

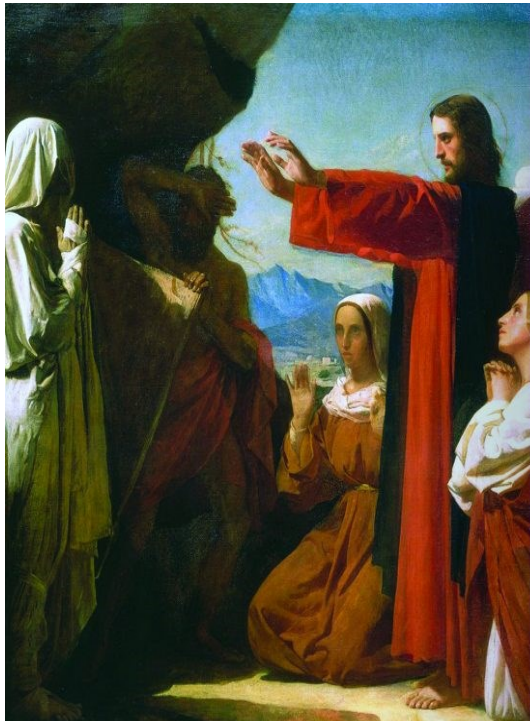
Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am
the resurrection and
the life; whoever
believes in me, even
if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:2



Saturday:

3:30pm – 4:30 pm

Wednesday:

5:30pm – 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 Friday of the Month
7:30 am – 8:20 am

Fridays

9:00am—7:00pm

(sign up in the church lobby)

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 7

The Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: 6:30 p.m.

Easter Schedule

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Celebration

April 8, at 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Fridays,

Holy Days & Holidays

Church (717) 532-2912

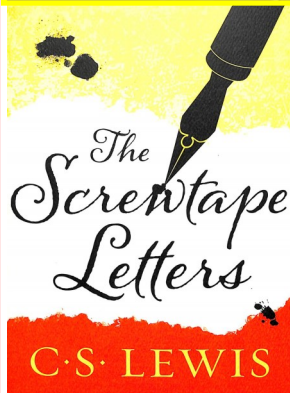
Campus (717) 477-1244

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Our Mission:

***To Proclaim the Kingdom
of God for the
Salvation of Souls***

BOOK OF THE MONTH



March & April

**The Screwtape Letters, by
C.S. Lewis**

The Book of the Month for the March and April of 2023 is a classic by C.S. Lewis, who is also very well known for his other books like *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Mere Christianity*! In this case, *The Screwtape Letters* is a masterful piece of fiction writing that brings the reader into a variety of 'letters'

that are written from a senior evil spirit (or demon) to a new or younger evil spirit, with the goal of teaching how to properly tempt and distract human beings from the good things of the spiritual life and lead them into despair or grave sin. It is certainly an accessible book, and it is perfect for Lent to open our minds to the different temptations and false mindsets or distractions we can fall into during our journey towards heaven (as well as being perfect for Easter in the 'complaints and frustrations' of the evil spirits as to what good things we are doing in our lives to grow closer to Christ!).

Please consider joining us when we have our Book of the Month summary and discussion, and we will meet on **Wednesday, May 3rd from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the social hall of the church. **You do not need to finish the entire book or even read any of it to attend!** However, I do really think you will enjoy this book if you give it a chance. May God Bless you and help you grow closer to Christ this Lent and Easter! – Fr. Ben



The Knights of Columbus are selling Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) instead of the raffle sold before the parish picnic. **The raffle is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus PA State Council and will be drawn on May 5, 2023.** The cost of the tickets are \$5 and the prize list can be seen at the back of the church. A representative of the Knights of Columbus will be available after each mass for ticket purchase.

COME ALIVE

THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS
Friday, May 26—Sunday May, 28

Christian Retreat Center: 369 CRC Dr. East Waterford, PA

A Catholic retreat for all young adults (20s & 30s) married or single. Registration: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/come-alive-young-adult-retreat/>

**DAILY MASS | ADORATION | CONFESSION | SPEAKERS |
SMALL GROUPS | FELLOWSHIP**

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 25— Youth Group 6-8 pm (Grade 6-12),
Saturday evening from 6-8 pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends!

Sunday, March 26— Coffee Hour (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass).

Tuesday, March 28— Ladies Bible Study 7-8:30pm (social hall)

Wednesday, March 29—Morning Prayer 8:30am

Friday, March 31— Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm

Friday, March 31— Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Sunday, April 2— Coffee Hour (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass).



