


# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince Street, Shippensburg, Pa 17257

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## 24th Sunday in *Ordinary Time*



"In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10



The Lost Son



The Lost Sheep



The Lost Coin

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



 **PATRIOT DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 11



Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Closed Fridays

Church (717) 532-2912  
Emergency (717) 323-2679  
Campus (717) 477-1244

Website:  
[www.olvshippensburg.org](http://www.olvshippensburg.org)

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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 and 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

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays... 3:30pm – 4:30 pm

Wednesdays...5:30pm – 6:20 pm

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

1st Saturday 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

# Masses For The Week



**Saturday, September 10**  
5:00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 11**  
8:00am Intentions of Hildagard Barnett  
11:00am In Memory of Garrett Stanton

**Tuesday, September 13**  
8:30am Intentions of Ruth Nickey

**Wednesday, September 14**  
6:30pm Intentions of Hildagard Barnett

**Thursday, September 15**  
8:30am In Memory of William Dechene

**Friday, September 16**  
8:30am In Memory of Gertrude Greey

**Saturday, September 17**  
5:00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 18**  
8:00am In Memory of Stewart-Gelas Family  
11:00am In Memory of Richard Kreuzsch



## Request a Mass Intention

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. A suggested offering is \$10.00. Contact the parish office if you would like to secure a Mass intention!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



We will be hosting a parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 9th following both Masses--so at 9:00 and 12:00. **Sign up in the back of the church before Sept. 25.**

If you would like to help set-up or serve please contact Jolene Cramm at jcramm@hbgdiocese.org or call (717) 532-2912; ext. 5

**Save the Date!**

## Contact Us for More Information

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### September 3-4, 2022

Weekend Collection:	\$4,756.06
Assumption:	10.00
Building Improvements:	495.00
Parish Youth Education:	25.00
Social Outreach:	215.00
Holy Father:	140.00
Votives/Donuts:	52.30
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$5,693.36</b>

**Online giving made easy!**

**Please visit the following link:**

**<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>**

## Church Announcements

**Saturday, September 10— 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, September 11—Religious Education Class** 9:30am—10:45am

**Sunday, September 11 — Coffee & Donut Hour** (in Mary's Kitchen) after the 8am Mass

**Tuesday, September 13 — Ladies Bible Study** 7-8:30pm in the Social Hall.

**Tuesday, September 13 — RCIA Class** 7:00-8:00pm in the basement of the Social Hall

**Wednesday, September 14 — Morning Prayer** 8:30am

**Wednesday, September 14 — Parish Bible Study** 7:15-8:15pm in the Social Hall.

**Saturday, September 17 — Run with a Priest** (or bike, or walk). Meet outside of the Social Hall entrance at 10am

**Sunday, September 18 — Potluck Sunday** Following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm). Please bring a dish to share. The parish will supply water, juice & coffee

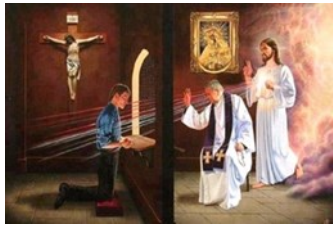


"Please join our Facebook group for more information, or reach out to the co-leaders below with any questions or ideas: -Franklin County PA Catholic Adult Youth Group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/568131137998438>

-Rachel Little email: [littlerach2011@gmail.com](mailto:littlerach2011@gmail.com) -Anissa Freeman email: [afreeman9159@gmail.com](mailto:afreeman9159@gmail.com)

**Mark August 4, 5, and 6, 2023 on your calendar for the 45<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Men’s Retreat**

Born again is how I feel. This retreat especially with father Richards was magnificent. He gives such a wonderful sacred kick in the butt that makes spiritual growth happen. But every time I go to a mount Saint Mary's retreat with the Corpus



Christi group it is a time of renewal and refreshment. Eucharistic adoration starting on Friday and going through Saturday, doing stations of the cross outside with other men's voices lifted in prayer, getting to meet new people

and eat in the dining hall, getting to have time with other men in the talks with the priest, and lastly and probably most importantly confession. Leaving the retreat after being reconciled with God lifts my spirit renews my soul and brings everything else into crystal focus so that can go on seeking ways to better live god's will for me. The retreat has a lot to offer but it also provides the one thing that most men need, just time away so they can get right with God. My 1st ever Corpus Christi men's retreat was with my dad back in 2004. I will cherish that memory as long as I live. What a beautiful testimony offered to your children: showing them a way to live and faith. For sons: what a great thing and memory to have shared with your father.

