



OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PA

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

September 8th 2019



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

305 N. Prince St.
Shippensburg, PA
17257-1321

Church: 532-2912
Campus: 477-1244
Fax: 532-3905

Office Hours:
Mon. – Thurs.
9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Website:
www.OLVShippensburg.org



Scripture Readings:

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Page 1184 in the Hymnal

Our Mission

To Proclaim the Kingdom of God for the Salvation of Souls

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Weekend Masses - Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

Holy Day Mass - Check www.olvshippensburg.org click on "Liturgical Schedule."

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

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

Bible Study - Bible Study on the Prophets Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Religious Education- Sundays 9:45AM-11:00AM will resume on Sunday, September 8, 2019

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 9:00AM. Email proposed bulletin and lector announcements to the Office Manager at tplotner@hbgdiocese.org

PRO-LIFE GROUP:

The next Pro-Life meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 7:00PM in the High School room in the downstairs of the social hall.

Please contact Joanne Meehan at (717) 491-6495 or jcmeehan@comcast.net for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8th after the 8:30AM Mass. The new book is *Gifts of the Visitation, Nine Spiritual Encounters with Mary and Elizabeth*. For more information, contact Signe Kelker at 717-532-7353



Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary

The next Knights meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 19th at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

For more information contact Mike Connor at 717-377-4042 or mconnor2001@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary: The next Ladies meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 1st at 7:00PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more information about the Ladies Auxiliary please contact Donna Bonitz at 717 532-5369 or ddbbonitz@gmail.com

PARISH PANCAKE SOCIAL SUNDAY, SEPT. 29TH



IN THE SOCIAL HALL FROM 12-3PM

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Please join us for Coffee Hour downstairs in Mary's Kitchen after Mass.

Your hosts will be:

Sept. 8th 8:30 AM - Maurer 11:00 - Davis
Sept. 15th 8:30AM - Kasarda 11:00- Nye



The 5:00 PM Saturday and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses are in dire need of GREETERS! Greeting is not difficult. You just need to be friendly and welcoming; observe how the greeters act toward you at each mass. **You** can do it! Our goal is to have a minimum of 20 greeters before we move on to the next phase of the Safety Committee's plan for the **Safety** and **Security** of our congregation. We need your help to do this. If you would like more information please contact John Thornton (717) 477-2765 or johnnie7746@gmail.com. Peace.

! SAFETY FIRST !

Heath, Safety, and Security Committee

The next Heath, Safety, and Security Committee meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend. The committee now has a page on the Parish Website - and there is information on it to provide transparency about the committee's activities.

Bible Study



Prophets Bible Study 6:30PM Wednesdays

Our Bible Study this fall will cover the prophets, who afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, challenging us to repair our relationship with God. All are welcome to join us for videos and discussion even if you have missed one or more weeks. If you have questions about a previous week's content or what will be discussed this coming week, ask Jev Voight at JevVoight@gmail.com.

Contributions for Aug. 30 – Sept. 1

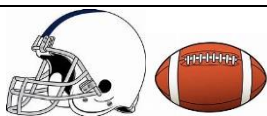
Ordinary Income	
Weekend Collection	\$3,980.05
Votives/Coffee Hour	47.85
Building Improvements	295.00
Parish Youth Education	25.00
Assumption	10.00
Peter Pence	290.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,877.90

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday Sept. 7	8:30AM Mass 3:30PM-4:30PM 5:00PM Mass	Intentions of Marie Matteucci Confession Intentions of Mark & Carla Armacost
Sunday Sept. 8	8:30AM Mass 9:45-11:00AM 11:00AM Mass 12:00-2:00 PM	In Memory of Marian Sanford Religious Education Class In Memory of John A. Bonitz CCM Small Group Study – Social Hall
Monday Sept. 9	8:30AM Mass	In Memory of Donald J. Stern
Tuesday Sept. 10	8:30AM Mass	Intentions of John Hudock
Wednesday Sept. 11	8:30AM Mass 6:30PM 7:00PM	For 9/11 casualties & souls of first responders Bible Study on the Prophets Pro-Life Meeting in High School Classroom
Thursday Sept. 12	8:30AM Mass	Intentions of Hildagard Barnett
Friday Sept. 13	8:30AM Mass	Intentions of the Thornton & Hrad Family
Saturday Sept. 14	8:30AM Mass 3:30PM-4:30PM 5:00PM Mass	People of the Parish Confession Intentions of Yvon Belley
Sunday Sept. 15	8:30AM Mass 9:45-11:00AM 11:00AM Mass 12:00-2:00PM	In Memory of John A. Bonitz Religious Education Class In Memory of JT Kuhn CCM Small Group Study – Social Hall

