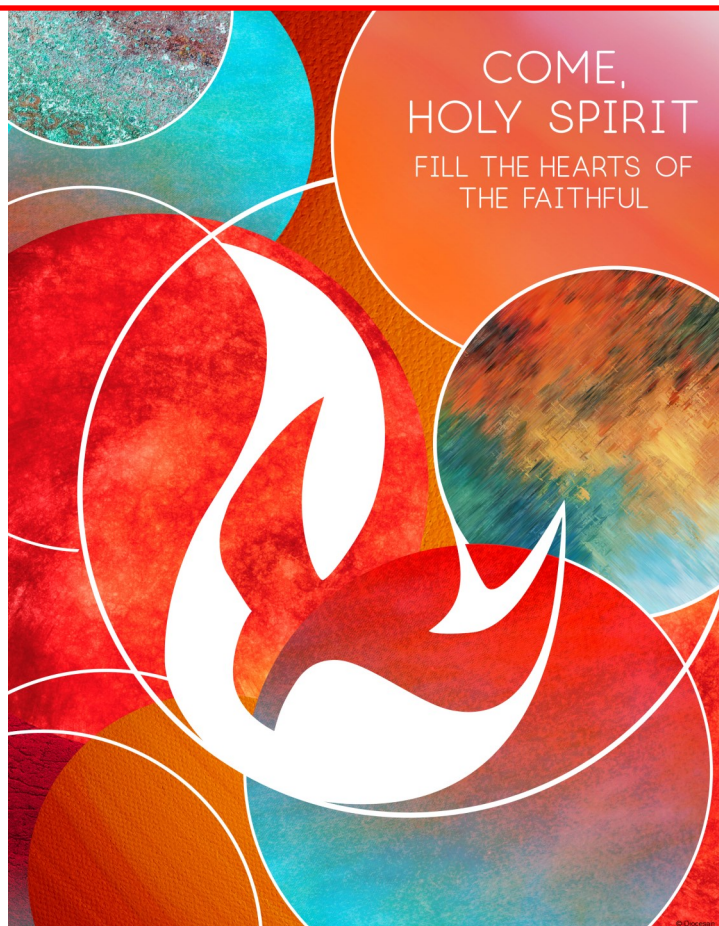


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Weekend Masses

Saturday.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month.....9:00 am

Rosary

Tuesday—Friday.....8:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Wednesdays.....5:30 pm - 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 Fri. of the Month....7:30 am – 8:20 am
Fridays.....9:00 am-- 7:00 pm

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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 Sign of Peace – A fun break from serious prayer? A distraction? Or... God's peace?! Bulletin Article #38

The sign of peace at every Catholic Mass is an ancient practice that I believe can have a profound effect on how we approach Jesus in the Eucharist and our relationship with God in general. For some people, the sign of peace is one of their favorite parts of the Mass because they get to say hi to family or friends in a personal way with a handshake or a hug, or because they get to meet new people around them and greet others with a smile and a word of welcome to the church on this particular Sunday. However, for some other people, the sign of peace is a bit frustrating and/or awkward. This is because we have just finished some of the most devout, prayerful, deep, holy, and transformative parts of the Catholic Mass. Jesus is currently fully present on the altar. We are preparing our hearts to receive the infinite God become man in Holy Communion. To some of these people, they might object and say, this is not the time of the Mass for greetings and handshakes and little conversations. We should be praying deeply, devoutly, and piously to receive holy communion well. For them, the sign of peace is much more a distraction and something that is unnecessary (and awkward for people who consider themselves introverts or don't want to shake a stranger's hand), especially at this most holy moment during the Catholic Mass. I would like to propose a middle ground and how approaching this properly can actually really help us pray each Mass well and enter more fully into our spiritual lives with Christ!

