

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8 :00 am and 11:00 am
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am

(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)

20TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

The Bread of Life Discourse

*“I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.”*

John 6:51



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Rosary:
Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer:
Wednesday..... 8:30am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
1st Fri. of the Month 7:30am –8:20 am
Fridays.....9:00am—7:00 pm
Wednesdays...5:30pm-6:20pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays.....3:30– 4:30 pm
Wednesdays.....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

*(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: **Sacrament of Penance:** Mon. 8:30 - 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)*

Taste and see the
Goodness
of the Lord.

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August 10-11 2024 (in pew)

Weekend Collection: \$3,478.00
Building Improvements: \$40.00
Social Outreach: \$105.00
Assumption: \$115.00
Votives: \$25.00
TOTAL INCOME: \$3,763.00



If you would like to give to the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

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

Wednesdays
5:30pm-6:20pm

Every Friday
9:00-7:00pm

Please check the sign up sheet for time changes

Sign up in the lobby of the church.
Thank you.

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28



SAVE THE DATE

NOTES OF GENEROSITY

An afternoon of music featuring the talents of Bishop Timothy Senior to support Catholic Campus Ministry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
WEST SHORE COUNTRY CLUB

Details to Come

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



Please visit our parish website (click on FORMED.ORG) and check out what is on FORMED this week.

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. Contact the parish office if you would like to secure a Mass intention.

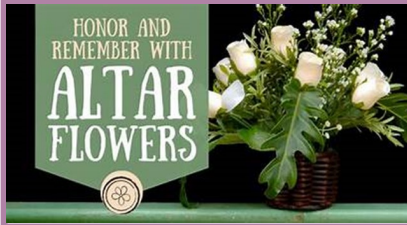


Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights meeting will be Thursday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm in the social hall. Please see Pat Shay for more information.

The next Ladies meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th at 2:00 pm in the social hall. For more info. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who has donated tabernacle flowers for 2024. A 2025 sign up sheet will be placed in the lobby of the church in the fall.

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

What does it mean to be foolish?

We sometimes think that foolishness is about not being smart or not having a lot of knowledge. Actually, foolishness is about making choices without considering the consequences. To be wise then, is to make good choices that take the consequences into consideration.

Wisdom comes from God. This is such an important truth that we sometimes call God "Wisdom". The wisdom of God leads us to life. When we have this wisdom, it is seeking to know God's will. No matter how much we know about God, God's kingdom or God's will, there is always more to learn.

What are some of the ways that we can try to understand God's will?

In the Bible we can see how God's will has worked in the past. We can talk to other people who try to understand God's will, and these people can be good examples for us. We can pray and listen to God's voice in our minds and hearts to help us understand God's will.

The letter to the Ephesians tells us more about what our life looks like when we have this wisdom. It tells us being part of a community that is so filled with joy and love that it pours out in music. Music can make us connected to God and become closer to him.

How can we get so close to God?

Jesus spoke about how we can remain in him, and he would remain in us. Jesus wants to stay as close to us as possible. Jesus gives himself completely in his death and resurrection. We receive that gift in the bread and wine that is transformed into his body and blood. Even though some are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time, they can be part of the community. We can all pray and sing songs to the Lord together and can give thanks to him.

Living our Faith: This week spend time thanking God for all the good people and things he has given you. They help us to get closer to God.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	August 17 In Memory of Kathy Nezat
Sunday, 8:00am	August 18 People of the Parish
11:00am	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. James A. Butler
Tuesday, 8:30am	August 20 Intentions of Norman Watson
Wednesday, 6:30pm	August 21 In Memory of Berthold Wendeln
Thursday, 8:30am	August 22 Intentions of Geri Bazner
Friday, 8:30am	August 23 For All School Students
Saturday, 5:00pm	August 24 In Memory of Father Dave Hillier
Sunday, 8:00am	August 25 In Memory of Thomas Sutch
11:00am	People of the Parish



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in memory of Natalie Sekula

Religious Education Registration



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for students in grades pre-k through 8th grade will begin on Sunday, September 15th. 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 15, 2024—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.

Host Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will begin on Sun. Sept. 15th following the 8am Mass. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.



The next choir practice will be **Tuesday, August 21st** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.

CHURCH

Potluck

The next potluck will be Sun. Aug. 18th

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share.

Water, juice & coffee will be provided

YOUTH GROUP News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Youth Group Meeting on Saturday, September 14th from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Feel free to invite your friends!!**



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 next run will be Saturday Sept. 7th**

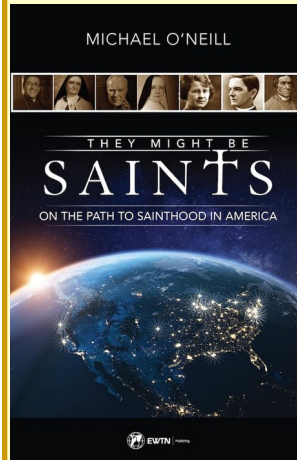


Join us for coffee, snacks, and good conversation in the social hall after the 8:30am morning Mass on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome!



Interested in Becoming Catholic ? RCIA classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 17th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall. All are welcome to attend!

Book of the Month July and August 2024



The Book of the Month for both July and August will be ***They Might Be Saints: On the Path To Sainthood in America*** written by Michael O'Neil and published by EWTN. This might be our biggest book we have ever had at just under 300 pages, however, it also might be my favorite book so far in this series! This book is written based off of research for a TV series on EWTN that tried to study and compile the stories of dozens of potential Catholic Saints

that lived in America (both before it was the U.S.A. and since then in our very modern world as well!). The chapters are only about 7-10 pages each, and it covers the stories of at least 24 different holy individuals who are currently in the process of potentially becoming a future Saint in the Catholic Church. Also, this book begins with an incredibly detailed explanation of how the official process currently works (and some past history of the process of becoming a Saint as well), which I guarantee will surprise you in beautiful ways! There are so many miracle stories and stories of authentic holiness, heroic virtue, and determined faith that if you give this book a chance, you will be inspired and consoled at God's activity within human souls as well as His great plan for your life.