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Sept. 7-8	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lectors:	Bobbi Staver	Sue Kiley	Roberta Huffner
Ushers:	Volunteer	Tom Wright	Leonard Joy
	Frank Kerch	Brian VanScyoc	Ed Kutlik
Altar Servers:	Travis Detwiler & Volunteer	Brandon Reinsfelder & Volunteer	Carlisle Crawley & Volunteer
Sept. 14-15	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lectors:	Andrea Thornton	Chris Meehan	Tom Feeney
Ushers:	Volunteer	Randy Prue	Leonard Joy
	Frank Kerch	Brian VanScyoc	Ed Kutlik
Altar Servers:	Anezka Pospisilova & Volunteer	Micheal Righter & Volunteer	Garrett Courson & Volunteer



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOTBALL TICKETS



Please support the Knights of Columbus who are selling "Football Sweepstakes" tickets after the Masses. Each \$10 ticket will be valid for 10 weeks of the pro football season. \$2500 is given away each week across our state in cash prizes. Winners are contacted automatically. Remember that your donation helps the KC support **your** church.

Diocese of Harrisburg

Women's Conference



Diocesan Women's Conference Registration now available at www.hbgdiocese.org/women, for the 5th annual Diocesan Women's Conference, taking place **Saturday, October 12, 2019**, from 7:15am to 4:00pm at Bishop McDevitt High School (1 Crusader Way, Harrisburg, PA, 17111). **Registration Deadline is October 8.** This year's theme is *Women of Light, Sisters in Christ!* Helen Alvare, internationally known Catholic speaker, will provide the keynote address on "*Shedding Light not Heat: Families and Other Religious Communities Respond to a Hypersexualized Culture.*" The conference features 40+ workshops from a blue-ribbon collection of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Benediction, 25+ Priests hearing Confession, beautiful music, a host of Catholic exhibitors, good food, Mass with Bishop Gainer (who is also delivering a workshop) as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with hundreds of women. Last year, 800 women attended this conference. This conference is available to all women. We would love to see you there!



Volunteer for Catholic

Radio - If you have an interest in using your talents to help support the mission of Catholic Radio in Central PA, Holy Family Radio, WHYF AM 720 would like to talk to you. Previous radio, audio production, multi-media or web experience is a plus for those looking to volunteer a few hours a week. We can help with training and will work around your schedule! If you can donate any time to our cause or have questions, please contact us 717-525-8110 or email contact@720whyf.com



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

September Young Adult Event.



"The Sex Talk: Discovering the Gift"

Saturday, September 28th, at University Grille in Shippensburg. Dinner & drinks at 6:30pm (available for purchase), talk at 7:00pm.

Guest speaker, *Rocio Perez*, recently served as a missionary in Ethiopia for two years and she has served in the chastity ministry, *Corazón Puro* (Pure Heart) based in New York City. Rocio considers herself indebted to St. John Paul II and hopes to spend the rest of her life sharing the Good News of his teaching on the Theology of the Body. She loves to dance and enjoys good chocolate and bold sunsets. She currently works as a nanny in NYC.

Young adults in their 20's and 30's from any faith background are invited.



**Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner –
Wednesday October 23rd**

The annual Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner will take place on **Wednesday, October 23rd** starting at 5:00pm at the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg). The evening includes a reception, silent and chance auctions, buffet dinner, and remarks from Bishop Ronald Gainer. Our featured speaker will be Teresa Tomeo - an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and motivational speaker. Proceeds will benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing - Evergreen House, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. All are welcome. For more information and/or to register online, visit www.cchbg.org.



Stages of Human Life – Month 7

I can't believe it! I will lose strength in my grip after I'm born. Strange don't you think? This month's question **"How many senses is the baby now using?"** 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 Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, November 8-10th, 2019.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends.

The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

The following is a testimonial of a person who attended the Beginning Experience Weekend:

"I can tell you that my encounter with the Beginning Experience weekend has brought me greater peace and given me an extended family of lifelong friends who I quickly grew to love and lean on. If you or someone you know is suffering the isolation and pain that can accompany the loss of a spouse or marriage, I encourage you to seriously consider attending the Beginning Experience weekend."

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan WEB SITE: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check 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.

Rediscovering the Pro-life Family

OLV Pro-life Ministry Symposium

Saturday, September 21, 2019

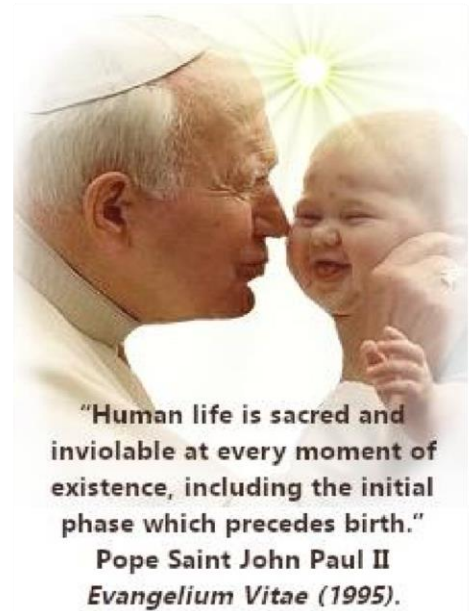
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church
305 N. Prince St. Shippensburg, PA 17257**

