

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Mass Times

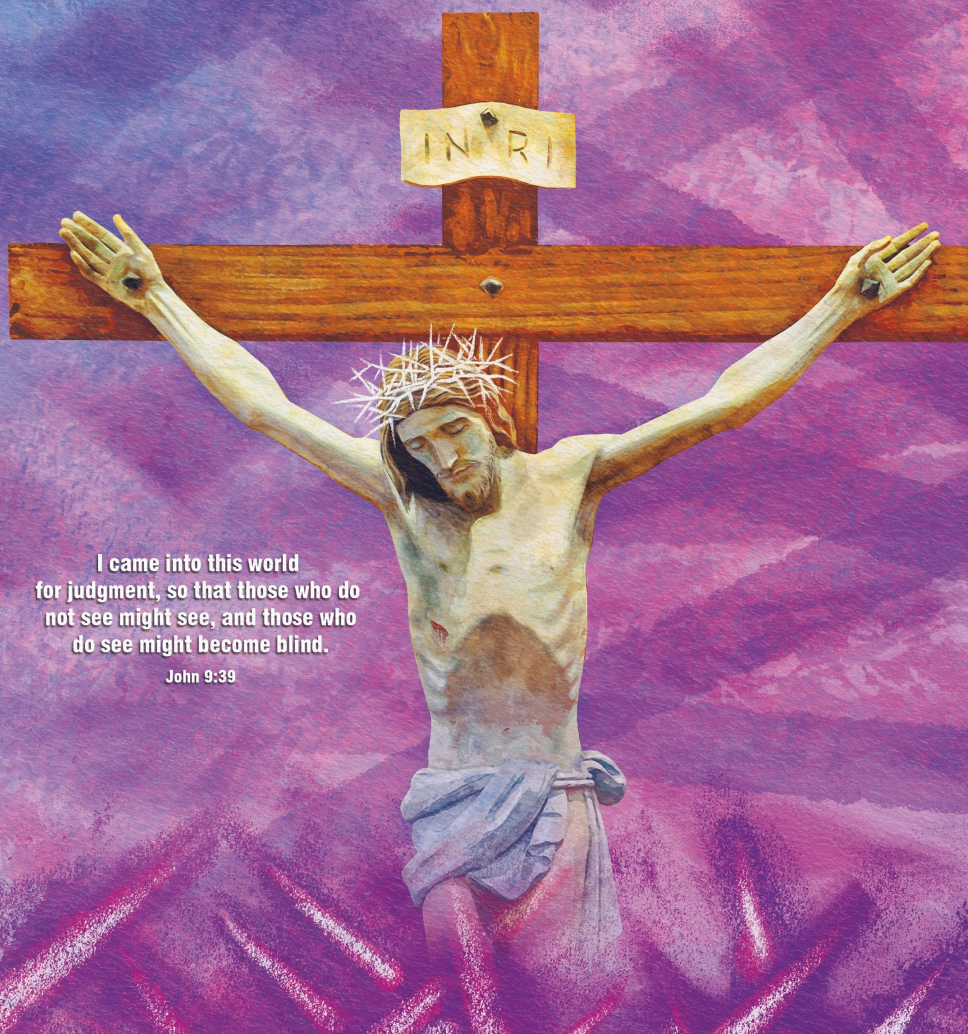
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

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

Fourth Sunday of LENT



I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39



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

LENT

A TIME TO PREPARE

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday of the Month

7:30 am – 8:20 am

Fridays

9:00am—7:00pm

(sign up in the church lobby)

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

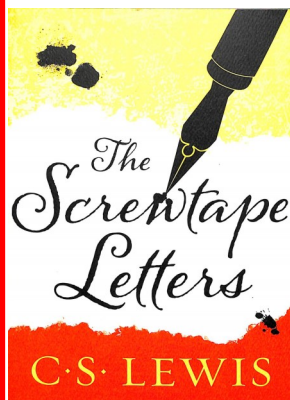
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BOOK OF THE MONTH

