

# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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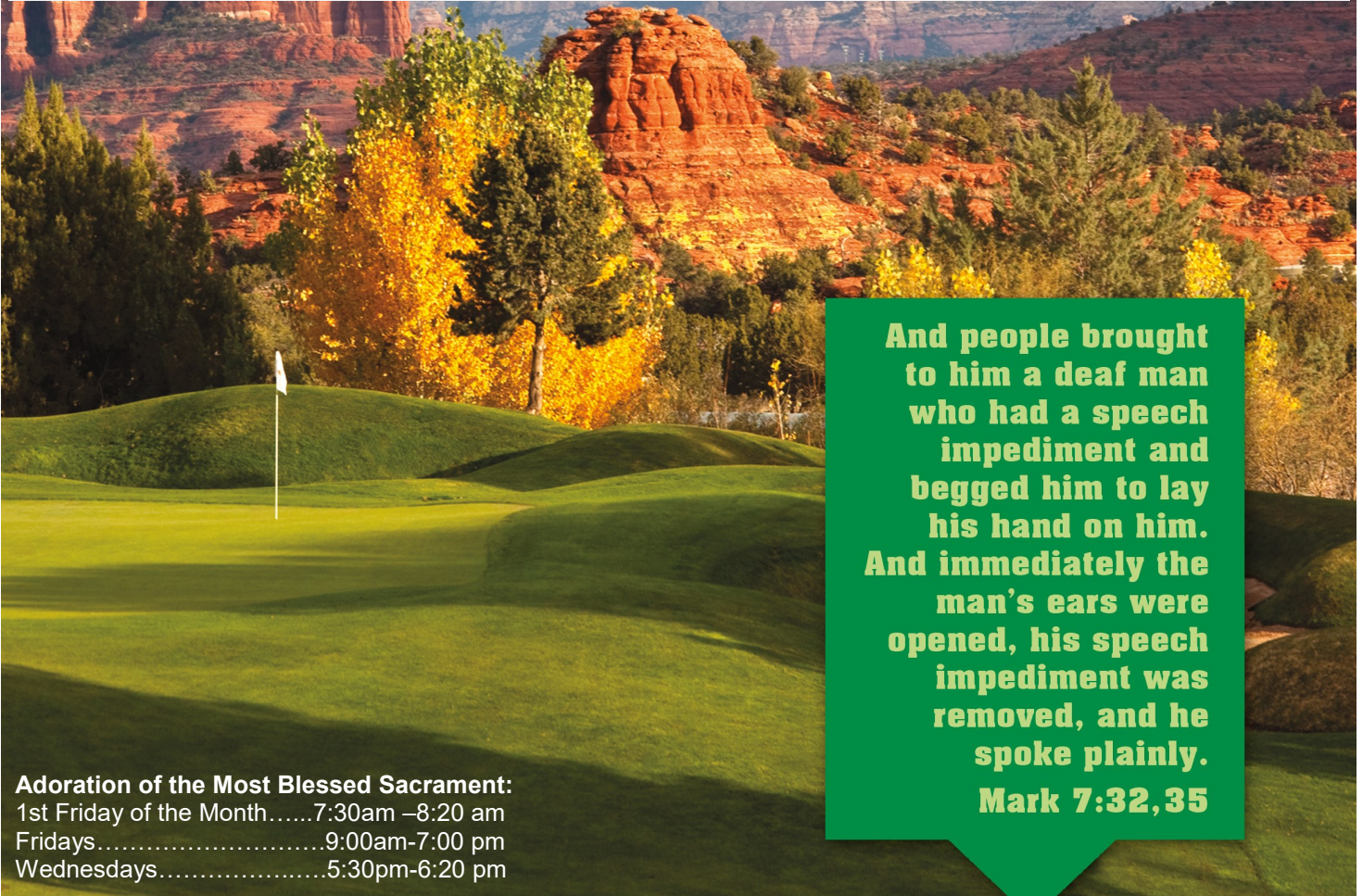
**Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am**

**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)*

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

Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm Closed Holy Days & Holidays

Website-www.olvshippensburg.org You Tube-Shippensburg Catholic



**And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.  
Mark 7:32,35**

#### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:**

1st Friday of the Month.....7:30am –8:20 am  
Fridays.....9:00am-7:00 pm  
Wednesdays.....5:30pm-6:20 pm