Hello, I wanted to send out a reminder that Box of Joy will be approaching before we know it. I have been seeing a lot of winter items on sale and feel this would be a good time to grab a few items. Same would go with summer items when it is over. Let's try to supply to as many children as possible. I am looking to have our goal as 100 boxes this year at least. You were a great support last year and look forward to seeing what we can do this year. Thank you for your support.

Heather Kauffman



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: Hound Packs are put together every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Please sign up in the lobby of the church if you are able to volunteer. We pack them in the back of the industrial building on Marden Ave. which is off of Lurgan Ave. If we have enough help, it usually takes about 30 minutes. 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

The Way of the Cross with the Women of the World



The Way of the Cross With the Women Of the World

Monday, March 27
7:00pm to 8:00pm
in the church.

While the prayers of these stations focus on women, they are designed to be the prayers of the entire community, all men and women who are concerned about the suffering Christ in our world today.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, March 30 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

The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00pm in the social hall. For more information regarding the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

**ATTENTION!!
SCHEDULE
CHANGE**

The Passion of the Lord service is at 3pm on Good Friday.

Due to Good Friday (April 7) being the First Friday of the month, **there will be no First Friday Adoration or Confession.** The church will be open during the day if you would like to stop by and pray.

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings w/your children



When we lose someone we love, we know that we will never physically see them again. Jesus also knew that to be true and he experienced it himself. When Jesus's friend Lazarus, whom he loved, died, Jesus wept. He also did

something else. People had seen some of Jesus's power when he healed others. His friends knew Jesus could restore people's health.

What miracles of Jesus can you remember?

Lazarus was sick and some people expected Jesus would come and make him better. They were surprised and upset when he did not come before Lazarus died. Lazarus's sister, Mary said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." She knew Jesus had power but did not yet understand how much power.

What did Jesus do to Lazarus?

Jesus showed that his power was so great that it even overpowered death. This shows us that Jesus had power over life and death. Not long after this Jesus would suffer, die and rise for us. In his own suffering, Jesus joins with us in our suffering.

Sometimes our suffering is so deep that we can fall into a deep, dark pit. In our Psalm today the writer cries out to God "Out of the depths I call to you, Lord." We know God hears our prayers. Jesus hears our cries and has joined us in order to lift us up.



Living our Faith:

Pray for all those who are feeling sad, hurt or angry. Pray that Jesus may lift them up and heal their sorrow.



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 16th after the 11am Mass.

Please sign up in the back of the Church, especially since we will be providing lunch as well as a variety of other activities, games, and crafts after the Easter Egg Hunt is over. The Easter Egg Hunt will be split up based on age group, and our rain date is simply the following weekend on Sunday, April 23rd. There we will be prizes for some of the games, and we really encourage the parents and kids to get to know each other during this fun and communal event!

Please considering joining us, and it is a great way to celebrate the joy of Easter with our Parish Family!



Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) @ Shippensburg University

You are invited to come to our many events, especially the weekly dinner and weekly co-ed Bible Study on Thursday nights in the Spiritual Center on campus [google it, if you're not sure where it's located!], but there will be so much more as well! We would love to get you into our GroupMe for CCM to keep you up-to-date on all our different events, including but not limited to, fun and fellowship events, service opportunities, prayer/retreats, and lots more too!

Weekly events: Located at the Spiritual Center right off campus on Thursday evenings. Includes two things, ·CCM Weekly Dinner = 5:00 pm ·Big Group Bible Study = 6:15 - 7:15 pm. For more information please contact Joseph at jmgonza-lez@ship.edu or call the CCM office at 717-477-1244.

If you would like to provide a meal for our Catholic Campus Ministry students, please contact Joseph at jmgonza-lez@ship.edu or call the CCM office at 717-477-1244. The dinners are held every Thursday at 5pm (except during breaks) at the Spiritual Center on Campus.

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MARCH 31, 2023

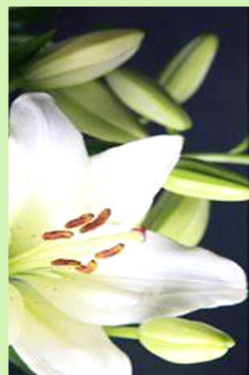


Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for **significant savings**.