March & April 2023

The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis

The Book of the Month for the March and April of 2023 is a classic by C.S. Lewis, who is also very well known for his other books like *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Mere Christianity*! In this case, *The Screwtape Letters* is a masterful piece of fiction writing that brings the reader into a variety of 'letters' that are written from a senior evil spirit (or demon) to a new or younger evil spirit, with the goal of teaching how to properly tempt and distract human beings from the good things of the spiritual life and lead them into despair or grave sin. It is certainly an accessible book, and it is perfect for Lent to open our minds to the different temptations and false mindsets or distractions we can fall into during our journey towards heaven (as well as being perfect for Easter in the 'complaints and frustrations' of the evil spirits as to what good things we are doing in our lives to grow closer to Christ!).



Please consider joining us when we have our Book of the Month summary and discussion, and we will meet on **Wednesday, May 3rd from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the social hall of the church. **You do not need to finish the entire book or even read any of it to attend!** However, I do really think you will enjoy this book if you give it a chance. May God Bless you and help you grow closer to Christ this Lent and Easter! – Fr. Ben

COME ALIVE

THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Friday, May 26—Sunday May, 28

Christian Retreat Center: 369 CRC Dr. East Waterford, PA

A Catholic retreat for all young adults (20s & 30s) married or single. Registration: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/come-alive-young-adult-retreat/>

DAILY MASS | ADORATION | CONFESSION | SPEAKERS |

SMALL GROUPS | FELLOWSHIP

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Church Calendar

Saturday, March 18—
Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Sunday, March 19— Coffee Hour (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass)

Sunday, March 19—Parish Potluck Following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm). Please bring a dish to share. The parish will supply water, juice & coffee.

Tuesday, March 21 — Ladies Bible Study 7-8:30pm (social hall)

Friday, March 24— Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm

Friday, March 24— Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Saturday, March 25— 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 26— Coffee Hour (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass).



The Knights of Columbus are selling Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) instead of the raffle sold before the parish picnic. The raffle is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus PA State Council and will be drawn on May 5, 2023. The cost of the tickets are \$5 and the prize list can be seen at the back of the church. A representative of the Knights of Columbus will be available after each mass for ticket purchase.



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

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.

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



Holy Family
Radio
AM 720 WHYF

Are you ready for a delicious dinner and a truly inspiring message? Join Holy Family Radio WHYF am720 at their annual benefit dinner on April 21st at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. The Keynote Speaker is Kevin Reilly, former professional football player and acclaimed inspirational speaker.

The cost of the dinner is \$100 per person and reservations should be made at their website 20WHYF.com or by calling 717-525-8110.



"Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."
-Jesus



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

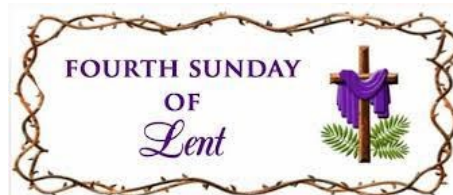
The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, March 30 at 7:00pm in the social hall. For more information regarding the Knights please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com

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 ddbbonitz@gmail.com.

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!



During Lent, we listen each week to a first reading that tells us of meetings with God in salvation history in order. We first heard God's work in crea-

tion and sin coming into the world, then God's promise to Abraham to make of him a great nation, and then last week, of God's protection and care of the people of Israel who were led out of Egypt to freedom. Today we hear about God choosing a king, a king whom all other kings were to be measured – King David. A king often became a king because he was the son of a king. David was not the son of Saul, the first king. David was the son of Jesse, and was out taking care of the sheep. God chose David to be anointed as king.

