

# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

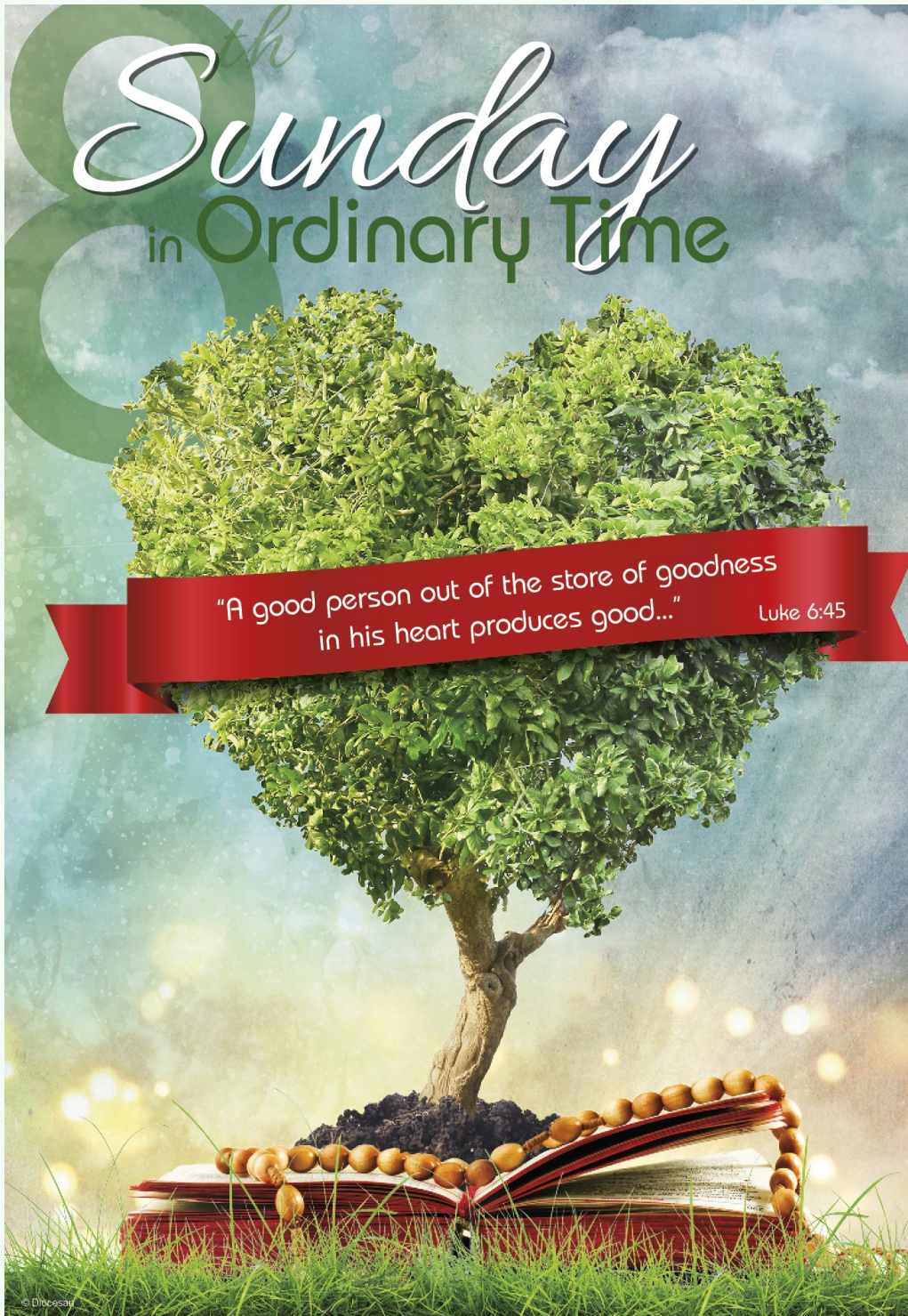
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## Our Mission:

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

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February 27, 2022

### Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday**  
9:00am-4:00pm  
**Closed Fridays**

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**Parish Website:**  
[www.olvshippensburg.org](http://www.olvshippensburg.org)

**You Tube-**  
**Shippensburg Catholic**



For Out of The  
Abundance of The  
Heart, The Mouth  
Speaks





#### 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

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays..... 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Wednesdays.....5:30 pm – 6:20 pm

First Friday of the Month.....7:30 am – 8:20 am

First Saturday of the Month...8:00 am – 8:45 am

#### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month.....7:30 am – 8:20 am

#### Religious Education

Sundays .....9:30 am – 10:45am

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#### Mass Times:

**March 2nd**

**8:30am &  
6:30pm**



#### Saturday, February 26

5:00pm In Memory of James Johnson

#### Sunday, February 27

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am In Memory of Steven P. Grezner

#### Tuesday, March 1

8:30am Intentions of Fr. Ben Dunkelberger

#### Ash Wednesday, March 2

8:30am In Memory of Leslie Smith Crozier

6:30pm People of the Parish

#### Thursday, March 3

8:30am Intentions of Frank & Georgette Rice

#### Friday, March 4

8:30am Intentions of Adele & Ken

#### Saturday, March 5

9:00am Intentions of the John Mordas Family

5:00pm In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cretella Sr.

