

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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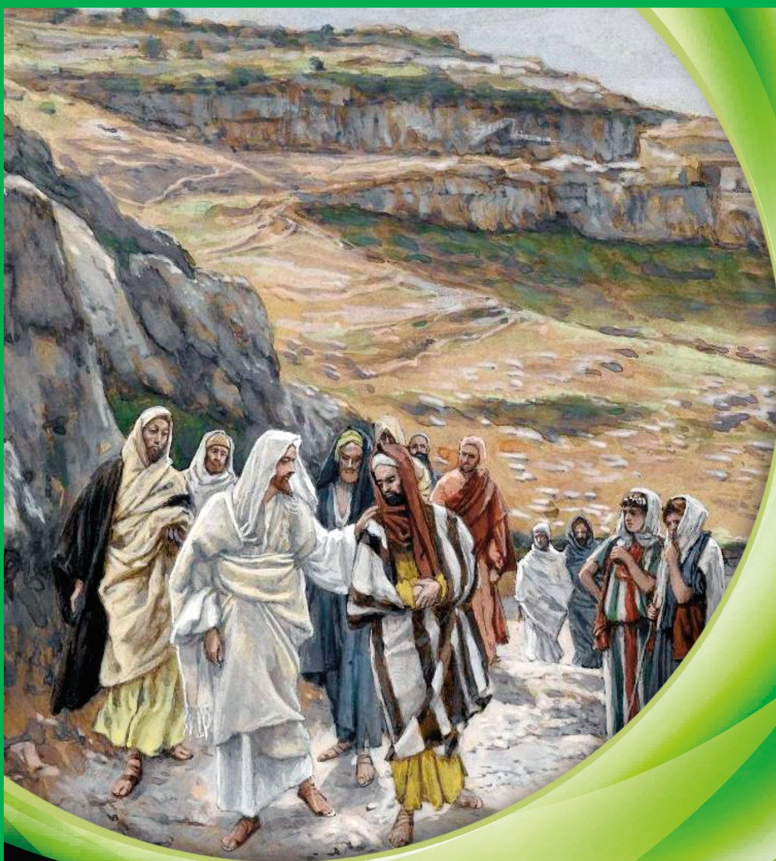
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00pm, Sun. 8:00am & 11:00am **Daily Mass:** Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 8:30am Wednesday 6:30pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 9:00am **Holy Days:** Vigil Mass 6:30pm, Holy Day 8:30am & 6:30pm



CONFESSION TIMES:

Saturday: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Wednesday: 5:30– 6:20 pm

1st Fri. of the Month:

7:30 - 8:20 am

1st Sat. of the Month:

8:00 – 8:45 am

*Oh how great
IS YOUR GOODNESS,
which You have laid up
FOR THOSE WHO FEAR YOU,
which You have worked
FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN YOU
before the sons of men!*
PSALM 31:19

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

1st Friday of the Month:

7:30am – 8:20 am

Fridays: 9:00am—7:00pm

(sign up in the lobby)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot, circa 1886 and 1894
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	September 2 In Memory of Rhonda Mae Reed Intentions of Marge Lukas
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	September 3 People of the Parish In Memory of Margaret Hammar
Tuesday, 8:30am	September 5 Intentions of Dan Fanella
Wednesday, 6:30pm	September 6 Intentions of Bruce Otruba
Thursday, 8:30am	September 7 Intentions of Lauren Stump-Bonitz
Friday, 8:30am	September 8 In Memory of Mollie Malloy
Saturday, 5:00pm	September 9 In Memory of the Steinour Family
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	September 10 People of the Parish In Memory of Tara Porter

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The Beatitudes in the Words of Monsignor William King

Msg. William King's theme for the Corpus Christi Men's Retreat this year was focused on the Beatitudes. He pro-

vided engaging and peace filled lectures that were heartfelt and entertaining as well as enlightening and filled with the Holy Spirit. When you read the words "blessed are they who ..." or "blessed are the...", you should interpret that as *you are on the right path if you ...* I found this to be a great way to look at the Beatitudes with fresh eyes! Msg. King provided many blessed nuggets of wisdom such as: "Christianity is active: don't just sit there, do something! But when we pray we should have the mindset: Don't do something, just sit there!"

