

# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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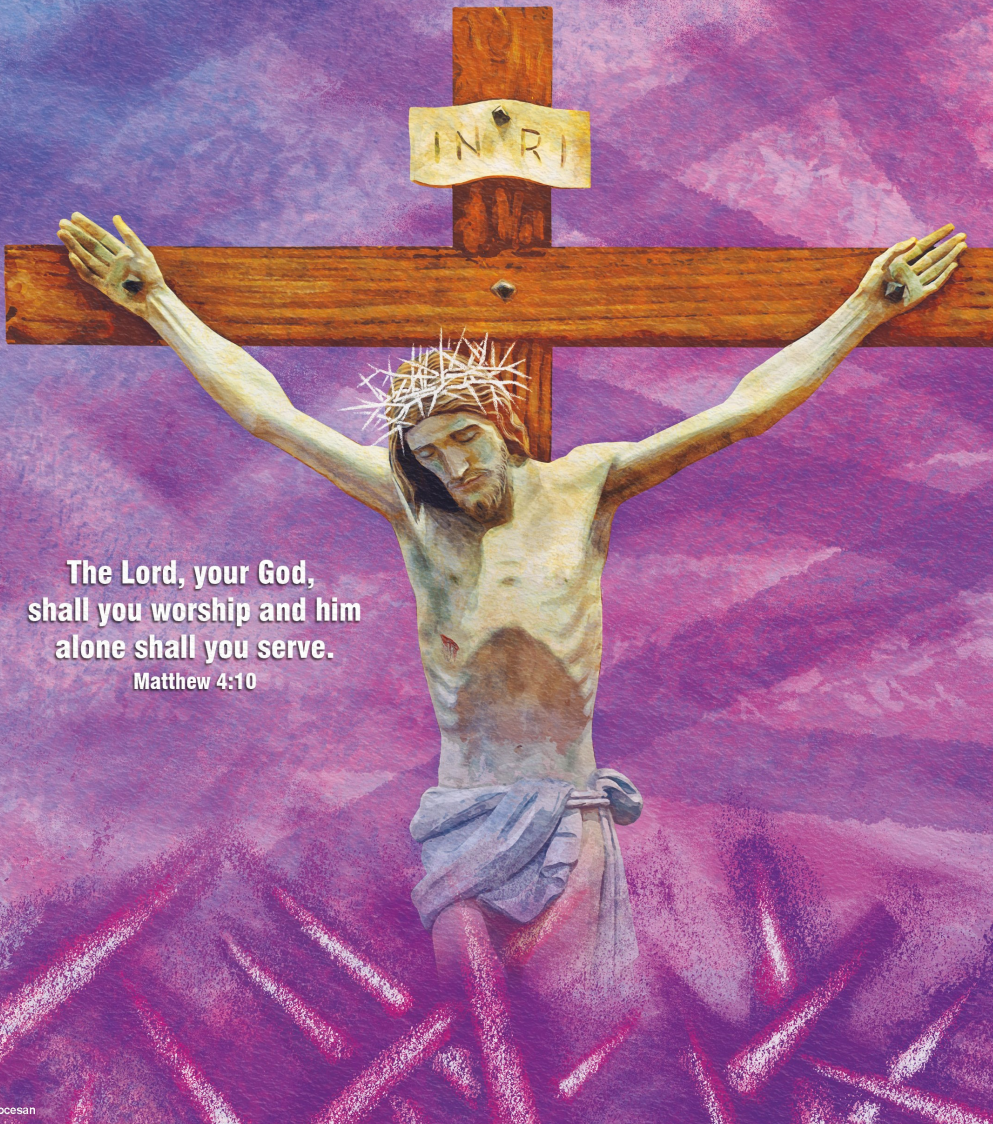
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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

**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

## First Sunday of LENT



The Lord, your God,  
shall you worship and him  
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10

### Reconciliation:

#### 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

### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday of the Month

7:30 am – 8:20 am

*'One does not live  
on bread alone,  
but on every  
word that comes  
forth from the  
mouth of God.'*

### Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday**

**9:00am-4:00pm**

**Closed Fridays**

**(Closed Holy Days &  
Holidays)**

**Church (717) 532-2912**

**Campus (717) 477-1244**

**Emergency (717)323-2679**

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



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00pm	<b>February 25</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am	<b>February 26</b> In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
11:00am	In Memory of Steven P. Grezner
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:30am	<b>February 28</b> Intentions of Heather Kauffman
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:30pm	<b>March 1</b> In Memory of Ursula & Joseph Cashin
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:30am	<b>March 2</b> Intentions of Signe Kelker
<b>Friday,</b> 8:30am	<b>March 3</b> In Memory of Marya Breig
<b>Saturday,</b> 9:00am	<b>March 4</b> Intentions of Heather Phiffer
5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am	<b>March 5</b> In Memory of Father Dave Hillier
11:00am	Intentions of Father Ben Dunkelberger

## Contact Us for More Information

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## CHRISM MASS

**APRIL 3RD**

Save the Date! All are invited to join the Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, as he celebrates the Diocesan Chrism Mass at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 3, in the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg. The Chrism Mass offers a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. During this Mass, the priests of the Diocese will also renew their commitment to priestly service, which they made on the day of their ordination. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism) for more details.