#### Sunday, March 6

8:00am Intentions of Joan Machado &

In Memory of Mary Machado

11:00am People of the Parish



#### CONFESSION

Every Friday  
(during Lent)

6:00-6:45pm

*\*In addition to  
the normal times*



**FRIDAYS AT  
7:00pm**



#### Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the K of C will be on Thurs-  
day March 3rd at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. For

more information contact Mike Connor at

mconnor2001@gmail.com or 717-530-5165.

The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, March 1st  
at 7pm in the parish hall. For more information regarding

the Ladies Aux. contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or  
ddbbonitz@gmail.com.

## What's Happening This Week

**Saturday, Feb. 26th**  
— **Youth Group** 6-8pm (Grade 6-12)  
Please meet in the social hall. Please bring a friend!

**Friday, March 4th** — **Confession & Adoration** 7:30-8:20am  
**Adoration** 9:00 am—7:00 pm  
**Confession** 6:00-6:45pm  
**Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm

**Saturday, March 5th** — **Run with a Priest** (or bike, or walk). Meet outside of the social hall entrance at 10am.

### 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 support!



## MEN'S CONFERENCE

### 2022 Diocesan Men's Conference

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

Mark your calendars for the Diocese of Harrisburg's Men's Conference, *Becoming Champions for Christ*, on April 2 at in the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg. Keynote speaker Adam Janke headlines a panel of excellent speakers that will focus on standing firm as men of faith among the challenges of today's faith-less society. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Confession, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer are also part of this annual event. Registration is \$35 for in-person (includes light breakfast fare and lunch) and \$20 for virtual. Register today or learn more at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men).



Grades 6-12 will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday evening from 6-8pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends.

### February 19-20, 2022

Weekend Collection:	\$2,930.70
Building Improvements:	241.00
Social Outreach:	66.00
Votives/Donuts	40.38
Propagation of the Faith:	51.00
Poor Missions:	156.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$3,485.08</b>

Online giving made easy!

Please visit the following link:

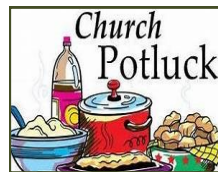
<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



walking with purpose

## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study, Walking with Purpose, will be having a Lenten Bible Study called *Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived* on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This will start on Tuesday, March 8th in the Social Hall (some future meetings may be held in Mary's Kitchen), running until April 12th, and all women are welcome and encouraged to attend and check it out! Please consider stopping by at least once if you can, and please contact Mary Geesaman at 717-552-7487 or email [mgeesaman1@gmail.com](mailto:mgeesaman1@gmail.com) for more information. Finally, If you are unable to attend any/all of these dates, **Walking With Purpose** will have LIVE sessions on Thursdays at 8pm beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>, via Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook for self-study opportunities.



Join us for a Potluck Sunday Lunch every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday immediately following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm). Please bring a dish to share. The parish will supply water, juice & coffee.

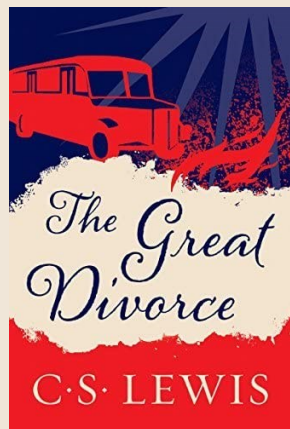
## SAVE THE DATE! - New Parish Directory Coming in May 2022!

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.





## MARCH & APRIL



**The Great Divorce? - Divorce is about the great separation OR the difference in our the state of hearts for eternity.**

## The Great Divorce by

## C.S. Lewis

This book is not about divorce literally, but it is a classic fictional story focused on heaven and our journey to get there through our lives on this earth. C.S. Lewis is such a well-known and well-loved author, and this book truly does immerse the reader in a tale and pulls us out of the superficial and non-essential aspects of our lives and encourages us to surge towards God and heaven with all that we are and meant to become in God's grace. This does not attempt to give a full theological treatise on the topics of heaven and hell, judgement and paradise, but it does help us lift our imaginations above the banality of this life and put

our minds on things of God. We will read this book throughout the months of March and April, and the book discussion will take place on Wednesday, May 4th from 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the Social hall of the main church. Each parishioner will be asked to purchase the book themselves online or in a bookstore, but please let us know if you have any financial difficulties with this, and we will find a way to help you out and get the book. Just one last reminder, that this Book of the Month is not a book group or book club. It is truly just a monthly or bi-monthly gathering where everyone is welcome. After a summary of the book by Fr. Ben, there is some very relaxed small group discussion. Please join us!

