

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A - November 27, 2022

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince Street, Shippensburg, Pa 17257

Pastor and Campus Minister: Father Ben Dunkelberger.....frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org

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

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

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Fridays

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

Website:

www.olvshippensburg.org

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Shippensburg Catholic

Advent is a time of
Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation,
Prayerful penance and Spiritual
Preparation.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	November 26 In Memory of Stan Walker
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	November 27 People of the Parish Intentions of Brad & Connie Stewart
Tuesday, 8:30am	November 29 Intentions of Pamela Snyder
Wednesday, 6:30pm	November 30 Intentions of the Fitzgerald Family
Thursday, 8:30am	December 1 Intentions of Pat Emmons
Friday, 8:30am	December 2 Intentions of the Thornton Family
Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	December 3 Intentions of the Hrad Family In Memory of Robert & Bernice Masterson
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	December 4 People of the Parish Intentions of the Stewart Family

HAPPENING
THIS WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 26—
Youth Group 6-8 pm
(Grade 6-12), Saturday
evening from 6-8 pm in the
social hall. Feel free to
invite your friends

Tuesday, Nov. 29— Walking With Purpose Ladies
Bible Study 7-8:30pm in the Social Hall.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 — RCIA Class 7:00-8:00pm in the
basement of the Social Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 30— Morning Prayer 8:30am

Wednesday, Nov. 30—Parish Bible Study 7:15pm-
8:15pm in the social hall.

Friday, Dec. 2— Adoration & Confession 7:30am-
8:20am

Saturday, Dec. 3 — Run with a Priest (or bike, or
walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am



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!

Contact Us for More Information

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Ladies, the time is now!
Make your reservation for
Advent By Candlelight;
Sunday, December 4th, 5pm. to 7. pm.

Advent
BY CANDLELIGHT

You are invited to an
evening of friendship and
preparation for the true
meaning of Christmas!

All women are welcome to come and share good
food and good conversation.

To sign up as a hostess or a participant contact:
Mary Poffenbarger text/phone - 301-639-3297 email
-missmary@lockfarm.net.

Don't miss this opportunity for an enriching even-
ing out. If you have questions or need more infor-
mation contact Mary.



WESHARE
Online Giving

Online giving made easy!
Please visit the following link:

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



SAFETY TRAINING



The Safety Committee has set up 2 safety training sessions. First Aid, CPR, AED, and active shooter training will be provided on **Monday December 5 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and December 12 from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**. Sessions are limited to 20 attendees and preference will be given to Safety Committee members, Ushers, and Greeters. Cost for the training is \$100.00. Safety committee members are in the back with sign-up sheets and to answer any questions you may have.



THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Parish
Bible
Study

**Wednesdays 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. Please join us Wednesday evenings! 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. Please join us anytime! (this Bible Study is also digitally available on FORMED.ORG!) You can attend all or even just one!

Next Bible Study will be Wednesday, November 30th at 7:15pm.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Please join us on Friday, December 23rd to help decorate the church for Christmas.
We will begin at 9am (after the 8:30am Mass.)
Everyone is welcome!
Please sign up in the lobby of the church.



Advent Parish Penance Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
BEGINNING 6:30PM



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: 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 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 Diocese of Harrisburg now has a texting group! Sign up today to stay up-to-date on all our faith formation events, important news, messages from Bishop Gainer and more. We'll only send 3-4 text messages per month and you can opt-out at any time. Sign up today by texting **hbgdio** to **844-954-3967**, or visit <https://slkt.io/WDV0>.

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 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.

How is God calling you?

Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, or contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804.



The gift sharing Angel Tree in the church lobby is for anyone who would like to purchase gifts for needy children in our area. We have a large number of families with children that need help with Christmas. Information regarding age, gender, sizes, and gift ideas are on the angels. 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 18, so they can be delivered that day. HELP WILL ALSO BE NEEDED ON December 18 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.



All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to the Diocese for a day of reflection and celebration to welcome in the advent season. The day will be split into two parts. The first will be filled with informative talks by speakers such as Bishop Gainer and the new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Zack Haney. There will also be time for discussion, prayer, and adoration. Lunch will be provided.

Advent party followed games, dancing, and more!!!

For more details, please visit: www.hbgdiocese.org/event/adventus-young-adult-day-of-reflection

Questions?

Contact Zack Haney zhaney@hbgdiocese.org or Joseph Gonzalez joseph.gonzalez50316@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

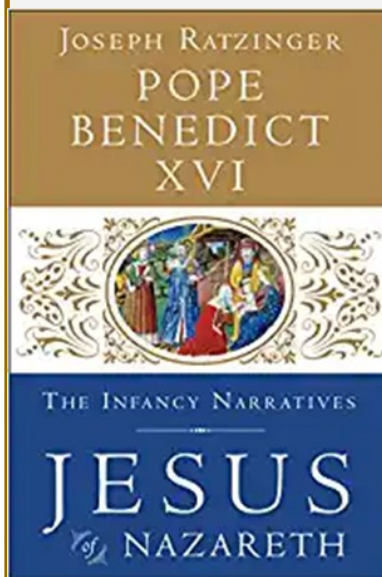
The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, December 1st at 7:00pm in the social hall.

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 Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm in the social hall.

For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

The Book of the Month for both November and December will be Pope Benedict XVI's book on the Christmas story in the Bible or as he calls it *The Infancy Narratives*.



This book is one of three in a small series of books put out by Joseph Ratzinger, where the title of the series and each book is *Jesus of Nazareth*. As one of the most well-renowned theologians across the world (even before he became Pope), Pope Benedict XVI opens up and reflects on the story of Jesus' birth in order to "to make known the figure and message of Jesus." It is a short

book at only 130-ish pages, but it is filled with rich content to open up the Bible passages and help us enter into the truth of Jesus' birth into our world. Our gathering and discussion will take place on **Wednesday, December 28th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the social hall. Please considering getting this book and reading it, and even if you don't, please considering coming to hear my summary and a relaxed yet fruitful discussion on this book as well on the 28th of Dec.! God Bless you.

Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour on Sunday Nov. 27th.

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



Parish Christmas Party – December 11th

All members of the parish are invited to attend the annual Parish Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the church social hall. The event is an opportunity for all members of the parish community to gather for fellowship in anticipation of Christmas. The evening will include pizza and other snacks, crafts for the children, and a special visit from St. Nick. All children who attend will receive a gift and have an opportunity to have their picture with Santa. Bring your cameras!

All are welcome! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per family. Donations can be made at the event. In order to allow for food preparations, please RSVP via the signup sheet in the back of the church or email Chris Meehan at cpm9294@yahoo.com by Monday, December 5th.

This event is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings w/your children



Welcome to a new church year and a new liturgical season. We are in the season of advent. Advent is a season of hope, the four weeks before Christmas when we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

What changes do you see at Mass? If you said Father will be wearing purple and we have no Gloria during advent, you are correct. **Why does Father wear purple?** If you are not sure ask him.

In our first reading Isaiah, a great prophet, describes a time when all people would recognize God. Once they recognized God they would want to draw near to him and be close to him. Once they turned their lives to God, they would respond in peace to others.

How can you respond to God? Our response should be prayers of joy to God.

Isaiah warns us that when the time grows near for Jesus to come again at the end of time, not everything will be easy and we don't know when that time will be. We should be ready at all times.

Living our Faith:

Choose to do good things so that people can see the Light of Christ shining from you.

