

# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

*Our Mission: To Proclaim the Kingdom of God for the Salvation of Souls*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent — Sunday, December 19, 2021*

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# Love

## Weekend Masses

Saturday ..... 5:00 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

## Reconciliation

Saturdays ..... 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
First Friday of the Month ..... 7:30 am – 8:20 am  
First Saturday of the Month ..... 8:00 am – 8:45 am

## Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month ..... 7:30 am – 8:30 am

## Religious Education

Sundays ..... 9:30 am – 10:45am

# Advent



## BOOK OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

For the months of November and December, we will be switching lanes a bit and reading a somewhat well-known fiction novel *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens! You may remember the basic story or the movie illustrations of this Christmas classic, but we will be especially reflecting on the spiritual reflections, significance, and depth found in this story. It is a very short book overall, so I encourage you to take your time when reading it and think about how different interactions between the characters

might lead to a greater understanding or perspective of how we are currently living our relationship with God or with others. Of course, this is an enjoyable read as well based on Dicken's style and the flow of the story, even though it is a bit more serious of a novel than, for example, the Muppets movie illustration. Just one practical note: **any version you purchase** should work well, so you don't have to purchase the same exact version as shown in our picture. We will be discussing this book on Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 pm in the social hall, and I hope you will consider joining us! God Bless you.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL



CHARLES DICKENS



### Saturday, December 18

5:00pm In Memory of James Johnson

### Sunday, December 19

8:00am In Memory of the Stewart & Gelas Family

11:00am People of the Parish

### Tuesday, December 21

8:30am Intentions of Frank Rice

### Wednesday, December 22

6:30pm In Memory of Bob Solder

### Thursday, December 23

8:30am In Memory of Dolores Stern

### Friday, December 24

5:00pm In Memory of Harry & Marie Lutz

8:00pm People of the Parish

Midnight In Memory of Marie Matteucci

### Saturday, December 25

10:00am In Memory of the Marasigan Family

### Sunday, December 26

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am In Memory of Bill & Sarah Lutz

1:00pm In Memory of Thayne Maurer

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# 2022 MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 21, 2022 | WASHINGTON DC

**The Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus** is generously sponsoring a Deluxe Chartered Bus for us to travel to the March for Life in Washington, DC on

Friday, Jan. 21st, 2021. This is a free event, we only ask for your ongoing prayers for the protection of unborn babies. Please consider attending. We never know how our presence and prayers can positively influence those observing. If you wish to attend with us, please e-mail me back with your name, e-mail address and phone # of the phone you will be using in Washington (in case we get separated) Please bring your own snacks, food and beverages for the day. Jean Griffith (717) 360-6620 mugs60@hotmail.com

Stayed tuned for future details because we will also be having probably Mass, adoration, and a viewing of the March for Life on Jan. 21st here at our parish. We'll let you know!!

## Bake Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary bake sale will be held this weekend Dec. 18th and 19th after all Masses in the lobby of the church!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

**Saturday, Dec. 18th— Run with a Priest”** (or bike, or walk). Meet outside of the social hall entrance at 10am

**Saturday, Dec. 18th — Youth Ministry, MOVIE NIGHT!**  
6:00pm—8:00 pm in the social hall!

**Sunday, Dec. 19th—Religious Ed. Christmas Program** 10am

**Sat. Dec. 18th & Dec. 19th—Ladies Aux. Bake Sale** after all the Masses this weekend.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21st— “Decorating the Church”** 9am-Noon

**Wednesday, Dec. 22nd —“Adoration”** 9am -6:30pm

**“Confession”** 5:30pm-6:20pm.



Please bring your WRAPPED GIFTS WITH ANGELS ATTACHED SECURELY to church and put them near the tree. Gifts may be placed in the church lobby anytime, **but must be received by 12 noon on Sunday, December 19, so they can be delivered that day. HELP WILL ALSO BE NEEDED ON December 19 at 12 noon to sort and deliver gifts.** If you have any questions or would like to help sort and deliver gifts, contact Bob or Sue Kiley at 717-423-6297.



**Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study is coming to OLV!!**

This 6 week Bible Study is for any woman who wants to let God reshape how you see and

experience intentional relationships, heal past friendship wounds, and cultivate lasting bonds.

**When:** Beginning January 2022—Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm

**Where:** Mary's Kitchen

**How:** Please sign up in the lobby of the Church  
Cost: \$20 + S & H (book purchased through Walking with Purpose)  
<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/collections/study-guides/products/reclaiming-friendship-bible-study>. Books are presently backordered. If you sign-up for the study now or know you plan to attend, order your book now so it arrives in time for the study. The first two lessons are available for download on the site in case your book does not arrive in time for the first study date.

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



**The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, January 6th at 7pm in the parish hall.**

For more information contact Mike Connor at [mconnor2001@gmail.com](mailto:mconnor2001@gmail.com) or **717-530-5165**.

**The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, January 4th at 7pm in the parish hall.** For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or [ddbbonitz@gmail.com](mailto:ddbbonitz@gmail.com).



God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness?

He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

Call Father Jonathan Sawicki (717) 657-4804, or write: [frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org).

**The collection for Dec. 11-12 will be posted in Dec. 25-26 bulletin.**

**Online giving made easy! Please visit the following link:**  
<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>

## Welcome! Michael Adams

Please give a warm welcome to our newest employee here at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church. Michael Adams will be our head pastoral musician here at the parish, and he will both coordinate our other volunteers as well as play at Masses and many other things as we strive to grow and improve our music ministry here at OLV. Here is a short message and bio from him. Thank you Michael!