#### **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: Monday 8:30 - 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)*

**Rosary:** Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

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

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**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**



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**Aug. 31—Sept. 1, 2024 (in pew)**

Weekend Collection: \$4,275.00  
Building Improvements: \$385.00  
Parish Youth Education: \$60.00  
Social Outreach: \$135.00  
Assumption: \$5.00  
Peter Pence: \$30.00  
Communications: \$20.00  
Votives: \$22.00

**TOTAL INCOME: \$4,932.00**



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](http://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org)

**Religious Education Registration**



**Religious Education News**

**Religious Education classes for students will begin on Sunday, September 15<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!)

**I am very happy to announce that we will be offering a high school class during our religious education time on Sundays this year! The new class is for mixed grades, 9th through 12th. Please, share the news so that we reach everyone that may want to register. Thank you and let me know if you have any questions**

**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](mailto:jcramm@hbgdiocese.org)

Shippensburg University



Welcome to all students! Fr. Ben & I (John Klarmann Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry) are pumped for this 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 neighbors, 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.

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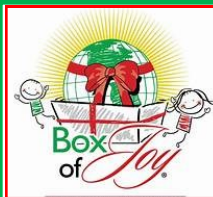
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Join our [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/101072875/](https://groupme.com/join_group/101072875/)

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It is time again for Box of Joy. The goal this year is 100 boxes. \$9.00 is still the shipping cost per box. A reminder that things don't have to be brand new but not heavily used. This year I discovered that old Magnificat's, prayer cards, etc. can be used.

Thanks for supporting he children. The boxes will be available soon. If you have any questions please contact Heather Kauffman at 223-220-6913



Please submit a couple of your family favorite recipes for the 75th anniversary cookbook please put the category, your name and phone number. You can put the recipe in the box in the back of the church or submit to [tiprecipec@yadoo.com](mailto:tiprecipec@yadoo.com).

Please contact Tammy Polifka at [polifka.t@yahoo.com](mailto:polifka.t@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!



# **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Most Powerful Intercessory Prayer – Offering a Mass Intention for Someone**

How can I best pray for this person? Whether it is someone who has passed away from this world, someone who is a friend or family member who is in need, or just someone we want to pray for in a special way because we care about them, what is the most powerful or best or highest form of prayer we can say on their behalf? The short answer is – **offer a Mass intention** for them because, objectively, that is highest form of prayer possible in the history of humanity on this earth.

We all want to pray for people who we love or people that we know are in need, but sometimes we might struggle with exactly how should I pray for them? Do I just say their name? Do I pray an Our Father? A Hail Mary? A Glory Be? Do I just talk to God for a while about their situation? What is the best way to pray for them, and how should I be approaching this type of intercessory prayer?

The answer to all of these questions above is – YES! There are many types of ways to pray for people, and whether it is saying just one Our Father, just saying someone's names, or just talking to God about someone who needs prayers, all of those methods are beautiful ways of asking God to pour out His grace in their lives in a special way. But in addition to these methods of praying from our hearts, we should also realize that prayer as a general rule is always moving through Jesus to God the Father on our behalf. Jesus is the one mediator between God and human beings (1 Timothy 2:5). In other words, Jesus presents and brings all our prayers to God the Father in order for them to become spiritually fruitful for our souls and for the spiritual good of the entire world.

With that understanding, now we can return to our original conclusion. Why is the Mass the most powerful form of intercessory prayer? When we intercede on behalf of others, why is the Catholic Mass considered the most powerful way to pray for them? The reason is very simple – Jesus becomes most fully present to us during the Mass. In fact, as we reflected on over these past few weeks, Jesus indeed becomes fully present, but it is truly Jesus' love (Because Jesus is the infinite God become man) and His one sacrifice on the Cross that transcends time and space to become fully present to us at every single Mass. Think about it like this: **what if you could stand at the foot of Cross and prayer for people that you love?** What if you could walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary and pray for others? What if you could sit with Jesus after He rises from the dead, and pray for people that are in need?! This is exactly what happens when you offer a Mass intention on behalf of someone here at our Church!