We might wonder why David was chosen. **Was it because he was a shepherd? Was it because he was the least likely of the sons to be chosen?**

Perhaps knowing each sheep and caring for them so well might have helped David to know and care for God's people. The prophet Samuel already knew why David was to be king: "The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart." King David would listen to the will of God and follow it. King David did not always make perfect choices, but when he made mistakes, he confessed and received forgiveness. He was faithful to God. God promised that love and care for the Jewish people would come through the house of David in the form of a king who would be the greatest of all kings and would rule forever.

Who is this great king? This king's faithfulness to God's will was so great that he suffered death on a cross so we could rise with him to new life.

In choosing a king for Israel, God did not choose the oldest or the biggest or strongest. We have been chosen to be God's children. When we were baptized, we are anointed. Even though you are young or small, God chooses you to play a role in the great work of salvation history.



Living our Faith: How can you be faithful to God like David?



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 jmgonza-lez@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 [lez@ship.edu](mailto:jmgonza-<a href=) 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.



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.

The Way of the Cross with the Women of the World



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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.

March 11-12, 2023 (In Pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$3,572.50
Building Improvements:	120.00
Social Outreach:	30.00
Parish Youth Education:	10.00
Votives/Donuts	63.50
Easter Flowers:	10.00
Catholic Relief:	10.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$3,816.00

Online giving made easy!

Please visit the following link:

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



JOB OPENING

Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry Shippensburg University

Help College Students live their Catholic Faith

Catholic Campus Ministry at Shippensburg University is seeking an **Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry**, a full-time, ten-month (equivalent) professional position. Needed to assist the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry in leading our Christ-centered Catholic Campus Ministry. Responsibilities include: creating innovative ways to bring people together; responding to inquiries about the Catholic faith; providing opportunities for young adult faith formation; attending weekly CCM Mass; providing pastoral care to students; coordinating retreats; mentoring individual students; overseeing organizational and financial responsibilities; and guiding the student Leadership Team. We offer competitive salary and benefits. You must be a practicing Roman Catholic possessing the ability to respect, promote, accommodate, and not be in conflict with the mission, moral and social teachings, doctrines, and laws of the Roman Catholic faith and must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. Preferred candidates will have previous experience in youth/young adult ministry and a strong academic background in a related field.

All interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by April 21, 2023, to: FrBDunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org

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, April 19th 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 50th 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.

Catholic Charities is Hiring!

If you have a passion to share your gifts and talents by serving others in your community, and are looking for a rewarding career, Catholic Charities has professional opportunities available.

Program Director - Evergreen House

Program Manager - Lourdeshouse

Full job descriptions can be found on Catholic Charities website: www.cchbg.org. To apply, visit Catholic Charities website or Indeed.



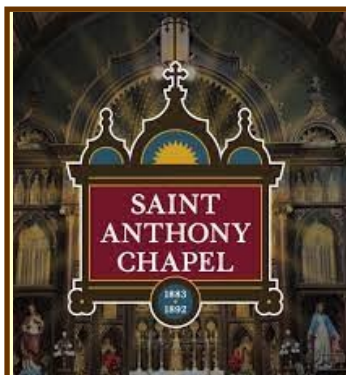
2023 Diocesan
Annual Campaign

The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist, has begun! 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	March 18 Intentions of Grace Massey
Sunday, 8:00am	March 19 People of the Parish
11:00am	Intentions of Carlisle Crawley
Tuesday, 8:30am	March 21 In Memory of Donald Shaffer
Wednesday, 8:30am	March 22 Intentions of Maraya Ramos
Thursday, 8:30am	March 23 In Memory of Dawn Busey
Friday, 8:30am	March 24 Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump
Saturday, 5:00pm	March 25 People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	March 26 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
11:00am	In Memory of Kalman Csoppu



Join us on Saturday, July 8 for the parish bus trip to Pittsburgh.

We will be visiting Saint Anthony's Chapel, home of the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican, and the Vanka Murals of Saint Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church.

Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Cost is \$100 per person.

For more information, please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com.

COFFEE
Hour Volunteers



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