Msg. King went into great detail examining the first and second Beatitudes. Those who live in the way of **"blessed are the poor in spirit"** recognize that their breath is not their own; one who is poor in his own breath is also poor in their own pride. Those who are poor in spirit are called to be spiritual beggars; we beg God for what we need. We say "I don't need to fill my life with empty things or empty relationships. (points upwards) I have what I need."

What a wonderful retreat this was! Indeed, blessed were we, all of us who were able to attend it!

Jim Redinger



MASS FOR HOPE & HEALING

to pray for the survivors
of clerical sexual abuse

A Mass for Hope & Healing will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, Harrisburg. During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse.

All are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, September 19th at 7pm

Saint Catherine Laboure Church

4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg PA 17111

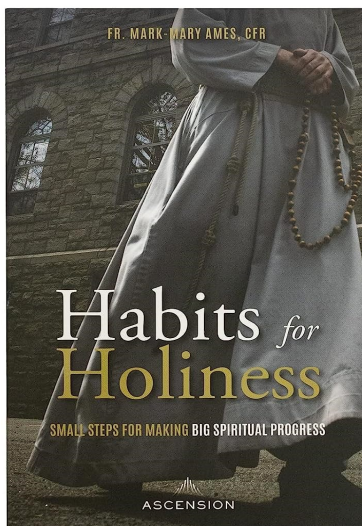


SIGN UP TODAY!

A formation of a parish community group is being started. The purpose is to bring the social and spiritual aspect of Our Lady of the Visitation church together. This is not a committee, just a group of parish members to assist with the coordinating of parish events. There will be a sheet to provide information and a representative at the back of the church after mass to provide more information.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

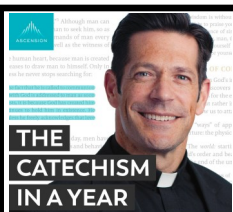
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July & August

The new Book of the Month for July & August will be **Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress** by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR. This short book, approx. 130 pages, is a powerhouse of good, practical spiritual insights (inspired by St. Francis and Franciscan Spirituality in a real way) written by a young Capuchin Franciscan priest who currently does a number of popular media outreach initiatives online in our modern world [YouTube and Podcasting to name a few]. You will take many golden nuggets away from this book if you give it a

chance, and I want to invite you to come to the Book Discussion on **Wednesday, September 6th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the Social Hall. Here are some of the main topics discussed in this book as mentioned on the website: To live within a family and *create a Catholic culture in the family*; To *make prayer the center of your life*; *Contentment is needed for deep joy*; *Closely listening to others pulls you into the mystery of Christ*; *Recreation can foster growth*; To turn the drudgery of work into the "altar of the desk"; And so much more!



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. **Our next meeting will be Wednesday night, September 20th from 7:30 pm – 8:30 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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Important Announcement concerning the Ladies Auxiliary meetings!

Beginning with our September meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary will meet on the first Wednesday of each month

at 2:00 PM in the church social hall. We meet September through May with no meetings in the summer. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at 2:00 PM. Prior to the first meeting, there is an optional lunch at KMJ Diner at NOON.

August 26-27 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,249.00
Building Improvements:	\$80.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$209.00
Social Outreach:	\$15.00
Assumption:	\$10.00
Votives/Donuts	\$40.50

TOTAL INCOME: \$4,603.50

ONLINE GIVING with WESHARE

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



Every 3rd Sunday

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.

THE NEXT POTLUCK WILL BE SEPTEMBER 17TH



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!) Every 1st & 3rd Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. The social hall will be open for water.

THE NEXT RUN WILL BE SEPTEMBER 16

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **YOUTH GROUP MEETING on SAT. SEPT. 9TH** from 6-8pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends!!



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KOC meeting will be **Thursday, September 7th 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

The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be **Wednesday, September 6th at 2PM in the social hall**. For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.



Please join us for the Weekday Rosary. It is recited at 8am Tuesday – Friday, with Mass following at 8:30am on Tues, Thurs. and Friday and Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 8:30am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for students in grades pre-k through 8th grade will begin on Sunday, September 17th. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board outside the Religious Education Office and on our website www.olvshippensburg.org. A reminder that the Diocese of Harrisburg requires a two year sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Class time for grades kindergarten through 8th grade is from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM on most Sunday mornings during the school year.

The preschool class meets on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the church basement (across from Mary's Kitchen). The children are taught Catholic prayers, traditions, and Bible stories—along with crafts and activities. (In a fun and nurturing setting!)

