



# OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PA

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

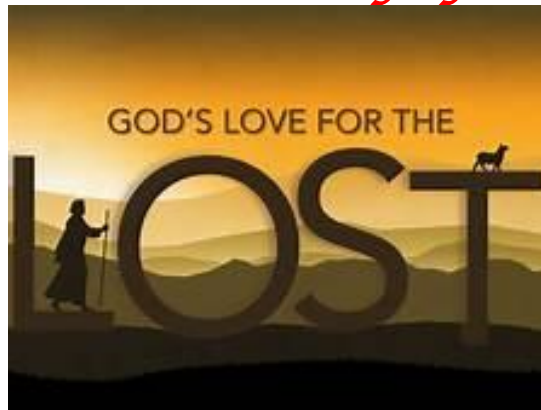
**March 31, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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Office Hours:  
Mon. – Thurs.  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
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[www.OLVShippensburg.org](http://www.OLVShippensburg.org)



**Scripture Readings:**

Joshua 5:9a,10-12  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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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; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Daily Mass** - 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday (Rosary starts at 8:00AM)

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

**Reconciliation** - Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 PM; First Fridays of the Month, 7:30AM-8:20AM and upon request

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament** - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM First Friday of the Month

**Bible Study** - Wednesdays January 16 - April 24 from 6:30-8:00PM-in social hall

**Intentional Disciples Group**- 3:00PM in the church on Apr. 7 & 14, May 5 & 19

**Religious Education**- Sundays 9:45AM-11:00AM

**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday 9:00AM. Email proposed bulletin and lector announcements to the Office Manager at [tplotner@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tplotner@hbgdiocese.org)



**PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR ON MONDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 7:30PM-8:30PM**

**IN THE CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**PRO-LIFE GROUP:**

The next scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30PM in the downstairs of the Social Hall. Please contact Joanne Meehan at (717) 491-6495 or [jcmeehan@comcast.net](mailto:jcmeehan@comcast.net) for more information.

**WILD FLOWERS:**

The Wild Flowers meet the **second Monday** of the month from 6-7:30PM in the social hall. To find out more about Wild Flowers and scheduled events please contact Jill Lear at [jilllear@hotmail.com](mailto:jilllear@hotmail.com)

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:**

The Book Discussion Group meets the second Tuesday of the month **after the 8:30 AM Mass**. We are discussing **"Humility Rules" St. Benedict - 12 Steps to Genuine Self-Esteem** by J. Augustine Wetta, OSB. For more information, contact Signe Kelker at 717-532-7353



**Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary**

**The next Knights meeting will be Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the parish hall.**

For more information contact Brian VanScyoc at 717-658-3767 or [brianvs1969@gmail.com](mailto:brianvs1969@gmail.com)

**The next Ladies meeting will be Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM in the parish hall.**

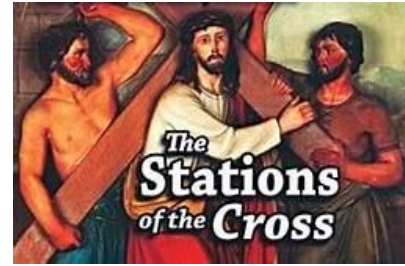
For more information, please contact Donna Bonitz at 717 532-5369 or [dbonitz@gmail.com](mailto:dbonitz@gmail.com)

**Join us on Saturday, June 29 for a bus trip to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC.** Father Dwight will be celebrating Mass at the monastery. Cost is \$75 per person. Registration forms are in the back of the Church. For more information, please contact Travis Detwiler at [travisedetwiler@gmail.com](mailto:travisedetwiler@gmail.com) or 717-809-0672. **Registration Deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup>**



**Lenten Penance Service**

**Our Lenten Parish Penance Service is on Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM.** Several priests will be available to hear confessions that evening. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord who suffered and died for us in order to save us from our sins.



**Fridays of Lent**

**6:00 PM**

**Contributions for March 23-24**

<b>Ordinary Income</b>	
Weekend Collection	\$3,609.25
Votives/Coffee Hour	58.33
Building Improvements	50.00
Parish Youth Education	183.00
Social Outreach	65.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,965.58</b>

**Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions 2019!**

**May 5-7, 2019**

**7:00 PM each evening**

**Preacher = Reverend Philip Burger**



**Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church,  
Camp Hill, PA**

**Divine Mercy in The Second Greatest Story Ever Told**

**6:30PM on Wednesdays, January 16 - April 24**

Join us for a ten-part video series with Fr Michael Gaitley discussing the significance of the message of Divine Mercy, the historical events leading up to it, and its witness in the pontificate of St John Paul II and the message of our Lady of Fatima. For questions or to check for weather-related cancellations, ask Sarah and Jev Voight at [JevVoight@gmail.com](mailto:JevVoight@gmail.com)

**THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.**

## *CHURCH CALENDAR*

Saturday March 30	8:30 AM Mass 3:30-4:30 PM 5:00 PM Mass	In Memory of JT Kuhn Confession People of the Parish
Sunday March 31	8:30 AM Mass 9:45-11:00AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM Mass 6:00-8:00PM	In Memory of Margaret Steinour Religious Ed Class Greeter Training – Outside of the Sacristy Intentions of Anthony Scott Clevenger Youth Group
Monday April 1	8:30 AM Mass 7:30-8:30 PM	In Memory of Bob Solder Praise & Worship Holy Hour – (Church)
Tuesday April 2	8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM	In Memory of Bob Solder Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday April 3	8:30 AM Mass 6:30-8:00PM	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kerch Bible Study
Thursday April 4	8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM	In Memory of Julie Ann Deromedi Knights of Columbus Meeting
Friday April 5	7:30 AM 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM	Adoration & Confession In Memory of Roger Dechene Stations of the Cross
Saturday April 6	8:30 AM Mass 3:30-4:30 PM 5:00 PM Mass	In Memory of Margaret Steinour Confession In Memory of Peggy Cretella
Sunday April 7	8:30 AM Mass 9:45-11:00AM 11:00 AM Mass 3:00 PM 6:00-8:00PM	In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family Religious Ed Class Intentions of Anthony Scott Clevenger Intentional Disciples Meeting – (Church) Youth Group



### Ministers Schedule

March 30-31	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Lectors:</b>	Chuck Music	Mary Poffenbarger	Edward Pfister
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dan Marshall	Randy Prue	Leonard Joy
	Frank Kerch	Brian VanScyoc	Ed Kutlik
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Kyle Buchheister & Sebastian Sweger	Sean Meehan & Volunteer	Carlisle Crawley & Kaz Predecki
April 6-7	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Lectors:</b>	Bobbi Staver	Sheryl Rose	Patrick Reed
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dan Marshall	Tom Wright	Leonard Joy
	Frank Kerch	Bob & Sue Kiley	Ed Kutlik
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Mary & Matthew Lindsey	Hunter Parks & Brandon Reinsfelder	Garrett Courson & Xavier Rodriguez

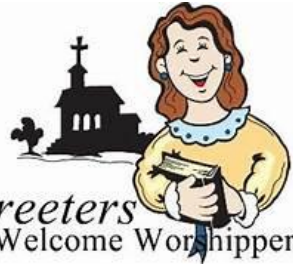


**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Please check with the sacristan before Mass to learn if you are needed to serve at that Mass. This will alleviate the sacristan's need to look for EMs in the pews and ask them to serve. It is a privilege and honor to serve Christ and the Church at Mass in this much needed role, and we would hope that you would be willing to answer this call for which you have been trained.



### Stages of Human Life – Month 2

In my **Second Month** I have changed in so many ways. One very interesting one is that now that all my body systems are present I am a “fetus”. This month’s question “**What language does ‘fetus’ come from and what does it mean?**” Check the poster for the answer and pick up a Q & A sheet to record the question and your answer. Remember the answers will be published in October when I’m born and everyone getting all the correct answers will be recognized.



**The OLV Health, Safety, and Security Committee** has been recruiting and training Greeters over the last few months. You will begin being welcomed by these **Greeters** at the Masses on **Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Their primary function is to ensure **all** receive a friendly welcome to our Celebration of Mass and a hospitable thank you for joining us as they leave. There will be a Greeter Training at 10:00 AM this Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for individuals who missed the initial training. Anyone who is interested is welcome. See our page in the parish website for contact information.



*Were you married in 1969? In honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 14, 2019 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.*

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, May 3-5th, 2019. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan WEB SITE: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org). Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team, Julie, at 717-379-0800 or Eva, at 717-495-9586.



**Holy Thursday** -- April 18, 2019  
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday** -- April 19, 2019  
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday** -- April 20, 2019  
8:00 PM Easter Vigil of the Resurrection



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

*Please welcome to our parish, Toby & Jennifer Kuhn, Greg Hoover, Benjamin Mazenko, Hannah Gabriel, Shannon McSherry, Anne Melfhis, Jessica Melfhis, and Mr. & Mrs. Appel.*

*If you would like to become a parishioner of Our Lady of the Visitation Church and have not yet registered, please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or contact the parish office at 717-532-2912.*



### Diocesan Annual Campaign

Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's campaign. To date, we have received gifts/pledges totaling **\$23,830.00** towards this year's goal of \$27,500.00 for the Diocesan Annual Campaign. If you have not yet made a gift to the Diocesan Annual Campaign we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us.



