeln

**Thursday, March 9**  
 8:30am Intentions of Ron Miller

**Friday, March 10**  
 8:30am In Memory of Catherine Karvois

**Saturday, March 11**  
 5:00pm In Memory of Tara Porter

**Sunday, March 12**  
 8:00am People of the Parish  
 11:00am Intentions of Jeff Ingram

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## CHRISM MASS APRIL 3

Save the Date! All are invited to join the Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, as he celebrates the Diocesan Chrism Mass at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 3, in the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg.

The Chrism Mass offers a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. During this Mass, the priests of the Diocese will also renew their commitment to priestly service, which they made on the day of their ordination. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism) for more details.

## Calling all young adults ages 18-39!

Calling all young adults ages 18-39! Please join Franklin County Young Adult Catholics at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Rita's on March 12, 2023! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, you can find us

on Facebook and Instagram as Franklin County Young Adult Catholics. You can also email Anissa Freeman: [afreeman9159@gmail.com](mailto:afreeman9159@gmail.com) or Rachel Little: [littlerach2011@gmail.com](mailto:littlerach2011@gmail.com) with any questions."

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, March 5—  
 Coffee Hour** (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass)

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**Wednesday, March 8—Morning Prayer** 8:30am

**Friday, March 10 — Eucharistic Adoration** 9:00am-7:00pm

**Friday, March 10 — Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm

**Saturday, March 11— 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, March 12— Coffee Hour** (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass)

## Stations of the Cross



**Fridays in Lent at 7pm**

## Catholic Charities "Soup, Salad, and Sermon" - March 28th

All are invited to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and the staff from Catholic Charities for the annual "Soup, Salad, and Sermon" Lenten Lunch on Tuesday, March 28th at 12:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Center Dining Room (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg). Lunch is complimentary although a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Intensive Family Services Program. Please RSVP by March 24th to Christopher Meehan at [cmeehan@cchbg.org](mailto:cmeehan@cchbg.org) or 717-657-4804 ext 284



## Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

### Our Purpose and Objectives

- To increase access to social services and counseling services.
- To increase access to youth programming.
- To partner with existing stakeholders such as the school district and Shippensburg University to meet educational and community needs.

The SCRC was started in 2010 in response to the growing need to help residents find and utilize social services. Shippensburg falls between the counties of Franklin and Cumberland which means that services can be difficult for community members to access if the services extend to Shippensburg at all. The Resource Coalition has brought service providers and community members together since this time, with the aim of connecting clients with resources as well as developing programs to meet needs.

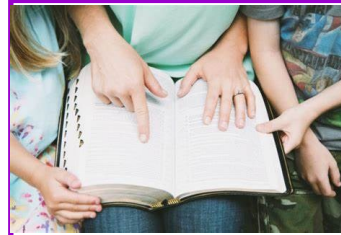
The SCRC is a Shippensburg University Center For Excellence and serves as a "learning lab" for the university. Students, Faculty, and staff are involved in our work and have initiated many of our programs and services. We also provide a bridge for building community-university relationships. Whether you are on or off campus, contact us with your questions and ideas! You may call 717-477-1961 or email [sp-scrc@shipresources.org](mailto:sp-scrc@shipresources.org)

**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](http://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 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!*



We are celebrating the second Sunday of Lent. **What great feast are we getting ready to celebrate?** When Jesus rose, he brought light and a life that is stronger than death and he shares this light and life with us. We spend this time during Lent to prepare ourselves for it.

### How are you preparing for Easter?

In today's Gospel Jesus prepares his friends. He takes his best friends, Peter, James and John, up a mountain. (Important things happen with God on a mountain). For the Jewish people, mountains were holy places where the earth and the heavens almost touch. Jesus was revealing to his friends that when heaven and earth come close, he is the bridge between them. **What are some other important things in the Bible that happened on a mountain?**

Here Jesus is Transfigured (or changed). Jesus' face began to shine and his clothes became dazzlingly white. **How would you have felt if you had seen Jesus' transfiguration?** Imagine you have your eyes closed for a long time. You then open your eyes and a very bright flashlight shines in your eyes.