Jim Reding-

**Hound Packs:** Hound Packs are put together every **Wednesday at 5:30 pm.** 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 for the summer only.**

**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

**Coffee Hour will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11th. Please join us in Mary’s Kitchen following the 8am Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship!**



If you would like to volunteer to host coffee hour, please sign up in the church lobby. Thank you!

**Walking With Purpose Ladies Bible begins on Tuesday Sept 13th from 7-8:30pm in the social hall.**

**Keeping IN BALANCE**  
CREATING ORDER WITHIN

For more information please contact Mary Geesaman at 717-552-7487

You may still order a book by visiting <https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/products/keeping-in-balance-study-guide>

**FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS**

Please support the Knights of Columbus who are selling "Football Sweepstakes" tickets after the Masses during the month of September. 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 Knights of Columbus support your church.

**Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary**

**The next KOC meeting will be Thursday Oct. 6th at 7pm in the Social Hall.** For more information contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or [travisedetwiler@gmail.com](mailto:travisedetwiler@gmail.com)

**The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 7pm 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).



I'm excited to say that Our Lady of the Visitation is participating in Box of Joy. In short, you take a trip to a store near you: Walmart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, and pick up a few things that kids in poor countries may not have. A list from the Box of Joy website will be available in the back of the church if you need any ideas of what to, or what not to, pack in a box. There are several ways you can contribute- there will be boxes available to you in the narthex that you can fold and fill, then bring back to the church to ship. Or you can bring items to the church and a group will fill it for you! There will be a box on the table in the back for these items. Please also note that there will be a collection to cover shipping costs- typically \$9 a box. This is, again, very exciting, and I hope that many of you will participate this first year. Thank you so much! Any questions please call or email Heather Kaufman at 717-477-8059 or heatherkauffman0412@yahoo.com



## THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

The new parish Bible Study will begin on Wed. Sept 14th from 7:15pm-8:15pm in the social hall.

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. Dr. Hahn, an exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, has delivered hundreds of talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith and is the bestselling author of numerous books. He is a professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville and the founder and president of the Saint Paul Center.

Matthew Leonard, the presenter, is an internationally known speaker, and author. A convert to Catholicism and former missionary to Latin America, he is a frequent guest on radio and television programs, and hosts a podcast on iTunes titled The Art of Catholic. Matthew holds a Masters in Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Please join us anytime! (this Bible Study is also digitally available on FORMED.ORG!)



**Calling all singers!** We are in the works of building the music ministry back up and I am looking for singers as we are trying to form a choir at OLV. So if you are at least high school level and up and interested in joining

the choir and/or want to be a cantor, please come out Wednesday, September 21 after the daily Mass in the evening (around 7 or 7:15PM) to a new member meeting/sing-a-long. We will have a small introduction to the music ministry and outlook of what the choir will look like and consist of doing along with a Q&A. After that we will just sing through a few hymns/songs and just get a feeling of singing as a group. For those who are interested in becoming a cantor, please let me know afterwards as we can schedule a brief audition. Cantors are leaders of the singing during Mass and need to have certain qualities to be able to lead the congregation in the singing that we do. If you can't make this meeting, please see me after Mass (if I play) or contact me at Madams@hbgdiocese.org and we can workout something for you.

