

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

**Saturday, Jan. 1st — Run with a Priest™** (or bike, or walk). Meet outside of the social hall entrance at 10am [run may start a few minutes late b/c of the big feast day Mass at 9]

**Wednesday, Jan. 5th — Book of the Month Meeting**  
Book discussion meeting at 7:00 pm in the social hall.  
**Confession** — 5:30pm-6:20pm

**Friday, Jan. 7th — Adoration & Confession**  
7:30am—8:20am

**Saturday, Jan. 8th — Youth Group** 6-8pm (Grade 6-12)  
Please meet in the social hall. Please bring a friend!

## December 18-19, 2021

Weekend Collection:	\$3,196.00
Building Improvements:	120.00
Social Outreach:	145.00
Parish Youth Education:	25.00
Votives/Donuts	41.25
Christmas Flowers:	90.00
Immaculate Conception:	92.00
Retirement for Religious:	437.00
Christmas:	220.00
Matthew 25:	20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$4,386.25</b>

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<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



**Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study is coming to OLV!!**

This 6 week Bible Study is for any woman who wants to let God reshape how you

see and experience intentional relationships, heal past friendship wounds, and cultivate lasting bonds.

**When:** Tuesdays; January 11th, 18th, 25th; February 8th, 15th, 22nd from 7-8:30pm

**Where:** Mary's Kitchen

**How:** Please sign up in the lobby of the Church  
Cost: \$20 + S & H (book purchased through Walking with Purpose) <https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/collections/study-guides/products/reclaiming-friendship-bible-study>.



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED CHRISTMAS FLOWERS THIS YEAR!**

The envelopes and personal dedications will be placed by the Tabernacle to be remembered at all Masses this Christmas season.

## SAVE THE DATE! - New Parish Directory Coming in May 2022!

We have signed up with Re:Member Church Directories for at least three days in mid-May to have pictures taken and a new directory created for our parish. Please put May 16th-18th from 2-8:30 pm on your calendars! **Sign ups will not occur until around Easter**, and we will let you know how to sign up.



**Donations Needed for Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families .**

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families (a Catholic Charities

residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of laundry detergent, disposable masks, body/hand lotion, conditioner, and copy paper. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

*Thank you So Much*

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary we want to thank all the parishioners who donated

cookies for the bake sale and all the ones who purchased to make it a success.

# Christmas and New Years Masses at OLV! *(And Holy Days Explained)*

These are the six Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Church calendar year, but they should really be thought of as the Holy Days of Celebration! Here is a calendar of those six days to help you!

- **January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- The Ascension of Our Lord – Observed on the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter
- **August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **November 1 – All Saints’ Day**
- December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25 – Christmas, The Nativity of Our Lord

Now the Catholic Church understands that we no longer live in a Catholic culture, which might give days off work for these Holy Days, and the Church is trying its best to help those that are heavily burdened by true busyness. Therefore, in the U.S. three of these six days, **Jan. 1, Aug. 15, and Nov. 1**, are not official requirements **when they fall on a Saturday or a Monday** (but the faithful are still encouraged to come to Mass and to celebrate!). However, December 8th and December 25th are always Holy Days of Obligation even on Saturdays and Mondays, which brings us to this year’s Mass schedule at OLV, which is bit confusing due to the Saturdays. Long story short, here is how you fulfill the obligation this year:

- **FIRST**— Attend one Christmas Mass; Dec. 24th & 25th (5pm, 8pm, midnight {all Friday night}, or 10am Sat.),
- **SECOND**— Attend one Mass on Holy Family Sunday; Dec. 26th (8am, 11 am, or 1 pm....Christmas is too important, so we can’t do a Sat. vigil; this is why I added a 1:00 pm Sunday Mass this year),
- **THIRD**— Attend one Mass on Epiphany Sunday; Jan 1st & 2nd (5pm Sat, or, 8am or 11 am Sun).
  - January 1st the feast of Mary is on a Sat., so it is not an official requirement this year, but please come if you can!!

God Bless you, and take care. - Fr. Ben *(if you’d like even more practical details and background, just ask!)*



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD\*

### MASS SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 6:30PM**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 9AM**

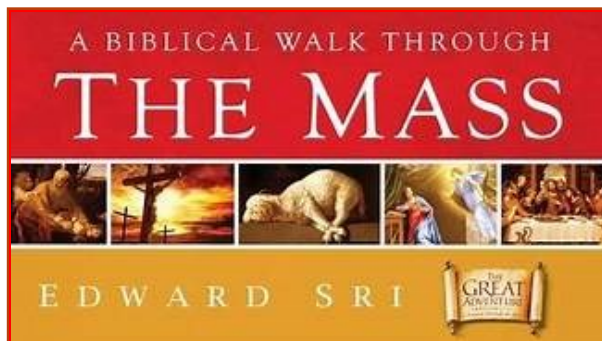
*\*Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year, but Please Come if You Can!*

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 5PM**

**SUN. JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 8AM & 11AM**



## **Wednesday Night Bible Study: (Jan. & Feb.)**

**Dates: January 12th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th, and 16th (5 weeks total)**

**From 7:15—8:15 pm in the Social Hall**

Fr. Ben will be leading the next Wednesday night Bible Study, which will be using Dr. Edward Sri’s video series and book entitled “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”. There is so much depth to the Mass we celebrate every Sunday, so please considering attending as we will dive into Scripture, History, Tradition, and so much more to uncover the beauty of the Mass!