

# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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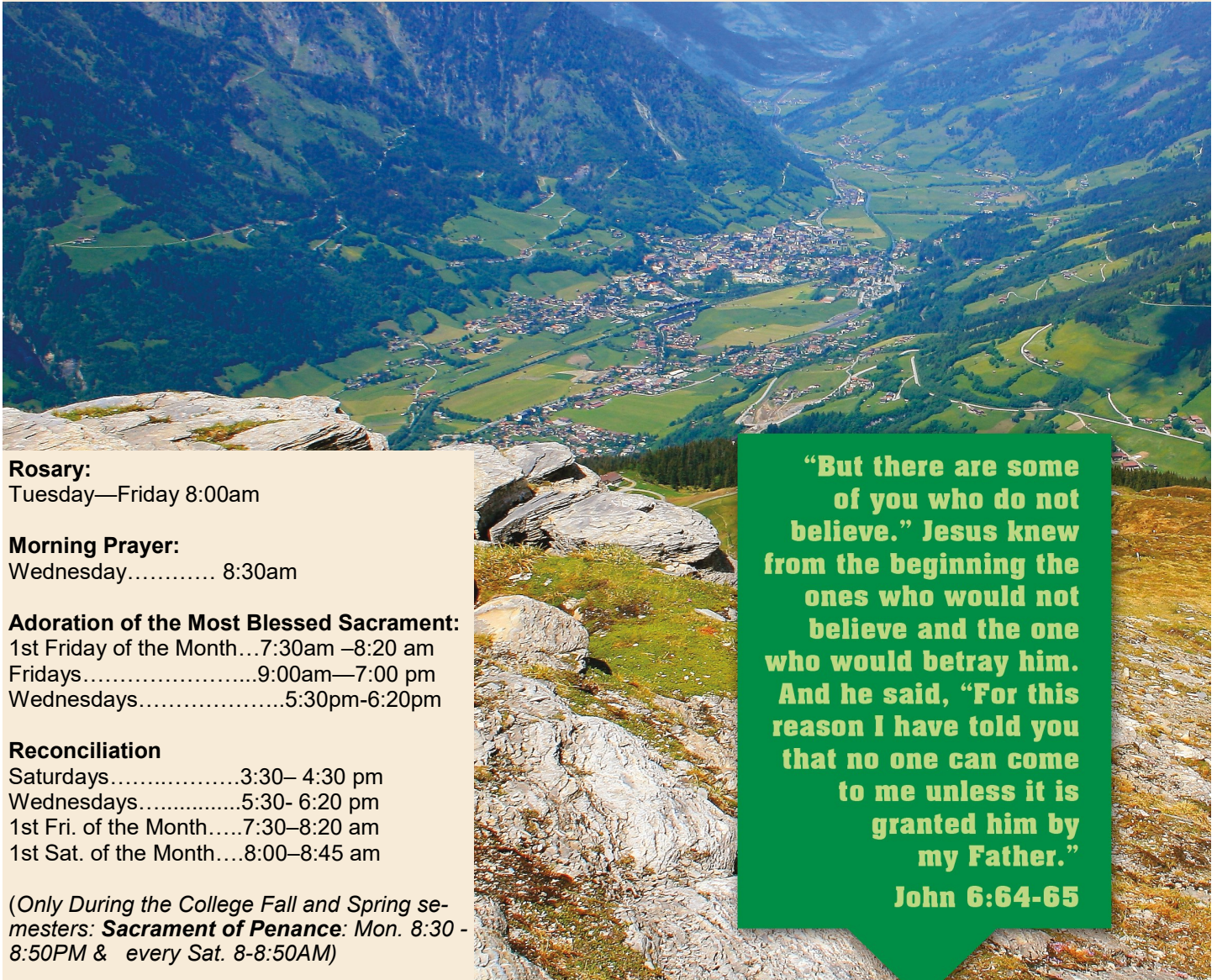
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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8 :00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am

*(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)*



## Rosary:

Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

## Morning Prayer:

Wednesday..... 8:30am

## Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday of the Month...7:30am –8:20 am

Fridays.....9:00am—7:00 pm

Wednesdays.....5:30pm-6:20pm

## Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30– 4:30 pm

Wednesdays.....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

*(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: **Sacrament of Penance:** Mon. 8:30 - 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)*

**“But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.”**

**John 6:64-65**

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**August 17-18 2024 (in pew)**

Weekend Collection: \$3,350.00

Building Improvements: \$185.00

Parish Youth Education: \$15.00

Social Outreach: \$120.00

Assumption: \$555.00

Votives: \$24.00

**TOTAL INCOME: \$4,249.00**



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. Contact the parish office if you would like to request a Mass intention.

