



OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PA

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



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Closed to visitors at this time.

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December 12-13, 2020

Third Sunday of
ADVENT



Our Mission:

To Proclaim the Kingdom of God
for the Salvation of Souls

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Weekend Masses - Saturday 5:00 PM

Sundays: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM Tuesday - Friday

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

Reconciliation - Saturdays, 3:30PM-4:30PM

Religious Education Class - No in person classes at this time. Please work on the lessons at home.

[Click here for Rel. Ed. Calendar](#)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held every Sunday during Advent!



Mass Intentions

Saturday December 12	3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confessions In Memory of Dan Marshall
Sunday December 13	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller People of the Parish
Tuesday December 15	8:30 AM Mass 7:00-8:00 PM	In Memory of Marie Rosenberry Confessions
Wednesday December 16	8:30 AM Mass	In Memory of Lois Knipple
Thursday December 17	8:30 AM Mass	Intentions of Stephanie Ganyon
Friday December 18	8:30 AM Mass	Intentions of Deacon Shawn Biter
Saturday December 19	3:30 - 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confessions In Memory of Dan Marshall
Sunday December 20	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	People of the Parish Intentions of Joseph Hudock Jr

December 5-6, 2020	Collection
Weekend Collection	\$3,295.00
Christmas Flowers	534.19
Building Improvements	319.00
Parish Youth Education	95.00
Social Outreach	316.00
Christmas	270.00
Immaculate Conception	197.00
Solemnity of Mary	55.00
Matthew 25	30.00
Retirement for Religious	250.00
Total Income:	\$5,361.19



Every child deserves a family

Foster Parents Needed

In Pennsylvania, thousands of children in foster care are in desperate need of a safe and nurturing home. A caring adult can make a huge difference in a child's life forever. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. To find out how to become a foster parent, please contact Catholic Charities Adoption and Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org.



LECTORS

Sat. Dec. 12 th	5:00pm	Signe Kelker
Sun. Dec 13 th	8:00am 11:00am	Andrea Thornton Mary Poffenbarger
Sat. Dec. 19 th	5:00pm	Signe Kelker
Sun. Dec 20 th	8:00am 11:00am	Cheryl Bannon Mary Poffenbarger

ATTENTION LECTORS:

The Lector workbooks have arrived. Please pick up your book outside of the sacristy. Thank you!

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Evangelization Speaker Series

The next presentation of the Evangelization Speaker Series is on **December 16, 2020 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom**. It is entitled, The Sacred Art of Iconography. The speaker is Mrs. Roberta Davis. Mrs. Davis will speak on the spirituality behind Icon Writing as well as displaying and explaining some of her own work, including icons appropriate to the Advent and Christmas seasons. To register for the presentation, go to https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/speaker_series.

Registration deadline is December 15 at noon. Registration is free, though free will offerings are gratefully accepted.



We are now compiling a list of parishioners who are willing to help clean and sanitize the church after special events such as funerals, weddings, etc. Cleaners would simply wipe down pews after the event ends with cleaning spray the church will provide. Volunteer cleaners will be asked to commit to an event if it's possible for their schedule.

If interested, please contact the parish office by phone or email Tracy Plotner at tplotner@hbgdiocese.org



Please join us on **Tuesday, December 22nd** to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will begin at 9am (after the 8:30am Mass.) **Volunteers with SUV's or Vans** are also needed to help pick up Poinsettias on **Wednesday, December 23rd** at Maplewood Nursery in Shippensburg. We will meet at 9:30am in the church lobby.

If you are interested please contact:

Nancy Redington at 717-264-6488 or email rosred1@comcast.net

Cheryl Bannon at 717-300-3790 or email peaceangel1948@gmail.com

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

It is an awesome privilege not only to welcome people to the church, but being for others a representative of a welcoming and gracious God. If you are interested in becoming an usher at any of the Masses please contact Joe Cretella at 717-377-1480 or by email at pjcretella@comcast.net for more information.



Online Giving

Online Giving Option: Please visit our website at www.OLVShippensburg.org click donate. Please remember to select our parish in the drop down menu. Thank you for your continuing support during these uncertain times.



Greeters Needed

As you have seen, our Greeters are back! We would like at least 6 per mass so no one needs to be on too often. We currently have a need at every mass. If you are interested in assisting in God's work of "Welcome the Stranger, or friend as the case may be, please contact John Thornton with your name, phone number, e-mail and which mass you usually attend. John's contact information is: E-Mail - johnnie7746@gmail.com; Phone (508) 868-5640. Members of the Campus Ministry are encouraged to join. Thank you for your consideration and May God Bless you abundantly.