Practically speaking,

- all you need to do is to contact our parish office and ask to have a Mass said for a particular person (whether they are still alive or certainly even if they have passed away).
- You can request a specific date (or just the next date available), and if that is not already taken, then my main intention as the priest will be to offer a Mass for your intention on that day.
- We do ask for a \$10 donation for each Mass intention, but if there is some reason that this is too difficult for you, please let me know, and we can make something work in this regard.
- Finally, we also offer physical cards for each Mass intention that you can take with you (either to keep for yourself or to give as a gift to others – for example, giving the card to a family that has lost someone they love).

There is much more that could be said, but suffice it to say, the Mass is the perfect prayer because it is Jesus who becomes present, Jesus who takes our prayers, and Jesus who makes them fruitful for others!

## 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.

## CHURCH

## Potluck

**The next potluck will be Sun. Sept. 15th**

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 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 next run will be Saturday Sept. 21st.**



**Join us for coffee, snacks, and good conversation** in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday morning. All are welcome!



## Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

RCIA classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 24th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall.

All are welcome to attend!



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, September 11th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.



## Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights meeting will be **Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 7:00 pm** in the social hall. Please see Pat Shay for more information.

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

## Save the Date

October 12th, Saturday - **Oktoberfest** starting after the 5pm mass, more information to follow in the coming weeks.

November 3rd, Sunday - **Trunk or Treat** starting at sunset

November 23rd Saturday - **Advent Wreath** making at 10am

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday,

9:00am

5:00pm

## Sunday,

8:00am

11:00am

## Monday,

9:00pm

## Tuesday,

8:30am

## Wednesday,

6:30pm

## Thursday,

8:30am

## Friday,

8:30am

## Saturday,

9:00am

5:00pm

## Sunday,

8:00am

11:00am

## September 7

In Memory of Levi Maciejewski

People of the Parish

## September 8

In Memory of Marcus & Margaret Steinour

In Memory of Tara Porter

## September 9

Private Intentions

## September 10

In Memory of Barry Burke

## September 11

Intentions of Charles Emmons IV

## September 12

Intentions of Hildegard Barnett

## September 13

In Memory of Richard Polidoro

## September 14

Intentions of Father Ben Dunkelberger

People of the Parish

## September 15

In Memory of the Kanc Family

In Memory of William DeChene

## The Word of God Alive:

### Discussing the Readings with your children

#### Have you ever felt left out or treated unfairly?

#### How has that affected how you treat others?

In the second reading, James is scolding his listeners for judging people based on their appearances. When he says that the poor are rich in faith, he is saying that the poor, who believe in and love God, should be treated with respect. We can agree that we all want to be treated with respect. But if we want to be treated with respect, we need to treat others with respect.

#### How do you show respect for others?

#### Have you ever judged someone based on appearance without knowing them?

In the Gospel, some people brought a man who was deaf and could hardly speak to Jesus. They begged Jesus to touch him. Jesus touched the man's ears and his tongue. Looking toward heaven, Jesus said, "Ephphatha!" which means "Be opened!" Immediately, the man could hear and speak. Jesus commands all of us to be open! Jesus calls us to be open to God's Word and to be open to sharing God's love with others.

We need to reach out to the poor, the hungry, the ignored, and the lonely. No matter how old we are, with the help of the Holy Spirit we can do something.

#### Living our Faith: What can you do this week to reach out to someone in need?

## FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

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.

# MINISTRY FAIR

*& Sign-up weekend*

*After ALL MASSES on Sat. September 7<sup>th</sup> and Sun. September 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church*

*We need you involved!*

*Connect, Serve, and/or Grow*

✓ *Enjoy Free Snacks*

✓ *Meet New People*

✓ *Learn About Parish Needs and Opportunities to Grow in your faith!*

*Some examples include:*

- *Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- *Gardening Committee/Group*
- *Service to the needy*
- *Liturgical Ministries*
- *Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary*
- *Our New Men's Faith Discussion Group on Saturday mornings – That Man is You!*
- *Young Family Group*
- *Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*
- *RCIA – (Becoming Catholic; Process/Classes)*
- *Religious Ed. Classes - And so, so much more!!*

*Located: In the Church Social Hall Upstairs*  
*When: Immediately After Mass Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*How Long: As short or long as you can stay!*