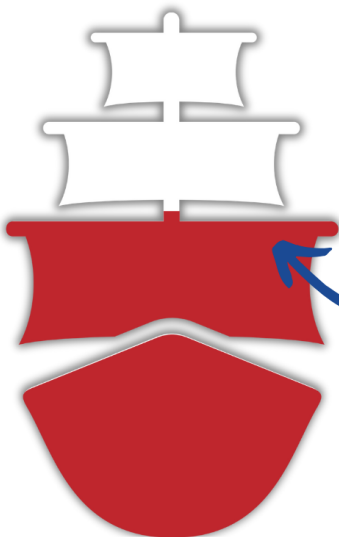


"I want to wish all Our Lady of the Visitation parishioners a great warm "Thank you" for remembering my 100th birthday on July 5th. Bless you all for your blessings and greetings" Louise Bonnie



If you would like to give to the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit [olvhshippensburg.weshareonline.org](http://olvhshippensburg.weshareonline.org)

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**What is FOCUS?**

FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is the leading global Catholic outreach organization for college students. FOCUS was founded in 1998 at Benedictine College by Curtis Martin. Through bible studies, mentorships, conferences, mission trips, and partnerships with priests, bishops, and parishes, FOCUS missionaries walk alongside students in their faith journey, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization and discipleship. FOCUS sends teams of missionaries (four on average) to encounter people in friendship, inviting them into a personal relationship with Christ and accompanying them as they pursue lives of virtue and excellence.

\*Please utilize the forms in the back of Church to submit your check. Checks with forms can be mailed to the diocese or dropped in the collection box at OLV.\*





### **Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary**



The next Knights meeting will be **Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 pm** in the social hall. Please see Pat Shay for more information.

The next Ladies meeting will be **Wednesday, September 4th at 2:00 pm** in the social hall. For more info, please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or [dmbonitz@gmail.com](mailto:dmbonitz@gmail.com).



Thank you to everyone who has donated tabernacle flowers for 2024. A 2025 sign up sheet will be placed in the lobby of the church in the fall.

### **The Word of God Alive:**

#### **Discussing the Readings with your children**

More than a thousand years before Jesus was born, there were people who had to make a choice of who to follow. Joshua, the leader of God's people, helped them understand that they could not serve the God of Israel and the gods of their neighbors. He showed them a way to respond. He announced to all the people "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

For Simon Peter and the other apostles, what God was asking also seemed unusual, risky and scary. Like Joshua, Simon Pete chose God and served as an example to the community. When Jesus asked the apostles if they would leave like the others, Simon Peter announced the truth he knew so deeply. He said, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

It is not always easy for us to choose God's way either. Some things God asks of us can feel challenging: loving our enemies, sharing when we don't want to, forgiving seventy-seven times. Yet we know that Jesus' word are words of eternal life. In living as Jesus asks us, in choosing God, we are choosing what is right.

When Jesus asked the apostles whether they would stay or leave, he was giving them another chance to choose. In our life of faith, we don't just make the choice to follow Jesus once. We make it over and over. Every time our neighbor is in need of care, we make a choice. Every time we recall the words of Jesus about how we should live, we make a choice.

Every time we gather around the table of the Lord, where we have the best food, Jesus himself, we make a choice.