If you would like to receive the bulletin and other updates by email, please contact the parish office either by phone or email. Thank you!



Save-the-Date - Diocesan Men's Conference!

Please mark **March 20, 2021** in your calendar for the Annual *Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference*. Theme: **Catholic Men: Called to be Defenders of the Faith!**

Speakers: Dr. William Donohue, President of the *Catholic League*, The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Fr. Frederick Miller, Fr. John Szada, and Mr. Tony Devlin. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction led by Bishop Gainer, as well as outstanding music. This conference is one of the largest annual events in the Diocese every year. The cost this year is just \$10 per man. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you are not able to watch it livestreamed on March 20, you'll still want to register since all registrants receive a link to the conference several days after its completion. Online registration will be available on the Diocesan website shortly. If you are a man in the Diocese of Harrisburg, you do not want to miss this conference!



HELP OUR LOCAL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER, PMI

Community Diaper Drive

December 16th & 19th

PICKUP FORM BELOW

Other accepted donations include baby clothes (may be used as long as in good condition), blankets, crib sheets, wipes, bottles, and soap.

Everyone who donates will be entered to win a gift card to Chick-fil-A!

Pickup form: <https://forms.gle/83QNyyMG3LRp6mkt9>

Guidelines & Restrictions on resuming Mass in the Church.

Only the front double doors will be used for **entering** the Church. Upon **leaving** the Church, the downstairs parishioners will exit the front double doors, the balcony parishioners will exit down the right side ramp and leave thru the side door, nearest the pulpit.

Please maintain proper social distancing while at Mass. Please do not sit in pews that are blocked off.

Parishioners must continue to wear masks when in the Church buildings. Congregational singing is still restricted.

The donation box will be placed in the lobby of the Church.
Restrooms near Mary's Kitchen and the restrooms in the social hall can be used.
Please do not gather in the social hall.

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading 1

[IS 61:1-2A, 10-11](#)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

[LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.](#)

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

Reading II

[1 THES 5:16-24](#)

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Alleluia

[IS 61:1 \(cited in LK 4:18\)](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

[JN 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said. "Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance of the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son he is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

or

2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

or

3. Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle

be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou

O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the power of God cast into hell, satan and the evil spirits who prowl
about the world seeking the ruins of souls. Amen.





Christmas 2020 at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church – Shippensburg, PA

For our celebration of Christmas this year to be safe, organized, and beautiful, we are adding one extra Mass and reserving seats for each Mass as well.

The Christmas Mass schedule will include three Christmas Eve Vigil Masses on the 24th, at 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 8:00 pm respectively*, and one Christmas Morning Mass on the 25th, at 10:00 am.

With the current seating restrictions, our church building only holds a maximum of 140 people safely for each Mass. Therefore, **you will need a ticket** in order to attend any of these Masses.

- You can reserve your tickets beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, November 30th, and you can do this by either calling our office phone at 717-532-2912 or emailing Tracy Plotner at tplotner@hbgdiocese.org.
- **One other essential step in this process** will be to pick up your tickets before the end of the workday, at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 21st. If you do not pick up your tickets before this date, then your seats will be opened to others looking to reserve seats.
- The tickets will be put in envelopes and **will be available for pick up beginning on Monday, December 7th at 9:00 am at the door to the Church Office.** The church office is closed for meetings, but it is staffed from 9:00 – 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.
- If you cannot pick up your tickets during our office hours, please contact us and we will find a way to distribute the tickets to you.

Finally, thank you for being patient with this process. If we did not do this, the church may end up being overcrowded or we may have to turn some people away! By reserving seats, we are trying our best to plan for the attendance that may be coming this year and try to do so safely and securely. If all the Masses fill up, then we may add additional Masses this year to account for these numbers.

*May we prepare our hearts for Christmas, and allow Jesus to come more
fully into our souls and our lives! God Bless you!*

- Fr. Ben Dunkelberger

* The 2:00 pm Vigil Mass is allowed because of extraordinary permission given by Bishop Gainer this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Normally, 4:00 pm is the earliest time a Vigil Mass can be scheduled. Also, the Midnight Mass is being moved from Midnight to 8:00 pm this year because of the ability for our Thank you for understanding these changes during this unusual time!