

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

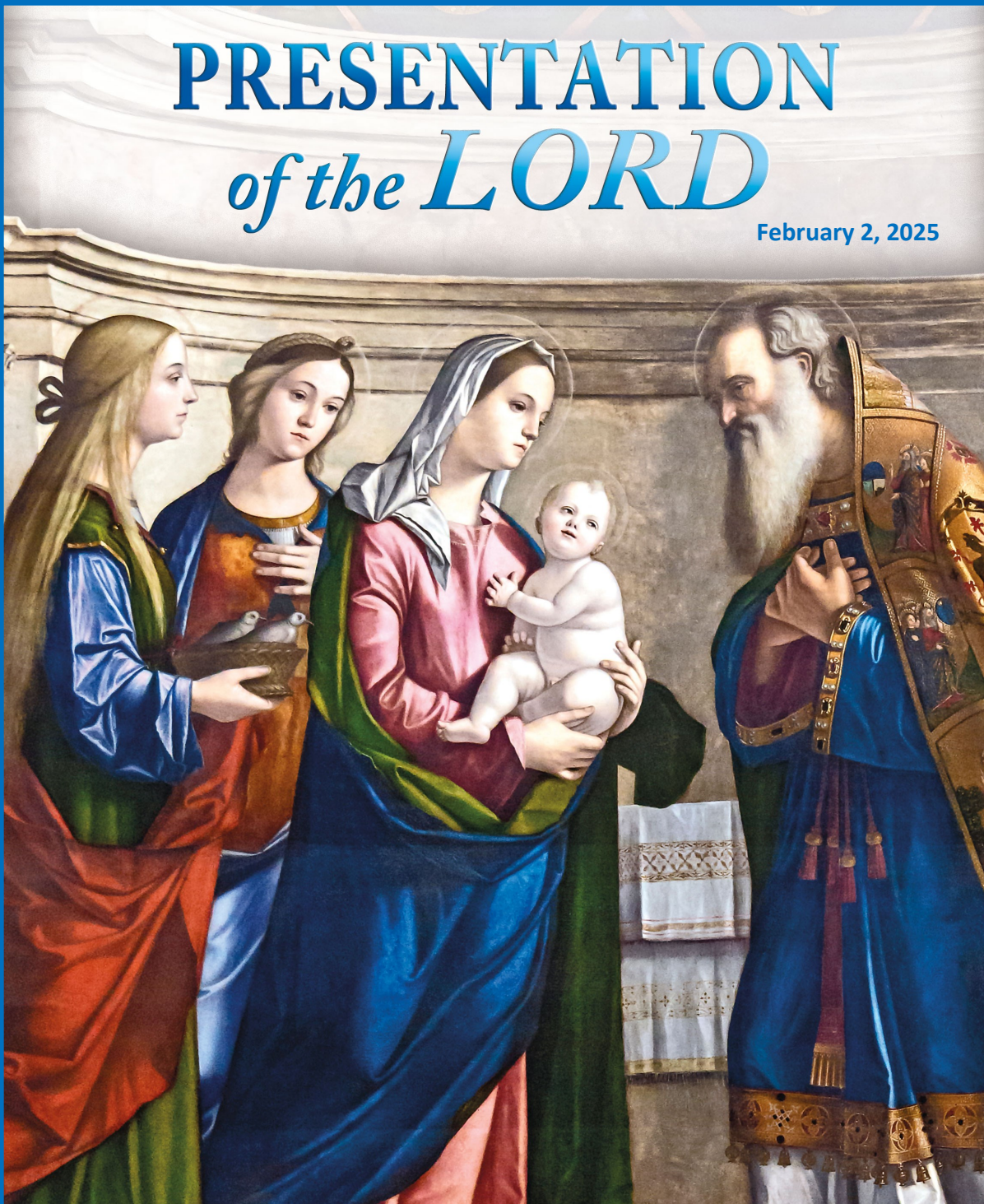
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PRESENTATION *of the LORD*