His friends saw Jesus not as himself but transfigured in glory. The disciples see Jesus talking to Moses, who gave the Jews the Law of God (Ten Commandments) and Elijah, one of God's greatest prophets. As the disciples watched, a cloud came over them and the voice of God says, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him". This frightened the disciples. It wouldn't be until Jesus rose from the dead that the apostles could understand what happened at the Transfiguration.



**Living our Faith: Remember how Jesus' light was so bright and let your faith shine like that. Be the Light of Christ to everyone you come in contact with this week.**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



Join us for a Potluck Sunday Lunch every 3rd Sunday immediately following the 11am Mass.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

The Parish will supply water, juice & coffee.



### Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings.

Gate admission for Regular is \$85.80; our price is **\$40.95** (ALL ages 3+) valid until 9/10/23 or **\$42.95** (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/1/24.

\*ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 12% off retail prices - **\$14.99 each** and \*ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$20.00 pre-ordered or pay \$25.00 onsite

Tickets purchased in 2023 are valid for any single day of operation throughout the 2023 calendar year, but will not be valid past their expiration date.

Orders must be received at the parish by **Friday, March 31, 2023.**

**FORMS ARE IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH.**

Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of April 17, 2023.



## Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, April 20 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](mailto:travisedetwiler@gmail.com)

The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th 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](mailto:ddbonitz@gmail.com).

### 2023 Men's Conference



Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Men's Conference at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples, will offer the keynote address. Breakout session presenters include Marcel LeJeune, Bishop Gainer, Fr. Ryan Fischer, Deacon Armando Torres, and Deacon Virgilio Centenera. Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Breakout Sessions, Confession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are part of this annual event. For more details, visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/men>.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for our Youth Group meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 6-8pm in the social hall.

Feel free to invite your friends!

Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCCCW) Save the Date - Saturday, March 18, 2023 The Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCCCW) is hosting a Lenten Afternoon of Reflection in the Parish Center. The afternoon will be led by Deacon Jeffrey Baylor, from St. Peter Parish, Columbia, PA. His topic is "Angels" with a Lenten theme. Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., doors open at 12:30 p.m. There is an opportunity for confession from 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. and Mass at 5:00 p.m., both in the Church. Cost: FREE and includes light refreshments. Advance registration is requested to ensure adequate accommodations and refreshments. To register, please contact Kathy Wingert at 717-352-7354 or email at [kathywingert69@gmail.com](mailto:kathywingert69@gmail.com). The Registration Deadline is March 15, 2023.

## 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 next meeting will be Wednesday night, March 15th 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**

*Were you married in 1973? In honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact your parish office.*



**We will be having a penance service on Tuesday, March 14th starting at 6:30 pm. This will be a short prayer service, and then it will be followed by opportunities to go to the Sacrament of Confession.**

### The Way of the Cross with the Women of the World

Monday, March 27  
7:00pm to 8:00pm  
in the church.

While the prayers of these stations focus on women, they are designed to be the prayers of the entire community, all men and women who are concerned about the suffering Christ in our world today.

The Safety Committee has scheduled another safety training session. First Aid, CPR, AED, and active shooter training will be provided on Saturday March 18 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The session is limited to 20 attendees. Cost for the training is \$100.00. Parish assistance is available. Safety committee members are in the back with sign-up sheets and to answer any questions you may have.



**The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist, will begin this weekend, March 4-5.** The Diocesan Annual Campaign provides resources, expertise, guidance and support for more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities. Now, more than ever, the programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support. Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude. **Our parish goal for 2023 is \$31,608.00**

To learn more about the Diocesan Annual Campaign, please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/> Thank you in advance for your gift.