



# OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PA

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



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Closed to visitors at this time.

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[www.OLVShippensburg.org](http://www.OLVShippensburg.org)

**June 14, 2020**

*This Weekend's  
Scripture Readings:*

*Deuteronomy  
8:2-3, 14b-16a*

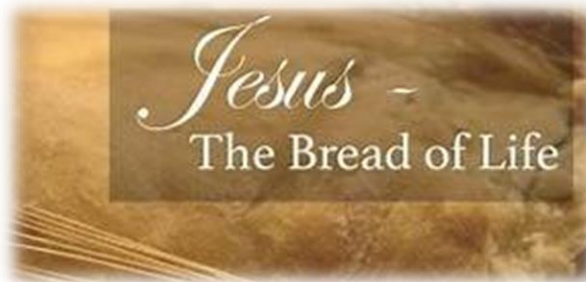
*1 Corinthians  
10:16-17*

*John  
6:51-58*



## Our Mission

To Proclaim the Kingdom of God  
for the Salvation of Souls



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**Weekend Masses** - Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM **All Masses will be held in the social hall.**

**Daily Mass** - 8:30 AM Tuesday - Friday. **Weather permitting, Masses will be held outside. Bring a chair.**

**Holy Day Mass** - Check [www.olvshippensburg.org](http://www.olvshippensburg.org) click on "Liturgical Schedule."

**Reconciliation** - Saturdays, 3:30PM-4:30PM



# Mass INTENTIONS

<i>Saturday June 13</i>	<i>3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass</i>	<i>Confessions People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday June 14</i>	<i>8:30AM - 9:30AM 10:00 AM Mass</i>	<i>Confessions In Memory of Carl Bivens</i>
<i>Tuesday June 16</i>	<i>8:30 AM Mass</i>	<i>In Memory of Gerald Brown</i>
<i>Wednesday June 17</i>	<i>8:30 AM Mass</i>	<i>In Memory of J. David Wood</i>
<i>Thursday June 18</i>	<i>8:30 AM Mass</i>	<i>In Memory of Kathryn Swintak</i>
<i>Friday June 19</i>	<i>8:30 AM Mass</i>	<i>In Memory of Russell Freitag</i>
<i>Saturday June 20</i>	<i>3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass</i>	<i>Confessions People of the Parish</i>
<i>Sunday June 21</i>	<i>3:30 - 4:30PM 10:00 AM Mass</i>	<i>Confessions In Memory of Berthold Wendeln</i>

Daily Mass has resumed! Please join us Tuesday - Friday at 8:30AM. Mass will be held outside in the front of the Church (weather permitting). **Please bring a chair.** We will continue to practice social distancing.



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. The suggested offering is \$10.00. Contact the parish office at 717-532-2912 or by email to [tplotner@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tplotner@hbgdiocese.org) if you would like to secure a Mass intention. You may also mail your request and offering to the parish at 305 North Prince Street, Shippensburg, Pa 17257

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
for the Middle District of Pennsylvania**

**In re: Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg  
Case No. 1:20-bk-00599 (HWV)**

**Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse  
and Others with Claims Against the Roman  
Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg**

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, a Roman Catholic parish or Roman Catholic school within the geographical area of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, or have any claim against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, you must file a claim by November 13, 2020.



For more Diocesan information, visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org>  
or <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCDH>

For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania  
information, visit: <http://www.pamb.uscourts.gov/>





Everyone should have an estate plan comprising of either a will or a trust. A will is a legal document that allows you to control how your assets are distributed after your lifetime. Without a will, the probate court will decide who gets your assets upon your death. Typically, the court will split your assets between your surviving spouse and children, or your blood relatives. A trust allows you to control how your assets are distributed both during and after your lifetime. Establishing a trust requires that you transfer ownership or title of your assets to the name of your trust. Since the trust owns the assets, there is nothing for the courts to control when you die. This is beneficial since, unlike a will, you avoid all the costs, delays and publicity of the probate process. However, depending on its complexity, a trust can be more expensive to create than a will.

For detailed questions on wills or trusts, contact an estate-planning attorney. If you are planning on giving to a charity, please consider Our Lady of the Visitation Parish as part of your estate plan. For more information, you may contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese of Harrisburg at (717) 657-4804 ext 245.

# Should I Come to Mass?

At this time, no one is obligated to attend Mass. If you are sick in any way, stay home and watch Mass online. Check out the Shippensburg Catholic Channel on YouTube. If you have recently been in close physical contact with someone who has COVID 19, please stay home.



# What will Mass be like?

- All Masses will take place in the parish social hall.
  - (No access to the church proper at this time.)
- The social hall door will be unlocked 30 minutes before Mass.
  - (The social hall door will be the only point of entry for Mass.)
- Readings, songs, Mass parts will be on the big screen.
  - (No hymnals, bulletins, booklets or any such items will be distributed)
- Please bring your facemask.
- Windows will be open for ventilation.
- Social distancing-- 6 feet apart. Limited seating will be available.
  - (Chairs are set up accordingly.)
- There will be no offertory procession.
  - (The priest alone will handle the vessels for Mass.)
- There will be no sacristans, altar servers or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- As you enter the social hall, there is a box for you to insert your offertory contributions.
- Reception of Communion will be done after Mass.
- The worship space will be sanitized after each Mass.

# What will Confession be like?

Confessions will all take place under the outdoor tent set up near the social hall.