February 2, 2025



Book of the Month

January and February 2025

The Book of the Month for both January and February 2025 is *The Three Ordinary Voices of God* by Matthew Kelly. We gave this book away as a Christmas gift to everyone at the parish, and we will have more copies of the book to give away as well as we begin the month of February. It is a very easy, enjoyable, and engaging read at just over 100 pages. Matthew Kelly, as usual, does a wonderful job of helping us to access the deep topic of prayer using gifted story-telling, analogies and examples that come to life, and practical tips to help us follow through with this most essential habit of our faith. Sometimes we do overcomplicate how we approach our spiritual lives, and recognizing how God speaks through three of our most fundamental human experiences: our needs, our talents, and our desires; Matthew Kelly brings to life how often and profoundly God wants to speak to us and move us closer to Him. This all leads to our ultimate desire, which is our desire for God Himself, so I encourage you to give this book a chance and please consider coming to our book discussion on Wednesday, February 26th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Church social hall. This is just a quick reminder, but you don't have to read or book or be an expert in prayer to attend this meeting! It is a great way to simply hear my favorite parts, get a quick summary of the book, and talk to some other parishioners about prayer and how to live our Catholic Faith in a deeper way. Thank you again, and God Bless you all as we continue through the beginning of 2025 and Ordinary Time in the Church year!



THE
THREE
ORDINARY
VOICES
OF GOD

How You Hear But Cannot Hear
MATTHEW KELLY





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)



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
1st Fri. of the Month
7:30am –8:20 am
Fridays
9:00am—7:00 pm
Wednesdays
5:30pm-6:20pm

Morning Prayer
Wednesdays.....8:30am

Rosary:
Tuesday—Friday
8:00am

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION
75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 Come celebrate with us God's faithfulness and blessings!
MASS AT 2:00 PM SUNDAY FEB. 16TH
FOLLOWED BY A MEAL
IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 3:00 PM

Join us for a special afternoon to celebrate the past, present, and future of our parish! On February 16th, 2025, we will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Visitation in a very special way! A Mass will be held to celebrate this special milestone at 2pm, followed by a meal in the social hall and a short Our Lady of the Visitation trivia game! All are welcome! Sign up in the back of church between January 26th and February 9th! Please note there will be two sign up sheets for this event. The first sign up sheet is to record the number of people attending and food preferences. The second sign up sheet is to volunteer to bring a side item or dessert. BYOB. Donations will be graciously accepted at the time of the event! Look forward to not only this event, but many other small events within the parish to celebrate this special year!

Hope to see you there!

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



Reconciliation
(Only During the College Fall & Spring semesters:
Sacrament of Penance:
Mon. 8:30PM- 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)

Jan 25-26, 2024 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,317.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$10.00
Building Improvements:	\$425.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$303.00
Social Outreach:	\$145.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$61.00
Eastern Church:	\$75.00
Propagation of Faith:	\$65.00
Poor Missions:	\$105.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$5,506.00

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE Please join us for our next coffee hour on Sun. Feb. 2nd in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.

DONATE ONLINE 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.

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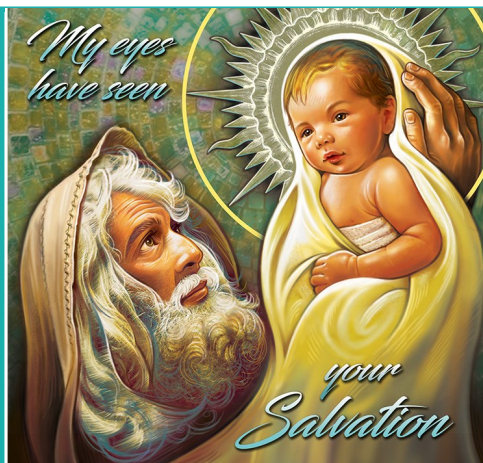
Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

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



The Word of God Alive:
Discussing the Readings with your children.

Think of a time when you had to wait for something very exciting. Was it easy for you to wait?