God Bless you.

## Families Invited!!

We are expanding our Greeter Ministry starting in Lent. The Catholic Church is community. With this teaching in mind, we are inviting families to join our greeter team. Having a family at the social hall door to greet our children coming to CCD is a wonderful way to show we are a welcoming family oriented community. We often enjoy the presence of Mary's grandchildren at the 5 PM Mass on Saturdays. They always add spirit to the welcoming process. We are planning to expand the number of greeters; so families and any other interested parishioners are encouraged to contact John Thornton: (508) 868-5640, [johnnie7746@gmail.com](mailto:johnnie7746@gmail.com). We would LOVE to have you become part of this very important and fun ministry. Lent is only 4 ½ weeks away, so think, discuss, and pray about it as a FAMILY or individual.



## FRIDAYS During Lent

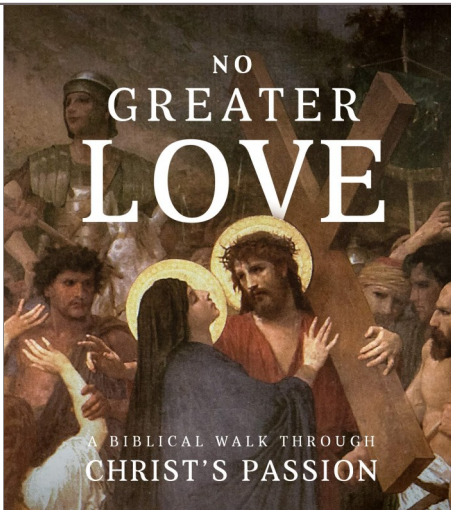
We are going to try this during Lent to see how it goes, but Adoration and silent prayer is very powerful and one of my main encouragements for all people! This Lenten season, we will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9:00 am (after morning Mass) until 7:00 pm (when Stations of the Cross begin). There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Church for each Friday, and we do need people to sign up for these times in order for this to work out well. Trust me when I say, that if you put yourself in front of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for an extended period of time, He will pour His grace into your heart in a powerful way to say the least. God Bless you, and please contact me with any questions [frbdunkelberger@hbqdiocese.org](mailto:frbdunkelberger@hbqdiocese.org).



## **Works of Mercy - Volunteer Information List**

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for anyone who is interested in being contacted by our parish about service opportunities in this local area. There is no official commitment when you sign up on this sheet, but you will get specific emails or calls in the future about optional opportunities to serve the poor or disadvantaged. We will still post these opportunities in our bulletin, but more detailed information will be sent to those who sign up, and specific invitations are helpful in these situa-

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



## No Greater Love

Fr. Ben will be hosting a Wednesday evening Bible Study starting on Wednesday, March 16th from 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the Social Hall. It will be five weeks long (ending on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>), and it will be focusing in on Jesus' Pas-

sion during what we now call Holy Week, which is the week leading up to Jesus' Resurrection and Easter Sunday! We will watch 25 – 30 min videos, and then have a big group discussion. You can purchase this book if you'd like online, but it is not required to attend. Please considering joining us for one or more evenings, and God Bless you this Lent!

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before. Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

## Volunteer Opportunities



## HOUND PACKS

We have been doing very well supplying the soups. We pack 147 bags each week but only when school is in session. Each bag gets 10 items and 2 of those items are soup each week. We pack the bags on Wednesday at 5:30 and it takes about 30 minutes. Please consider volunteering to help. We pack at the warehouse that houses the Shoe Box Ministry on Marden Ave. We will start again in January. Questions call Bobbi Staver 717-816-5309



One Faith  
One Family

2022 Diocesan  
Annual Campaign

**The 2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign, One Faith, One Family, has begun.** Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2021 effort was remarkable with 72 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. The many ministries and programs which received funding are humbled by the interest in and support of their efforts. From Evangelization efforts, to the many social service programs offered by Catholic Charities, to ongoing education and formation for our seminarians, clergy and ordained deacons, to support for Catholic education, your gift does make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year to ensure that the mission of the Church is fulfilled. **Our in-pew weekend will be March 5th & 6th.** To learn more about the Diocesan Annual Campaign, please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/> Thank you in advance for your gift.

## Ushers Needed!

*Serving others  
at Mass*

As we are getting more and more back to normal here at Our Lady of the Visitation, many of our ministries are returning little by little. One great example of this is our need for more ushers and to help out at the Mass in a variety of ways. Please consider being an usher and signing up in the back of the Church over the next few weekends. We will have a very short but informative training on **Saturday, March 12th at 9:00 am**, and there will be coffee and some light food as well. Duties will involve recruiting a family to bring up the gifts, securing the collection, and helping others get to their seats (especially elderly or handicapped individuals) among other things. Thank you for considering this, and God Bless you!