Cost of attendance is \$20 per person (\$15 for additional family members) and pre-registration is highly recommended though same day registrants are welcome. Cost of attendance includes light breakfast and lunch. Please complete the form below, detach, and mail to:

Joanne Meehan
126 Park Place
Shippensburg PA, 17257

**Make all checks payable to OLV Pro-Life Ministry*



Pro-life Symposium Registration Form

Name of Attendee: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPTION:

To learn more about the event, and to register, please visit

<https://events.eventzilla.net/e/rediscovering-the-prolife-family-2138738709>

or search "Rediscovering the Pro-Life Family" at <https://www.eventzilla.net/events#>

Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!

Attention parishioners!

Shippensburg University Catholic Campus Ministry

students continue to participate in the "Home Dining" program where they cook for and serve residents from South Mountain Restoration center each month. The event happens at the home of Richard and Roxanne Dennis. Each time the students assist with this event, they play bingo with the residents. We are looking for any donations you might have that could serve as bingo prizes. Such items as handkerchiefs, wallets and coin purses, watches, small combs and tissues, gloves, scarves, hair brushes, body spray, body wash, lotion, chapstick, card games, puzzles, music CDs, DVDs of movies and TV shows, as well as men's shaving cream, hats and suspenders, and women's purses, hats, nail polish, lipstick, and hair bands/ties/barrettes are appreciated! Please call or email Nichole at 717-477-1244 or catholic@ship.edu if you would like to drop off donations. Peace and blessings to you, and thanks in advance!

Pro-Life



Come join Pro-life speakers Ryan and Bethany Bomberger from The Radiance Foundation for a dinner and program to benefit Plaza San Juan Bautista, the after-school program of San Juan Bautista Church. Listen to Ryan and Bethany speak about the Consistent Life Ethic - how being pro-life extends beyond the womb to every single human person in our community. Every human being has immense value and worth, and "Every Child Brings us God's Smile." This event will take place on Saturday, September 28th, beginning at 6:30pm at Plaza (441 S. Lime St. Lancaster). For more details, or to RSVP, visit www.PlazaSJB.com, or call 717-392-4118, ext 311. We hope to see you on 9/28



The Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men." Luke 5:10.

The Diocese of Harrisburg has been blessed with 27 men, training to be "fishers of men," but we need your help. The Diocese supports each man in formation for the priesthood to the tune of \$40,000 annually, per seminarian. These men are giving their lives to service for the Church and its people. Will you help them along this journey? Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on Friday, **October 4, 2019 from 6:00pm-9:00pm** at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. More information, including an RSVP form, can be found at www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen or by calling the Diocesan Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282. **Deadline for registration is Friday, September 27, 2019.**



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 if you would like to secure a Mass intention.

Sunday, September 8th is





Pro-Life Corner

Think About Life...

Sometimes you hear people argue that abortion should be legal if the family would experience lower quality of life because of the baby's birth. The example might be given that a family will not be able to support another child and will become even poorer. But it is never justifiable to kill some innocent people in order to improve the condition of other people.

If the issue is poverty, we wouldn't encourage a poor mother with eight children to kill the oldest three who eat the most. So encouraging her to kill the youngest and most vulnerable child – the one in her womb – does not make any sense.

People may be poor for different reasons. Sometimes they lack the education or the opportunity to succeed. Sometimes they live in an economically depressed area and cannot find adequate jobs. Sometimes they make poor decisions – like dropping out of school or using drugs, which limit their opportunities later. In some instances, they are oppressed by negligent, greedy, or power-hungry employers or governments. And in other circumstances, their nations are torn by war and conflict. Oftentimes, those around them who are better off do not provide the assistance and care that they could and should. But regardless of the reason, it is not fair to blame the unborn child for the problems that adults create. Besides, abortion does not solve any of these problems. Abortion has been legal in most places in the world for over 40 years, yet there is no evidence that it has reduced poverty.

From a quality of life point of view, it is important to deeply consider what we mean by "poverty." It is very rare in the Western world for anybody to starve to death because they have too many children. In fact, it's doubtful that this has ever happened in the United States in contemporary times. Having children can certainly make things economically difficult. If a family has several children, they will usually make many material sacrifices that other families don't have to make. But it generally does not mean that anyone will have to starve to death. Our generous nation has many religious and social programs that prevent something like that from happening. So the real question becomes: should one person have to die so that other people don't have to sacrifice material quality of life? If we answer, "No," then we should do everything we can to eliminate poverty, while fiercely protecting the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

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