First of all, listen to this description by St. Justin Martyr about the Mass in the middle of the 100s in practicing the sign of peace, "*Having ended the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss.*" There is ample evidence that this quick description would have been a widespread practice of the sign of peace, not only because of evidence found in Scripture (e.g. see Rom 16:16; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14), but especially because later descriptions in the 4th century talk about this in detail within the Catholic Mass (see St. Augustine's *Sermon 227*). With historical precedent in place, the question now is how should we approach this with the proper spiritual perspective during each Mass? Are the people who really enjoy the sign of peace, correct, and we should agree with them? Or are the people who feel disrupted or awkward by it more correct, and we should be on their side?

The answer is that both are potentially missing something rather important, and we can include both perspectives into the proper understanding and approach during Mass. First of all, we should realize that the sign of peace IS MEANT to be a devout and prayerful time during the celebration of the Mass. Therefore, we are not really meant to turn this into a casual moment for joking around with people or starting a conversation or walking down a few pews to give someone a hug. While we are shaking hands or saying hi or peace be with you to those immediately around us, we should try our best to keep in our minds that God is fully present and we are prayerfully and humbly preparing for this most holy encounter. We don't want to lose that disposition of heart as well as we don't want to distract others and have them lose that devout preparation as well. However, at the same time, just because we are devoutly praying and desiring to be in deep communion with Jesus, doesn't mean we can't in the same moment charitably greet others around us and engage in this basic human interaction. Is it possible to have deep communion with Jesus AND engage in human interaction? Yes! This is what heaven will be like for all eternity, and we can practice this at every Mass during this moment.

We are not in the perfection of heaven yet, so once again, undue distraction is not the goal [for both ourselves and others]. On the other hand, we can try our best to BOTH **keep our preparation and our desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion devoutly WHILE AT THE SAME TIME being charitable to others in this simple human interaction**. This can help us to realize that Jesus' presence can be deeply with us during each and every day of our normal lives at home, school, work, or wherever. One last key thing that can help is that we are asking for God's peace to come to us and others. May we ask God to give us HIS peace during each Mass, and He can truly help us to understand that when the priest says to us, Peace be with you, we can receive God's peace. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, but I give you my peace, says the Lord (see John 14:27)! A peace that grows into our human relationships, a peace that helps us keep growing in the desire for a devout life, and a peace that surpasses all understanding of what the world alone can bring us. Jesus gives us His peace at every Mass, and we can practice bringing that into our human relationships during the sign of peace as well. Amen!



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights meeting will be **Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 pm in the social hall**. For more info on the KOC please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com

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

The next potluck will be Sunday May 19th

CHURCH

Potluck

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

Water, juice & coffee will be provided.



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Youth Group Meeting on Saturday May 25th 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.

Run with the Priest has been re-scheduled to Saturday, May 25th.

NexTrex
Recycle challenge

We are excited to announce a recycle program that will be officially starting here at OLV on June 1, 2024. We have 2 recycle bins, one is

placed in the social hall and the other bin is placed in the lobby of the church closest to the social hall entrance. On front of the bins are guidelines as well as copies of the guidelines that you may take with you. Our goal is to collect 1,000lbs in a years time! Please contact Heather Kauffman for more information, 223-220-6913.



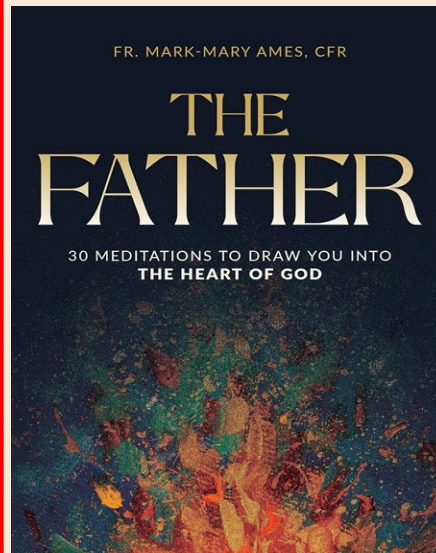
Pentecost Collection: Supporting Vocations to the Priesthood Today... Provide Priests for Tomorrow