Gate admission for Regular is \$85.80; our price is **\$40.95** (ALL ages 3+) valid until 9/10/23 or **\$42.95** (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/1/24. *ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 12% off retail prices - **\$14.99 each** and *ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$20.00 pre-ordered or pay \$25.00 on-site. Tickets purchased in 2023 are valid for any single day of operation throughout the 2023 calendar year, but will not be valid past their expiration date.

Orders must be received at the parish by Friday, March 31, 2023. FORMS ARE IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH.
Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of April 17.



In Loving Memory

In the charity of your prayers please remember Karen Collard who passed away on Monday, March 20th. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 1st at 1100 A.M. A visitation will be held here at the church from 10am -11:00am prior to the Funeral Mass. May the mercy of God bring her the fullness of life in heaven.

March 18-19 2023 (In Pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,095.00
Building Improvements:	85.00
Ash Wednesday:	25.00
Social Outreach:	195.00
Parish Youth Education:	25.00
Votives/Donuts	56.50
Easter Flowers:	50.00
Catholic Relief:	50.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$4,581.50

Online giving made easy!

Please visit the following link:

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry Shippensburg University

Help College Students live their Catholic Faith

Catholic Campus Ministry at Shippensburg University is seeking an **Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry**, a full-time, ten-month (equivalent) professional position. Needed to assist the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry in leading our Christ-centered Catholic Campus Ministry. Responsibilities include: creating innovative ways to bring people together; responding to inquiries about the Catholic faith; providing opportunities for young adult faith formation; attending weekly CCM Mass; providing pastoral care to students; coordinating retreats; mentoring individual students; overseeing organizational and financial responsibilities; and guiding the student Leadership Team. We offer competitive salary and benefits. You must be a practicing Roman Catholic possessing the ability to respect, promote, accommodate, and not be in conflict with the mission, moral and social teachings, doctrines, and laws of the Roman Catholic faith and must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. Preferred candidates will have previous experience in youth/young adult ministry and a strong academic background in a related field.

All interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by April 21, 2023, to: FrBDunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org

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. Please consider checking out the QR code and/or website below, and we will be meeting as a parish as well to check in and see how everyone is doing.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday night, April 19th from 7:15 pm – 8:15 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. Father Ben Dunkelberger

Mark your 2023 calendar for the 45th Men's Retreat sponsored by Corpus Christi parish! Set for August 4, 5 and 6, Friday evening through early Sunday afternoon. The event is again being held at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. Reservations will be accepted beginning in May. Watch the bulletin for updates. It will be a great spiritual boost to spend this time with the men in our area parishes.

SAVE THE DATE
MEN'S RETREAT

JOIN OUR TEAM

Catholic Charities is Hiring! If you have a passion to share your gifts

and talents by serving others in your community, and are looking for a rewarding career, Catholic Charities has professional opportunities available.

Program Director - Evergreen House

Program Manager - Lourdeshouse

Full job descriptions can be found on Catholic Charities website: www.cchbg.org. To apply, visit Catholic Charities website or Indeed.

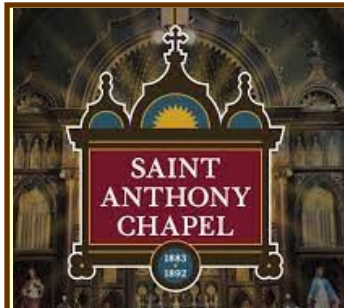


2023 Diocesan
Annual Campaign

The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist, has begun! The Diocesan Annual Campaign provides resources, expertise, guidance and support for more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities. Now, more than ever, the programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support. Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude. **Our parish goal for 2023 is \$31,608.00** To learn more about the Diocesan Annual Campaign, please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/> Thank you in advance for your gift.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	March 25 People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	March 26 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
11:00am	In Memory of Kalman Csoppu
Tuesday, 8:30am	March 28 In Memory of Dorothy Best
Wednesday, 6:30pm	March 29 Intentions of Father Leon Leitam
Thursday, 8:30am	March 30 In Memory of Ron Gilson
Friday, 8:30am	March 31 In Memory of Freda Babel
Saturday, 9:00am	April 1 Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump
5:00pm	In Memory of Peg Cretella
Sunday, 8:00am	April 2 In Memory of Corporal Lucas Nagel
11:00am	People of the Parish



Join us on Saturday, July 8 for the parish bus trip to Pittsburgh. We will be visiting Saint Anthony's Chapel, home of the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican, and the Vanka Murals of Saint Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. Cost is \$100 per person. For more information, please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com.



SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH