

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*

## **Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church**

**305 N. Prince Street, Shippensburg Pa 17257**

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



### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Weekend Masses:**  
Saturday 5:00pm,  
Sunday 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**

**Website: [www.olvshippensburg.org](http://www.olvshippensburg.org)**  
**You Tube- Shippensburg Catholic**

**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm**  
**Closed Holy Days & Holidays**  
**Church (717) 532-2912 Campus (717) 477-1244**  
**Emergency (717) 323-2679**

### **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**

### **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)**

*A*men, I say to you, whatever you bind on  
earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever  
you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:18



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00pm	<b>September 9</b> In Memory of the Steinour Family
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am	<b>September 10</b> People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of Tara Porter
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:30am	<b>September 12</b> Intentions of Hildagard Barnett
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:30pm	<b>September 13</b> Intentions of Paulette Siene
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:30am	<b>September 14</b> Intentions of Tommy Schaffer
<b>Friday,</b> 8:30am	<b>September 15</b> In Memory of William DeChene
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00pm	<b>September 16</b> In Memory of Robert Francis Benhart
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am	<b>September 17</b> People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of Richard Kreusch

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for students in grades pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board outside the Religious Education Office and on our website [www.olvshippensburg.org](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jcramm@hbgdiocese.org).

## 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



The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, October 27-29, 2023. The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends.

The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan WEB SITE: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org). Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-379-0800 or [jpennat\\_58@comcast.net](mailto:jpennat_58@comcast.net).



## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat Free Time



The Corpus Christi Retreats provide a surprisingly large amount of free time to learn more about our faith and to explore the Shrine that overlooks Mt. St. Mary's. Tom Reinsfelder shares both of these below.

On Saturday afternoon there was a very interesting presentation on Eucharistic miracles

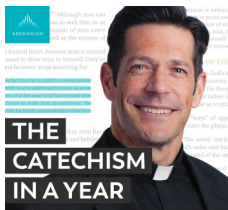
and related scientific investigations by Mr. Steven Hemler (from Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America cainaweb.org). This information was new to me and I bought one of his books on the topic and noted several others he recommended.



I enjoyed the quiet time walking up the mountain to the grotto, and overall setting of the retreat.

## 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.



The 2023 Pennsylvania March for Life will be on **Monday, October 16, 2023, on State Street in Harrisburg.** 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/>

## September 2-3, 2023 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$3,833.00
Building Improvements:	\$358.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$70.00
Social Outreach:	\$125.00
Assumption:	\$10.00
Ascension:	\$5.00
Holy Father:	\$55.00
Votives/Donuts	\$20.50

**TOTAL INCOME: \$4,476.50**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21st 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 Wednesday, October 4th at 2PM in the social hall.** For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or [ddbonitz@gmail.com](mailto: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



Welcome to all new and returning students! Fr. Ben & I (John Klar-mann the new Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry) are pumped for a new year of Catholic Campus Ministry here at Shippensburg University and we can't wait to share it with you. Our goal here at CCM is to love God, love our neigh-

bors, and make disciples and we do all three in a variety of ways. To grow our love of God we always participate in the weekend liturgy at Our Lady of the Visitation, but we also join the parish for daily Mass and weekly adoration. To love our neighbor, we will grow in friendship through super fun events especially our weekly FREE Thursday night dinner (5pm at the Spiritual Center on campus) and we will also serve our community through different service opportunities. Finally, as we strive to make disciples, we invite everyone to participate in a small group bible study and we look forward to providing opportunities for retreats, conferences, mission trips, and pilgrimages.



John and his family (Ariel wife of 7 yrs & PJ who is 3 yrs old) just moved to town at the beginning of August from NJ. Though John has been a Catholic since he was a baby it was in college that he had a profound encounter with Christ that led to him returning to the faith, and he is excited to share his story with you. When John has a little bit of free time, he enjoys sports (watching and playing),

camping, hiking, hunting, and board games. He is also absolutely pumped to go on adventures with students in CCM especially this super awesome conference called SEEK24 (ask him about it!).

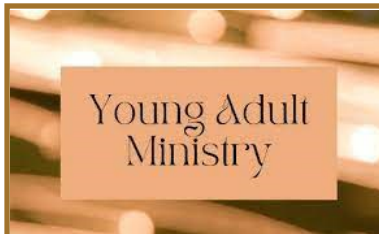
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**COFFEE HOUR  
HOSTS NEEDED**

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.



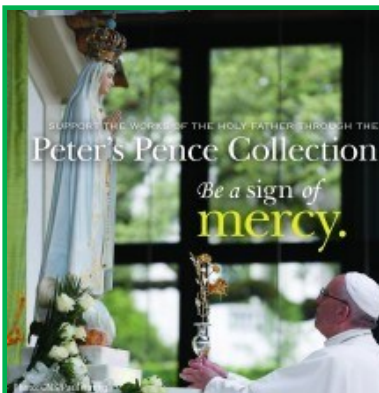
**"Calling all young adults ages 18-39! Please join Franklin County Young Adult Catholics at the 11:00 Mass at OLV on September 17, 2023! We look forward to seeing you there!**

For future events, you can find us on Facebook and Instagram at Franklin County Young Adult Catholics. Or email Rachel Little, [littlerach2011@gmail.com](mailto:littlerach2011@gmail.com), or Anissa Freeman, [afreeman9159@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church including the work of the Holy See, and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit

[www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://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](http://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



**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!

**Wednesday, September 13th - Morning Prayer** 8:30am

**Friday, September 15th- Adoration** 9:00am-7:00pm (sign up in church lobby)

**Saturday, September 16th — Run with a Priest** (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

**Sunday, September 17th — Parish Potluck** Following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm). Please bring a dish to share. The parish will supply water, juice & coffee.

## Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS



**The Oktoberfest** is going to be on Saturday October 7th after the 5 pm mass. More details to follow and a signup sheet will be available next weekend.



**The 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat** will be on Sunday October 29th starting at dusk. More details will be announced soon.

## Training for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There are a few training sessions left 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](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/extraordinary_minister_training)

And the training sessions are as follows:

- 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

(9<sup>th</sup> grade) and up and interested in joining the choir, please come out Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Madams@hbgdiocese.org).



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.