Most of us do not think waiting is easy. In our readings today, we hear about two people who had been waiting for something for the entire lives. Simeon and Anna were part of the people of Israel. God made a promise to send someone who would bring salvation for the people and bring a new kingdom of justice, peace, mercy and love. The people waited for many, many generations for him to come.

Simeon knew he would see the Messiah with his own eyes because God had promised it to him. He believed God would keep that promise.

As devout Jews, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple soon after he was born because they were part of the people of Israel, just like Simeon and Anna. Although Jesus was a very special baby, he looked like any other baby.

Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus because they had opened themselves to God's Word and believed God's promise would be fulfilled. Simeon thanked God for letting him see Jesus before dying in peace. Anna also blessed God and gave thanks for this newborn savior. Jesus was worth waiting for. Jesus reminds us that God never forgets his promises. Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose again for us.

AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, February 4th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall.

All are welcome to attend!



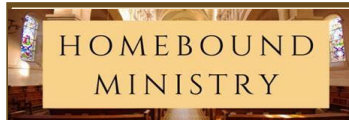
If you are interested in being an Usher please contact Joe Cretella at pjcretella1@gmail.com or call (717) 377-1480.

For anyone interested in becoming a Greeter please email John Thornton at johnnie7746@gmail.com or call (508) 868-5640



Living our Faith:

Talk to your parents about the day you were baptized and welcomed into the family of God.



If you or someone you know would like a visit from our homebound ministry team please contact John Bonitz at jsbonitz@comcast.net or call (717) 262-3614



SOUP SOUP SOUP It's that time again for the Ladies Auxiliary soup sale!! All members of the parish are invited to make soup to donate. We will collect soup donations on Saturday, February 15 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in the kitchen in the social hall. The soups will be sold after all Masses on February 15 and 16. Pint and quart soup containers to use will be available in the kitchen from now until the sale! If you have any questions, contact Mary at 717-658-3288. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KofC meeting is Thursday, February 6th at 7 pm in the parish hall. This will be a joint meeting and social afterwards with the Ladies Auxiliary hosting.

Please see Pat Shay at 732--319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday February 8th from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Bring your friends!**

ATTENTION LADIES

MARDI GRAS TEA



Mardi Gras Tea

All women of the parish are invited to attend Sunday, March 2nd 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is an afternoon of sharing and fun to celebrate before the beginning of Lent.

Those attending are asked to bring: a tea cup or mug, some finger food to share, a happy and joyful spirit, a friend. The theme this year is BAKING.

Questions or for more information contact Mary Poffenbarger 301-639-3297 email - missmary@lockfarm.net



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.



For All Men 18 Years or Older

SCHEDULE:

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 7:30am Presentation (Video)
- 8:00am Small Group
- 8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Next meeting will be Sat. Feb. 8th in the social hall.



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, February 5th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday,
9:00am | February 1
Intentions of the Fitzgerald Family |
| 5:00pm | In Memory of Mary Hare |
| Sunday,
8:00am | February 2
Intentions of Heather Kauffman |
| 11:00am | Intentions of Bryon Keck |
| Monday,
9:00pm | February 3
Private Intentions |
| Tuesday,
8:30am | February 4
Intentions of Olivia Ransbottom |
| Wednesday,
6:30pm | February 5
In Memory of Steven Thoms |
| Thursday,
8:30am | February 6
Intentions of Jill Smeltzer |
| Friday,
8:30am | February 7
Intentions of Brian & Jeanne Thoms |
| Saturday,
9:00am | February 8
Intentions of Roberta Huffner |
| 5:00pm | In Memory of Mary Hare |
| Sunday,
8:00am | February 9
People of the Parish |
| 11:00am | In Memory of John Shields |



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in Memory of Neil Thompson



You may sign up for a weekend to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers cost 40.00.

The flowers will be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. The sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin. Please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552 with questions.



All are welcome to join us in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings.



If you would like to be part of a prayer group to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory through prayer, please call Michelle at 717-552-7252.