Greetings! My name is Michael Adams. I am from Carlisle, PA and my home church is St. Patrick's Church in Carlisle. I graduated from Carlisle High School in 2008 and went on to Messiah College (now Messiah University) to get my Bachelors in Church Music and graduated in 2012. I play multiple instruments which include piano, organ, trombone, and handbells. I am a member of the Carlisle Town Band and play 1<sup>st</sup> trombone. I enjoy playing with the group and we play some great, but challenging pieces with about 3 big performances throughout the year and we host the annual Sousa concert in August every year (pre pandemic). Outside from music, some hobbies of my are: golf, cycling, and cologne collecting.

# Christmas and New Years Masses at OLV! *(And Holy Days Explained)*

These are the six Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Church calendar year, but they should really be thought of as the Holy Days of Celebration! Here is a calendar of those six days to help you!

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| • <b>January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>                                   | • <b>November 1 – All Saints' Day</b>                               |
| • The Ascension of Our Lord – Observed on the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter | • December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| • <b>August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                          | • December 25 – Christmas, The Nativity of Our Lord                 |

Now the Catholic Church understands that we no longer live in a Catholic culture, which might give days off work for these Holy Days, and the Church is trying its best to help those that are heavily burdened by true busyness. Therefore, in the U.S. three of these six days, **Jan. 1, Aug. 15, and Nov. 1**, are not official requirements **when they fall on a Saturday or a Monday** (but the faithful are still encouraged to come to Mass and to celebrate!). However, December 8th and December 25th are always Holy Days of Obligation even on Saturdays and Mondays, which brings us to this year's Mass schedule at OLV, which is bit confusing due to the Saturdays. Long story short, here is how you fulfill the obligation this year:

- **FIRST**— Attend one Christmas Mass; Dec. 24th & 25th (5pm, 8pm, midnight {all Friday night}, or 10am Sat.),
- **SECOND**— Attend one Mass on Holy Family Sunday; Dec. 26th (8am, 11 am, or 1 pm....Christmas is too important, so we can't do a Sat. vigil; this is why I added a 1:00 pm Sunday Mass this year),
- **THIRD**— Attend one Mass on Epiphany Sunday; Jan 1st & 2nd (5pm Sat, or, 8am or 11 am Sun).
  - January 1st the feast of Mary is on a Sat., so it is not an official requirement this year, but please come if you can!!

God Bless you, and take care. - Fr. Ben *(if you'd like even more practical details and background, just ask!)*

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**5PM, 8PM & MIDNIGHT**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - 10AM**

**(NO VIGIL MASS on this Saturday For Holy Family Sun.)**

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**8AM, 11AM, & 1PM**



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD\*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 6:30PM**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 9AM**

*\*Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year, but please  
Come if you Can!*

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 5PM**

**SUN. JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 8AM & 11AM**

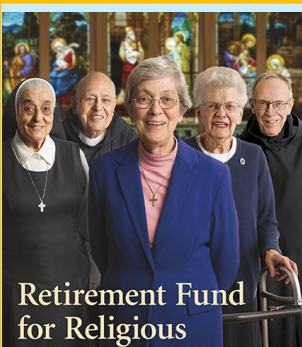




### Catholic Charities Come and See Appeal

Because of the continuing challenges with the coronavirus pandemic, there will not be an in-person Catholic

Charities Come and See Dinner this year. However, your support of this appeal is still very much needed. Donations to the Come and See Appeal raise important financial support for the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing - Evergreen House (for women recovering from addiction), Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. Secured online contributions can be made via the [www.cchbg.org](http://www.cchbg.org) website. For more information, contact Christopher Meehan, Catholic Charities Director of Development, at [cmeehan@cchbg.org](mailto:cmeehan@cchbg.org) or 717-657-4804 ext 284. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



**Religious give thanks.** A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.



**Donations Needed for Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families.** Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families (a Catholic Charities residential

program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of laundry detergent, disposable masks, body/hand lotion, conditioner, and copy paper. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



### Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

#### HOUND PACKS

We have been doing very well supplying the soups. We pack 130 bags each week but only when school is in session. Each bag gets 10 items and 2 of those items are



soup each week. We pack the bags on Wednesday at 5:30 and it takes about 30 minutes. Please consider volunteering to help. We pack at the warehouse that houses the Shoe Box Ministry on Marden Ave. We will start again in January. Questions call Bobbi Staver 716-816-5309

#### Notre Dame Chorale to Perform at Cathedral



Save the Date! Everyone is invited to an evening of beautiful music on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, as the Notre Dame Chorale commence their 2022 Winter Tour.

The Chorale performance will begin at 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. This is their first performance as part of the Winter Tour, which is leading up to the Chorale's international tour in May 2022. The Chorale is being hosted by the Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg. The event is free but donations will gratefully be accepted.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Christ's Heart Exposed for us

Every Wednesday during this Advent Season, we are trying out something very close to my heart and my conversion, which is to have all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There was an adoration chapel open 24/7 on my college campus, and I powerfully experienced Jesus' love many times in the silence of that chapel while praying before the Eucharist exposed before me in the beautiful monstrance. We have our very own monstrance, and I'd really like to encourage each of every one of you to come and to pray in silence before our Lord in this way.

The climax of the Mass every Sunday is when the priest says the prayers of consecration, and it is Jesus Christ Himself who says those words and also transforms the bread and wine into His very own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity for our sake. This Eucharist, Jesus' real presence among us, is also reserved in our Tabernacle every day of the year. During Adoration, the Eucharist is exposed to us in a particular way, and His Divine Love has a powerful opportunity to speak into our lives and our hearts if we place ourselves before Him. Please consider either signing up for a half-hour slot or more, or at least stopping in one Wednesday this Advent in order to place yourself before His presence and His love. God Bless you. - Fr. Ben.