We will get together to discuss this book on **Wednesday, September 4th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm**, which gives you a solid two months to get this book and read it in that time! Even if you don't have time to read this book, please consider coming to meeting in the social hall on Sept. 4th, and I will do my best to summarize my favorite stories and bring some good discussion into the room as well. Thank you again, and God Bless you.

2024

Women's Conference

19 October
Diocesan Center
 4800 Union Deposit Rd
 Harrisburg, PA

Register Today
www.hbgdiocese.org/women



Hope and Healing

at the Foot of the Cross

Featuring:
Ann Koshute
 Co-Founder, *Springs in the Desert*
 and
NEW! Panel Discussion with
 Community and Ministry leaders

Come join the FUN!

Buchanan Valley Picnic

The Annual Buchanan Valley Picnic will take place on the grounds of **St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Orrtanna**

Saturday, August 24 from noon-7 p.m., rain or shine.

Bingo, prizes and live music. Family-style home-cooked dinners are \$16.50 for adults, \$7 for children 6-12 and free for those 5 and under. The parish is located half-way between Gettysburg and Chambersburg off Route 30; follow the signs at Route 234. Call 717-677-8012 for more info.



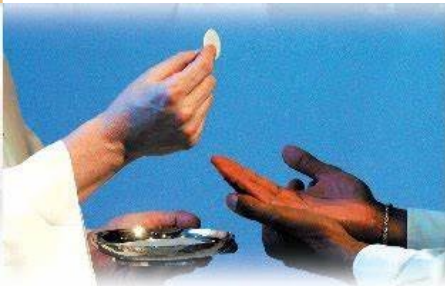
Holy Family Radio WHYF am720 will hold an Open House celebrating its 13th year on the air on Tuesday, August 27th. The event will run from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and feature free refreshments and studio tours. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and volunteers at Holy Family Radio. For more information, check out the website at 720WHYF.com.

Eucharistic Revival in the Catholic Church:

Weekly Bulletin Articles

The Catholic Church in the United States has been on a 3-year process of Eucharistic Revival, and we are now in the 2nd year and focusing on revival at the parish level (see this website for more, <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>). In addition to trying our best to celebrate every single Mass reverently, attentively, and prayerfully, one effort we will be making is **to write a small bulletin article every week for a year** in order to help all people understand the Catholic Mass more fully. Not only can this help us understand how each prayer and symbol and movement has deep meaning and symbolism, but all the prayers, symbols, and movements should also lead us into the reality of Christ's love on the Cross and His grace poured out from the Resurrection and how we can encounter Him present to us today throughout the entirety of the Mass! Please consider reading along each week with these bulletin articles to help you better understand the history, meaning, beauty, and reality of what we celebrate every weekend as Catholics. This can help us to have a Eucharistic Revival at our parish, and to know, love, and serve Christ more fully every time we attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass here at OLV.

The Reception of Holy Communion (Part 6) – Why Can Only Catholics Receive Holy Communion? (follow up)



Exclusive and Harsh? Or a Covenant Commitment/Renewal Each and Every Sunday?

As we return to this reflection on receiving holy communion and why only Catholics can receive the Eucharist, it would be a great help to look at one of the great Saints of the early Church who is a pagan convert named St. Justin Martyr. He was an educated man and a philosopher, but was greatly impacted by the witness, beauty, depth, and truth of the Catholic Christian faith in the early to middle 100s, which led him to convert. Because of his education and his familiarity with the Roman government at the time as well as the perspective of Roman leaders, he later wrote a number of public defenses/explanations/testimonies of the faith to the government at large. One of his writings includes the following explanation of the Christian worship on Sundays:

*“...And this food is called among us Eucharistia [the Eucharist], of which no one is allowed to partake but the man **who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and who is so living as Christ has enjoined.***

For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.” - First Apology, 66

We mentioned in our last reflection that only Catholics could receive because it was more than just a personal choice to receive or not. In fact, it is like a renewal of wedding vows with Christ in the sense that when we say “Amen” right before we receive, we are not just saying “I personally believe Jesus is present here,” **but rather** we are saying, “I believe in you, Jesus, and I give all of myself to recommit to my sacred vow of my relationship with you, **which involves** (1) **believing what is true about you and the church as well as** (2) **living how you desire me to live as I follow you.”** We see this very clearly in St. Justin Martyr’s letter in the 100s about the Mass and the Eucharist. He says, those two exact things {and he also includes the Sacrament of Baptism first as well!} when he mentions that “no one is allowed to partake [of the Eucharist] but the man (1) **who believes that the things which we teach are true...and** (2) **who is so living as Christ has enjoined.**”

Two quick clarifications at this point. First, the Catholic Church is not saying that everyone who is Catholic has to understand perfectly every single theological point of every teaching in order to receive holy communion. However, for those clearly defined dogmas and doctrines, there should be a shared belief here for anyone to receive (both for people born Catholic and others who are not Catholic but want to receive holy communion/the Eucharist). In addition, as far as “living as Christ as enjoined,” this does not mean that venial/small sins should stop any Catholic from receiving holy communion {we will talk about this more next week!}. However, the Catholic Church has been very clear that if someone has committed a bigger/mortal sin, then they should go to confession before receiving holy communion. Overall, the Eucharist is a person. Holy communion is Jesus Christ, and we are recommitting to living our sacred vows with Him at every Mass. We can only imagine the depth of his love for us every single time.