**Living our Faith:** This week choose to do good for others so that you are making a good choice to follow Jesus.



# *Mass Intentions*

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00pm	<b>August 24</b> In Memory of Father Dave Hillier
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am 11:00am	<b>August 25</b> In Memory of Thomas Sutch People of the Parish
<b>Monday,</b> 9:00pm	<b>August 26</b> Private Intentions
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:30am	<b>August 27</b> In Memory of Father Joe Carolin
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:30pm	<b>August 28</b> In Memory of Father John Schmalhofer
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:30am	<b>August 29</b> Special Intentions
<b>Friday,</b> 8:30am	<b>August 30</b> Special Intentions
<b>Saturday,</b> 9:00am 5:00pm	<b>August 31</b> For Catholic Campus Ministry People of the Parish
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am 11:00am	<b>September 1</b> In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family Intentions of Louise Bonnie



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in memory of **Mary Joan Trovato**

### **Religious Education Registration**



### Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for students in grades pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are located on the bulletin

board outside the Religious Education Office and on our website [www.olvshippensburg.org](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15, 2024**—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](mailto:jcramm@hbgdiocese.org).

## Host Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will begin on Sun. Sept. 15th following the 8am Mass. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.

## CHURCH

### Potluck

**The next potluck will be Sun. Sept. 15th**

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share.

Water, juice & coffee will be provided

### YOUTH GROUP News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Youth Group Meeting on Saturday, September 14th from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Feel free to invite your friends!!**



**Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!)** Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. **The next run will be Saturday Sept. 7th**



**Knitting Group** Join us for coffee, snacks, and good conversation in the social hall after the 8:30am morning Mass on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome!



**Interested in Becoming Catholic ?** RCIA classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 24th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall. All are welcome to attend!

### Choir Rehearsal

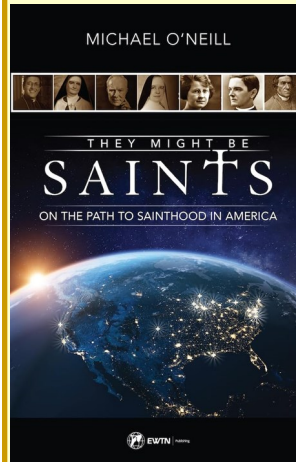
The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, September 4th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.



### New Choir Members Welcome!

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 age (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and up and interested in joining the choir, please come out Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> after the daily Mass in the evening (around 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](mailto:Madams@hbgdiocese.org).

## Book of the Month July and August 2024



The Book of the Month for both July and August will be ***They Might Be Saints: On the Path To Sainthood in America*** written by Michael O'Neil and published by EWTN. This might be our biggest book we have ever had at just under 300 pages, however, it also might be my favorite book so far in this series! This book is written based off of research for a TV series on EWTN that tried to study and compile the stories of dozens of potential Catholic Saints

that lived in America (both before it was the U.S.A. and since then in our very modern world as well!). The chapters are only about 7-10 pages each, and it covers the stories of at least 24 different holy individuals who are currently in the process of potentially becoming a future Saint in the Catholic Church. Also, this book begins with an incredibly detailed explanation of how the official process currently works (and some past history of the process of becoming a Saint as well), which I guarantee will surprise you in beautiful ways! There are so many miracle stories and stories of authentic holiness, heroic virtue, and determined faith that if you give this book a chance, you will be inspired and consoled at God's activity within human souls as well as His great plan for your life.

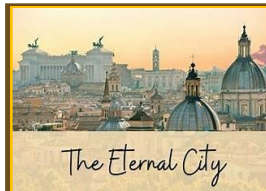
We will get together to discuss this book on **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30 pm**, which gives you a solid two months to get this book and read it in that time! Even if you don't have time to read this book, please consider coming to meeting in the social hall on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, and I will do my best to summarize my favorite stories and bring some good discussion into the room as well. Thank you again, and God Bless you.



### PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual Pennsylvania March for Life is Monday, September 23rd in Harrisburg. 11:00 AM - RALLY 501 N 3rd St 12:00 PM - MARCH FOR LIFE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [PA.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG](http://PA.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG)



Join Bishop Timothy Senior in a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to the Eternal City – Rome. In honor of the 2025 Jubilee Year for the Church, this 10-day pilgrimage from April 22 – May 1, 2025, will visit sites throughout Italy, including Rome, Assisi and Siena. Find full details online at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/jubilee>.