Shippensburg University



Catholic Campus Ministry

## Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) @ Shippensburg University

Welcome to all the new and returning students, and we are very excited for a new year of Catholic Campus Ministry here at Shippensburg! Both myself (Father Ben) and our new Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry, Joseph Gonzalez, are very optimistic about this upcoming year at Ship and the possibilities of growing in our faith and closer to God. 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! May God Bless you as you start your semester here at Shippensburg, and let's pray for each other as we journey through this life towards God.

**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 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 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.

## The Word of God Alive: Discussing the Readings w/your children:

Today's Gospel is about a shepherd and a lost sheep. A shepherd takes care of his sheep – he makes sure they have food to eat, water to drink and keeps them away from animals that might attack them.

**Can you see how important it is to be a shepherd?**

**What else does a shepherd do to take care of his sheep?**

A shepherd with 100 sheep, noticed that one sheep was missing. He leaves the 99 behind and goes looking for the one lost sheep. When the shepherd finds the one lost sheep, he is very happy.

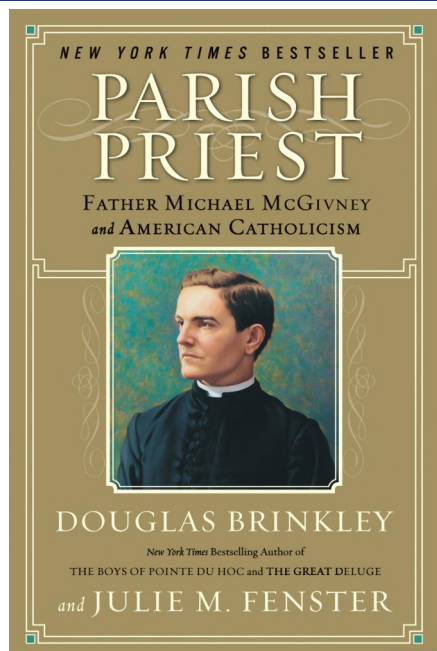
Sometimes we are lost, We wander away from God when we choose to do things that are bad. We can even be lost (being close to God) when we don't pray enough. Jesus, our Good Shepherd will always search for us.

**Living our Faith:**

**What can you do when you realize you are lost like the lost sheep?**

## Book of the Month

September & October



**This book looks great! The meeting will be Wednesday, October 26th from 7:30—8:30 pm in the social hall.**

**More details on this book to come!!**



**Our parish is very excited to announce that we now have access to a new Catholic website subscription, which has been called something like a Catholic Netflix! It is called FORMED.ORG, and it has hundreds if not thousands of different videos and other digital resources for anyone at our parish to access and enjoy. There are not only lots of different Bible Studies and Sacramental videos, but there are Catholic movies for adults and for kids as well as videos on Saints, Apologetics, Faith Formation, Podcast style videos, and so much more [we are using our RCIA program as well as our Fall Bible Study through FORMED.ORG]! It is very easy to sign up and create an account, and here are the instructions on doing that for our parish (all you need is an email address!). Please sign up and click around to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is a yearly subscription, and we had one anonymous donor this year to pay for the entire year access. My hope is to get everyone excited and hopefully continue this in future years with overall parish support.**

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. **Under "Create Account" simply type in our Zip Code --> 17257** [Then click our Church name and go to the next step!]

\*\*\* (There are a lot of different churches that look like our Church name, so if you search by using our Church name, you will have to type in the entire **Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church** exactly the same as this bold print you just read, and make sure you see our address pop up before clicking on it as well "305 N. Prince St.") \*



This is an excerpt from the Shippenburg Chronicle, July 14, 1950.

**"New Priest is Appointed to Local Parish."**

The Most Reverend George L. Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Edward J. Gerrity, from assistant pastor of St. Michael Archangel Church, Sunbury, to administrator of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church on East Burd St. effective Friday, July 14. .... The Rev. Mr. Gerrity was born in Centralia. He made his studies for the holy priesthood at St. Charles' College, Catonsville, Md., and St. Charles' Seminary, Overbook. He was ordained at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg, on Dec 23, 1944 (during World War II), by Bishop Leech."

Mike Bannon, phone 717-300-3790 Archivist for OLV