## Church Calendar

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 28— Ladies Bible Study** 7-8:30pm (social hall)

**Wednesday, March 1—Morning Prayer** 8:30am

**Wednesday, March 1— Book of the Month Meeting** 7:30pm-8:30pm

**Friday, March 3 — Eucharistic Adoration** 9:00am-7:00pm

**Friday, March 3 — Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm

**Saturday, March 4 — Run with a Priest** (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

**Sunday, March 5— Coffee Hour** (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass)

## Calling all young adults ages 18-39!

Calling all young adults ages 18-39! Please join Franklin County Young Adult Catholics at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Rita's on March 12, 2023! We look forward to seeing you there! If you

have any questions, you can find us on Facebook and Instagram as Franklin County Young Adult Catholics. You can also email Anissa Freeman: [afreeman9159@gmail.com](mailto:afreeman9159@gmail.com) or Rachel Little [littlelach2011@gmail.com](mailto:littlelach2011@gmail.com) with any questions."



## Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

### Our Purpose and Objectives

- To increase access to social services and counseling services.
- To increase access to youth programming.
- To partner with existing stakeholders such as the school district and Shippensburg University to meet educational and community needs.

The SCRC was started in 2010 in response to the growing need to help residents find and utilize social services. Shippensburg falls between the counties of Franklin and Cumberland which means that services can be difficult for community members to access if the services extend to Shippensburg at all. The Resource Coalition has brought service providers and community members together since this time, with the aim of connecting clients with resources as well as developing programs to meet needs.

The SCRC is a Shippensburg University Center For Excellence and serves as a "learning lab" for the university. Students, Faculty, and staff are involved in our work and have initiated many of our programs and services. We also provide a bridge for building community-university relationships. Whether you are on or off campus, contact us with your questions and ideas! You may call 717-477-1961 or email [sp-scrcc@shipresources.org](mailto:sp-scrcc@shipresources.org)

**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](http://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



## 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!



Today is the first Sunday of Lent and a new church season. Father Ben will be wearing purple which tells us that we are getting ready for something special. **Do you know what**

### the something special is?

There will be no Gloria or Alleluia because those are songs of joy. Lent is the time to reflect on what sin is and to remember that Jesus triumphed over sin by his suffering, death and resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in the desert and is tempted three times by the devil. The devil offered Jesus things that looked really good: power, riches and protection from suffering. You can understand that some people would like these things, but Jesus would have had to turn away from God's path if he had listened to Satan. Jesus knew Scripture with his mind and heart and when he used Scripture as a response to temptation, he understood its true purpose and how it fit into God's love.

Jesus spent forty days in the desert fasting. Fasting means to give up something that we like or want as a way of prayer and to get closer to God. We should all do some type of fasting: give up a food that we like, video games or arguing with our siblings. When we give up something and then really want it, that longing for it will bring us closer to God. **What will your fasting be?**



**Living our Faith: Try this Lent not to give into temptation. When it comes, stop and think of Jesus and pray to him to help you just as Jesus relied on God his father to help him.**



## 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 [jmgonzalez@ship.edu](mailto:jmgonzalez@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 [jmgonzalez@ship.edu](mailto:jmgonzalez@ship.edu) 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.

## SUNDAY POTLUCK

Join us for a Potluck Sunday Lunch every 3rd Sunday immediately following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm).

Please bring a dish to share.

The parish will supply water, juice & coffee.

## 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, 2023.*



## Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

**The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, March 2 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](mailto:travisedetwiler@gmail.com)

**The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th 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](mailto:ddbbonitz@gmail.com).

## 2023 Men's Conference



Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Men's Conference at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of

Catholic Missionary Disciples, will offer the keynote address. Breakout session presenters include Marcel LeJeune, Bishop Gainer, Fr. Ryan Fischer, Deacon Armando Torres, and Deacon Virgilio Centenera. Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Breakout Sessions, Confession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are part of this annual event. For more details, visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/men>.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for our Youth Group meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 6-8pm in the social hall.

**Feel free to invite your friends!**

## Stations of the Cross



**Fridays in Lent at 7pm**

## 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!).

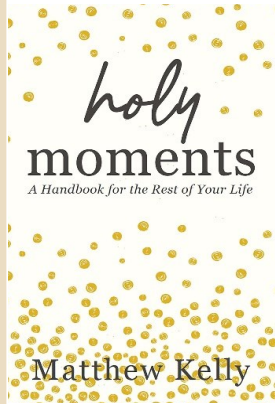
Father Mike Schmitz, who led a podcast two years ago that was beautiful and still free for everyone – *The Bible in a Year* – has decided to help everyone go a little deeper in our understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches by reading a tiny

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, March 15th 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**

## Book of Month: January & February

The Book of the Month for the first two months of 2023 will be the free book that we gave away to everyone this Christmas! ***Holy Moments*** is a book by Matthew Kelly that will fill your heart with hope, peace, and joy as you renew your perspective and then your efforts in living out God's will every single day. Matthew Kelly is one of the



best story tellers I've ever read, and he also combines this skill with the depth of his Catholic faith in this book. He encourages you to live your faith in practical yet challenging ways while also helping you to be at peace based on Christ's mercy and love for you specifically.

Please consider joining us when we have our Book of the Month summary and discussion, and we will meet on **Wednesday,**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 New Year. – Fr. Ben



2023 Diocesan  
Annual Campaign

**The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist, will begin next weekend March 4-5.** 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.