The Diocese of Harrisburg was blessed to sponsor 11 Seminarians for priestly formation this past year. Please continue to pray for them, so that they may be formed as good and holy priests. If you are able, please also financially support their formation through the Pentecost Collection. The cost to educate one candidate for the priesthood is over \$46,000 per year. Gifts can be made using the special parish envelope or online at www.hbgdiocese.org/pentecost-collection

Book of the Month – May and June 2024

The Father: 30 Meditations to Draw You Into the Heart of God

by Fr. Mark Mary Ames



Saying the Our Father prayer that Jesus taught us from 2,000 years ago when He walked this earth is a fairly normal thing for most Christians. Many of us as Catholic Christians, say the Our Father prayer many times every single day. However, how often do we take some time to reflect on God relating to us

in personal way as a true and real father. Fr. Mark Mary Ames is a young Capuchin Franciscan priest in New York City, and he does a remarkable job in his new book, *The Father*, to bring our belief and Scripture itself into a new light in this way. Fr. Mark Mary uses real stories and examples to easily bring the reader into a new understanding of Scripture and help us to pray through our relationship with God as a Father. These reflections and stories are split up into 30 different chapters or days, and they are only a few pages long, which make this book easily readable and digestible for the average person. If you want to grow in friendship with God, in love of God, and in a relationship with God, then please consider joining our parish in reading this book over the next two months of May and June. As usual, you will need to purchase this book to read it, but please also let me know if you don't have the money to purchase it and would really like to do that this time around. Once again, please consider reading through this book, and also consider joining us either way on **Wednesday, June 26th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the social hall for our book discussion.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS

The Parish Council of Our Lady of the Visitation parish is needing 3 more new members to fill vacant seats. The vacancies are open to all

baptized, practicing Catholics in good standing, at least 18 years old, registered members of Our Lady of the Visitation parish.

Nomination forms are available in the church lobby. The completed forms may be placed in the nomination box on or before May 26th.

Parishioners whose names have been submitted will be contacted. Those who agree to continue with the process will have their names and a brief biographical information published in the bulletin from June 8th thru June 30th along with ballots for voting. The results will be published in July.

Retreats

Ladies 18 and Over Spend a Weekend With GOD!



June 14 – 16 is the 12th Annual Women's Weekend Retreat at beautiful St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. Bishop Emeritus Ronald W. Gainer will lead you through a faith build-

ing experience. Nervous about going alone? Ask your daughter or Mom to join you. There will be a number of women from OLV attending. You may be able to go with one of them or a friend. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. The cost for the retreat is \$215. Registration forms are in the back.



The 46th Corpus Christi Mens Retreat, "Answering the Call to Follow Jesus" at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD, August 2 – 4. Your Retreat Leader is Fr. David A. Driess. More information will be forthcoming. With the majority of his years as a priest spent in education he will be able to provide us with a variety of ways to dig into

and more fully understand "Oh, that today you would hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." This year there will be a special handout for first timers and the Rosary and Stations of the Cross will be conducted in both English and Spanish.

Please contact John or Andrea Thornton (508) 868-5640, or email johnnie7746@gmail.com for more information regarding these retreats.

Please visit olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org for more information regarding online giving. Thank you!

GIVE ONLINE
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May 4-5 & 11-12, 2024 (in pew)

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| Weekend Collection: | \$6,769.50 |
| Building Improvements: | \$616.00 |
| Parish Youth Education: | \$91.00 |
| Social Outreach: | \$211.00 |
| Ascension: | \$1,178.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions: | \$113.00 |
| Votives: | \$101.50 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$8,160.75 |

NOURISHED
by FAITH

Thank you to all who made their pledge & donation to the Diocesan Annual Campaign. To date we have collected \$30,804.00 towards our goal of \$34,769

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

Today we see another color in our church. Did you notice the new color? Red, the color of fire. After Jesus ascended to the Father, he promised to send a gift. Today we celebrate this gift, the Holy Spirit who is like fire. We call this day Pentecost, and we remember how the disciples first received this gift at the first Pentecost. It is also the birthday of our church.

The Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Who is on the face of the earth? We are! The Spirit can make us new, give us the new life of Christ.