There will be a screen set up so that you can go to Confession anonymously.



# What will Everything Else be like?

The parish office remains closed to in-person visitors. However, you may call the Office Manager, Tracy Plotner, by phone (717-532-2912) anytime Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm. No in person meetings will take place on parish property at this time. Organizations are encouraged to meet virtually. Plans are underway to reschedule baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and weddings.

# Diocesan Annual Campaign

(Updated as of May 31, 2020)

Goal: \$27,475

Paid: \$19,415

**We Owe: \$8,060**

The Diocesan Annual Campaign is still going. You could mail a check to the parish and identify it as a DAC contribution. Checks payable to OLV.

Online contributions to the campaign can be made through these three easy steps:

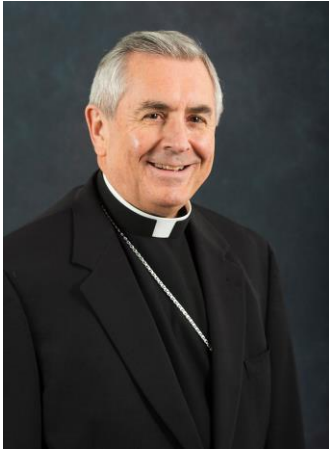
1. Go to: <https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/dac>
2. Complete the form, making sure to select "***Our Lady of Visitation Parish, Shippensburg***" from the Parish drop down menu and click "Next." (This is the only way your contribution will be credited to meeting our parish's goal.)
3. Review your information and then click "Submit Form" to complete your donation. Once submitted, you will receive an email confirming your donation.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg and our parish. The ministries supported by this campaign are vital to the lives and livelihoods of many people in our area. The mission of the Church must continue! May God reward your generosity! **Contributions for**

## June 6-7, 2020

Ordinary Income	
Weekend Collection	\$2,055.00
Ascension	10.00
Social Outreach	121.00
Parish Youth Education	10.00
Building Improvements	157.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,353.00</b>





June 5, 2020

## Love has Two Feet

As I witness and reflect upon the demonstrations in our cities, nationally and locally, over the tragic death of George Floyd and the whole issue of racism, here's a story that I believe has relevance in our present, disquieting situation.

"Once upon a time there was a town that was built just beyond the bend of a large river. One day, some of the children from the town were playing beside the river when they noticed three bodies floating in the water. They ran for help and the townsfolk quickly pulled the bodies out of the water.

"One body was dead so they buried it. One was alive but quite weak, so they put that person in their hospital. The third turned out to be a healthy child whom they placed with a family who cared for it and raised it.

"From that day on, every day a number of bodies came floating down the river and, every day, the good people of the town would pull them out and tend to them, taking the sick to the hospital, placing the children with families and burying those who were dead.

"This went on for years. Each new day brought its quota of bodies and the townsfolk worked at developing more elaborate systems for picking them out of the water and tending to them. The whole town took a certain pride in its generosity. However, during all these years and despite all that generosity and effort, nobody ever thought to go up the river beyond the bend and find out why, daily, those bodies came floating down the river."

This parable points out dramatically the difference between charity and social justice. Charity responds to the real needs of others but charity in itself does not question what caused those needs. Social justice tries to go up the river to identify and change the conditions that create injustice, prejudice and hatred. People will tolerate, even praise our charity, but very often there is suspicion or outright hostility for those who do the works of social justice.

This truth is clearly illustrated by a quote from Dom Helder Camara, a former Archbishop of Recife and Olinda in Brazil who died in 1999. His cause for canonization was opened in 2015. He devoted much of his ministry to moving the Church in Central and South America from its unconditional support of the elite and wealthy to a clearer and practical option for the poor. The Archbishop once said, "When I feed the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist."

Similarly, people around the world acclaimed the extraordinary life of Mother (now Saint) Teresa of Kolkata. People of all religions and of no religion, leaders of government and in

higher education, captains of industry, entertainment superstars extolled her charity. But for all her astounding charity that she and her Missionaries of Charity did, and for all that her sisters continue to do, she was about more than charity. We saw her stand before the media with presidents, before bodies of governments, before assemblies at universities and she directly spoke out against societal evils. She named the systemic pathologies that are rotting the fabric of society: abortion and all the other forms of callousness toward human life and human dignity. She was not afraid to point to the root causes that have created our culture of death. And when she did so, the government leaders, the university presidents, the CEO's would clear their throats, present their humanitarian awards, honorary degrees, and the like and have their pictures taken with a living saint. But most often there was a solemn, awkward silence regarding the substance of her speech. Mother Teresa knew the necessity of both charity and social justice. She understood that charity and justice are the two feet of love and she was not afraid to ask that important question: Why do bodies still come down the river? She boldly challenged us to travel up that river and change things.

The violent rioting, the destruction of property and looting is inexcusable. In fact, it demonstrates a disregard for the sacredness of human life – the very truth the demonstrations seek to hallow by expressing just anger at the manner of Mr. Floyd's brutal and needless death. However, let's not dismiss the whole cause because of the derelict misconduct of some. This unrest is real and can be an opportunity for all to have the courage to go up the river and discover the actual causes of inequality, injustice and prejudice in our social, political and economic structures, to uproot those conditions from our hearts and our society in order to honor God and the God-given dignity of every human person. The bodies will keep coming down the river until each one of us can look on our neighbor and see another self.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald W. Gainer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small cross-like mark at the beginning.

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer

