# Eucharistic Revival in the Catholic Church:

## Weekly Bulletin Articles

The Catholic Church in the United States has been on a 3-year process of Eucharistic Revival, and we are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and focusing on revival at the parish level (see this website for more, <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>). In addition to trying our best to celebrate every single Mass reverently, attentively, and prayerfully, one effort we will be making is **to write a small bulletin article every week for a year** in order to help all people understand the Catholic Mass more fully. Not only can this help us understand how each prayer and symbol and movement has deep meaning and symbolism, but all the prayers, symbols, and movements should also lead us into the reality of Christ's love on the Cross and His grace poured out from the Resurrection and how we can encounter Him present to us today throughout the entirety of the Mass! Please consider reading along each week with these bulletin articles to help you better understand the history, meaning, beauty, and reality of what we celebrate every weekend as Catholics. This can help us to have a Eucharistic Revival at our parish, and to know, love, and serve Christ more fully every time we attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass here at OLV.

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### The Reception of Holy Communion (Part 7) –

#### *Are my sins forgiven when I receive the Eucharist?!*

**It is not a substitute for confession, but yes, venial sins can possibly be forgiven!**

This is the final bulletin article on receiving holy communion during Mass (we've done seven parts to this one topic on the Mass!), and I hope it has been helpful for you all to meditate on this climatic moment that can transform and change us every single time we approach Jesus in the Eucharist. As we've looked at, using a variety of different reflections, we are being united to the God-man, Jesus Christ, and His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity is united to our bodies/souls (i.e. to our entire person!). This is such a big deal, and we can only imagine how this can fill us up with Christ's very life through the power of the Holy Spirit in our souls. We become more like Jesus and we can be transformed into His image. This Com-union of persons can unleash the graces of our Baptism and communicate in ever new ways the depth of God's love for us at every single Mass. Therefore, it is a reasonable question to ask, if we are united to the Divinity of Christ, wouldn't that totally annihilate any evil or sin within us? We think for example of the immense heat of fire, and how when materials such as some metals are placed within that intense heat, the impurities within that metal can finally be separated or burned up to make the metal almost perfectly pure. Therefore, how could sin still exist in our souls if and when we receive the Eucharist? Wouldn't all my sins automatically be forgiven when I receive? Wouldn't I be automatically holy and saintly in my daily life?

One of the key aspects of our relationship with God and our spiritual lives needs to be emphasized at this point: Our Freedom. We are created as free creatures, and although we are impacted and affected by many exterior people and things, as well as impacted by the Spirit of God Himself, we are ultimately free in the most central part of who we are as persons. Therefore, God will always respect this freedom in us (we will never be made AUTOMATICALLY holy without assenting to God's grace doing this within us), and even when we receive Jesus Himself, that uniting of persons doesn't automatically purify us or make us virtuous automatically without our consent/our cooperation. On the other hand, once we open up our hearts, even just a little bit, and try our best to cooperate or say yes to Christ's grace in our souls, **then we can experience profound healing, transformation, and purification through our reception of Jesus in holy communion**. This leads us into the main purpose of this article, which is talking about the forgiveness of our sins in relation to receiving Christ in the Eucharist.

We stated last article that we couldn't receive holy communion if we have committed a mortal sin, and we should go to confession before coming back to receive communion in that case. The Sacrament of Confession is the place where Christ desires mortal sins to be forgiven (and we cannot be forgiven of mortal sins by receiving holy communion – see 1 Cor. 11:27). In other words, if we have committed any mortal sins, then we need an intentional and total recommitment to Christ in the Sacrament of Confession, before we engage in this total union of persons in the Eucharist! However, if we have not committed any mortal sins, most of us will have committed a variety of venial or smaller sins, and when we receive Jesus in holy communion, those indeed can be forgiven. If we open our souls, and ask Christ to forgive us of our venial sins when we receive communion, then there is a good chance that those sins will be wiped clean as we are united to Christ's perfect humanity and divinity (CCC 1393). May we ask God to always forgive us of our sins, and may we realize the profound effects that can occur when we receive holy communion. Christ wants healing, forgiveness, and transformation to happen, and it can happen for you at each and every Mass when you receive Jesus in holy communion.