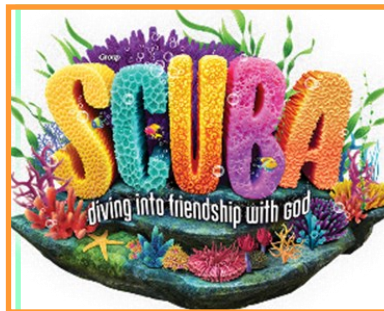
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!

The Spirit brings peace. After Jesus rose, he came to his disciples, breathed on them to give them the Holy Spirit. He said, "Peace be with you." We remember these words at Mass each week.

The Spirit makes us one. We know that every person is unique and different from everyone else. We each have different talents that can help others. The Spirit works so that the very life of Christ flows among us to be one.

As we look around our world, we see the ways that the Spirit is moving. When we see someone who has turned away from sin, from failure to love, and has become able to love again, we know this person has been renewed. When we see two people who were fighting come together to say they are sorry and to make things right, we see the work of the Spirit.

Living our Faith: When you see that you are not loving enough, take time to pray to the Holy Spirit and ask for help to love again.



Register Now for Vacation Bible School!!!

There is NO COST, but spaces are limited—so don't wait!

VBS is for students in pre-k (4 & 5 years old) through 5th grade.

VBS is August 5-9 this

year from 6-8pm in the social hall with some outside activities, as weather permits. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside of the Religious Education office. You may email, mail, or slide completed forms under my door! Let me know if you have any questions!

Jolene Cramm jcramm@hbgdiocese.org



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. **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



Sunday, May 19th —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

**Wednesday, May 22nd —
Morning Prayer 8:30am**

Wednesday, May 22nd—Choir Practice 7:15pm-8:30pm

Thursday, May 23rd—Knitting Group

Join us for coffee, snacks, and good conversation in the social hall after morning Mass.

Saturday, May 25th — Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Saturday, May 25th — Youth Group:
All students in grades 6-12 **from 6-8pm** in the social hall.



If you ordered Hershey Park tickets, you may pick them up at the parish office Mon-Thurs 9-4. Thank you!

Save the Date

Parish
PICNIC

The Parish Picnic will be on **Wednesday, June 5** at **6 pm** at the large pavilion in the **Memorial Park**.

More information to come!!



ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7 FROM 6-9PM AT THE PARISH!
For more info contact Megan Reinsfelder megreins@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, 5:00pm | May 18 Intentions of Ed Kutlik |
| Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am | May 19 People of the Parish Intentions of Dot Chronister |
| Tuesday, 8:30am | May 21 In Memory of Isaac Horst |
| Wednesday, 6:30pm | May 22 Intentions of Pamela Snyder |
| Thursday, 8:30am | May 23 Intentions of Ralph & Kathy McNall |
| Friday, 8:30am | May 24 Intentions of the Armenia Family |
| Saturday, 5:00pm | May 25 In Memory of Mary Alice Forbes |
| Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am | May 26 People of the Parish In Memory of Barb Doyle |



8 Days of Eucharistic Joy

Bishop Senior invites all Catholics in the Diocese to join him for 8 Days of Eucharistic Joy, June 1-8, 2024. This week is dedicated to worship surrounding the Holy Eucharist with special events throughout the Diocese. Highlights include – Priesthood Ordination on June 1; National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and food fest,

Hanover area, on June 4; Consecration of the Diocese to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by Bishop Senior, 12 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral on June 7; and a Solemn Mass at 9:30 a.m. on the steps of the Capitol, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and food festival, on June 8 in Harrisburg. See the full schedule at www.hbgdiocese.org/event/8days.



Knights of Columbus &
Ladies Auxiliary

2024 College Scholarship

Applications for the Our Lady of the Visitation Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship are now available in the back of the church. Any high school senior who is an active member of OLV parish and will be attending an institution of higher learning this fall is eligible to apply. **Completed applications must be dropped off at the parish by 4pm on Wednesday, May 29th.**