Sunday, September 17, 2023—First day of Religious Education classes and Catechetical Sunday. All catechists and students are invited to attend the 11:00 Mass.

Now is the time to register for all grades!

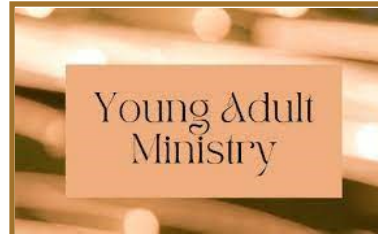
For more information contact Jolene Cramm at 717-532-2912 or jcramm@hbgdiocese.org.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee Hour will begin on Sun. Sept. 17th following the 8am Mass. We are need of volunteers to help make coffee hour a success. A sign up

sheet is available in the church lobby. For more information please contact the parish office.



"Calling all young adults ages 18-39! Please join Franklin County Young Adult Catholics at the 11:00 Mass at OLV on September 17, 2023! We look forward to seeing you there!

For future events, you can find us on Facebook and Instagram at Franklin County Young Adult Catholics. Or email Rachel Little, littlerach2011@gmail.com, or Anissa Freeman, afreeman9159@gmail.com, with questions."



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.

USHER TRAINING

day



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
9TH AT
10:00AM

This meeting is for new and current ushers. Please join Fr. Ben as he reviews the responsibilities that an Usher at OLV has and to answer questions regarding their role. Please consider becoming an usher!

Light refreshments and coffee/juice will be served



Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including

victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

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.

Hound Packs: We will continue to collect only soup over the summer. **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



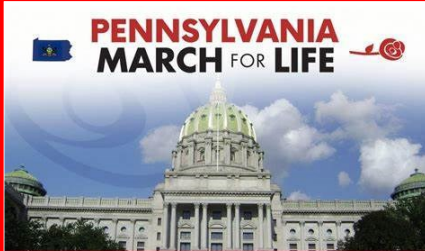
Wednesday, Sept. 6th - Morning Prayer 8:30am

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Friday, September 8th-

Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm (sign up in church lobby)

Saturday, September 9th — Youth Group 6-8 pm (Grade 6-12), Saturday evening from 6-8 pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends!



The 2023 Pennsylvania March for Life will be on Monday, October 16, 2023, on State Street in Harrisburg. The March for Life schedule is:

10:00 AM – Prayer and Praise Pre-Rally, Main stage at the front steps of PA Capitol

11:00 AM – Rally, Front steps of the PA Capitol (Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior will lead the Opening Prayer)

12:00 PM – March around the PA Capitol

1:00 PM – Testimonials by Silent No More, Top of Capitol Steps (Auxiliary Event)

Holy Mass will be offered at 9:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 1:30 pm at Saint Patrick Cathedral (212 State St., Harrisburg). Confessions will be available. Everyone in the Diocese of Harrisburg and the greater Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is invited and strongly encouraged to attend. We will unite in prayer and number to support protecting the sanctity of human life in Pennsylvania.

More information can be found at <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>

Training for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There are many upcoming training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you need a mandate or need to renew your mandate, please register for a training session. You may register for a training session here: https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/extraordinary_minister_training

And the training sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - Diocesan Center, Harrisburg - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Father Joshua Weaver
- Saturday, September 9, 2023 - Saint Joseph Parish, York - 10 AM to Noon - Father Peter Rettig
- Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Corpus Christi Parish, Chambersburg - 10 AM to Noon - Deacon Daniel Signore
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Father Stephen

PLEASE SEE FATHER BEN BEFORE REGISTERING!



Do you like to sing? Were you in choir in high school or college and miss singing in one? Well, I am looking for new singers to join the OLV

choir. So if you are at least high school grade (9th grade) and up and interested in joining the choir, please come out Wednesday, September 13th after the daily Mass in the evening (around 7 or 7:15PM) as we will start our new wrap around season. We usually sing at the 11am Mass on Sundays as well as Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, and other Masses that we are needed. We rehearse once a week (usually Wednesday evenings) from 7:15pm or so till about 8:30pm. We will usually go over music for Sunday and any other special occasions that might be coming up. We also look at Christmas and Easter music during the appropriate season we are in. We are a small group, but we have fun learning and singing. Hopefully if you join with us we can make this group bigger and stronger. If you have any questions about the group or interest, please see me after Mass (if I play) or contact me at Madams@hbgdiocese.org.