**SMITH'S BBQ  
CHICKEN DINNERS AT OLVSUNDAY  
MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Pick Up 11 AM to 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Reserve Your Dinners Now! All meals are packaged to go. Meal consists of half a chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll/butter, applesauce or macaroni salad and a homemade dessert. Cost is \$12 per meal. Proceeds benefit the **OLV Pro-Life Ministry**. Reserve tickets by calling and/or texting (717) 491-6495. **Tickets will also be available after Masses starting on Saturday April 27 & Sunday April 28.**



**Diocesan Men's Conference –  
– April 6, 2019**

The Diocesan Men's Conference is Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is *Men Called to be Saints*. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. John Bergsma, noted Catholic author, speaker, Bible expert, and theology professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The title of his keynote address is *The Top 3 Reasons I Became Catholic and Always Will Be: Perspectives from a Former Protestant Pastor*. Besides the keynote, the Men's Conference includes 40+ workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, opportunity for Confession, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, fellowship with up to 1,000 men from around the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond, and more.

**Registration deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Cost is \$35 per man. If you register by the end of March 25<sup>th</sup>, you get the "early-bird" fee of just \$30 per man. You can register now at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men). **Once you have registered please contact Nick Higgins at [nhiggins@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:nhiggins@hbgdiocese.org).** We'd love to see you at the Men's Conference on April 6!



**The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of**

**Catholic Women (HDCCW)** invites women of the Diocese to join us for the Ninth Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is from Friday evening on June 14th until noon on Sunday, June 16, 2019. Retreat Master is Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P. see [www.dominicanpreachers.com](http://www.dominicanpreachers.com). The registration deadline is May 27, 2019. Contact Jeanne Warren at (717) 367-9306 or email at: [warrenrjs@aol.com](mailto:warrenrjs@aol.com) with questions. Registration forms are available on the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com/retreat>.

**The Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

In the early church, there were various little ceremonies that prepared catechumens for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. In the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church recovered the importance of these ceremonies. Three of those ceremonies are called "Scrutinies."

**The Scrutinies**

*Celebrated at the 8:30 AM Masses on these Sundays:*

First-- March 24

Second-- March 31

Third-- April 7

**The Spiritual Purpose of the Scrutinies:**

"The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all." (§141 in *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*)

# Casino in Shippensburg?

Last Monday, there was a hearing conducted by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board regarding the proposed casino to be built in Shippensburg Township. I encourage all parishioners to access the Board's website (<https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/>), click on "PGCB Meeting Videos" and watch the video of the hearing.

As Catholic Christians, we are not opposed to games of chance *per se*. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter, unless the damage inflicted is so slight that the one who suffers it cannot reasonably consider it significant (§2413).

As a pastor of souls and a member of the Shippensburg Association of Christian Ministers (SACM), I am concerned about the potential impact of the proposed casino. I support the statement that was delivered by Reverend Barbara Hutchinson on Monday evening.

With any decision like this, there are positives and negatives. The debate comes in discerning which one outweighs the other. There are all kinds of opinions in that regard. Catholic Christians could, in good conscience, disagree.

As a resident of Shippensburg Township, an active voter and a citizen, I am primarily concerned about whether the voice of the average ordinary local citizen is being heard-- the farmers, the professors, school teachers, the students, the health care workers, the business owners, the factory workers, the cashiers, the retirees-- **the people who live and work here**. If the people who live here want the casino, okay. But if there is widespread or overwhelming opposition at the grassroots level, why should it be built? This is why I wish that this issue were being decided via a referendum.

Based on conversations I have had this past week, it is clear that many local citizens are not even aware of what is happening. Hopefully this bulletin announcement will create more awareness of this issue.

Regardless of where you stand on the issue, I encourage you to raise your voice by contacting the PGCB. The deadline is tomorrow April 1, 2019. The founders of our nation intended that this nation be governed by the people. On this particular issue, the people who will be directly affected-- the people who live here-- should be the ones who make the decision.

My position on the casino is this: let the people decide. I don't know for sure what the people would choose if there were a referendum. But whatever their decision would be-- that is what would make sense in a country that is to be governed "of the people, by the people and for the people." Is the will of the people being heard and heeded on this issue? Are all of the local citizens even aware of what is happening?

Reverend Dwight Schlaline



