

# THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

## *The Crowning with Thorns*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church 305 N. Prince Street, Shippensburg, Pa 17257

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### Mass Times

#### 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



### Reconciliation

#### 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)



**Tuesday, March 14th @ 6:30 pm.**

Several priests will be available. You may come after the 6:30 pm start time if you have time constraints (such as arriving at 7 pm), but confessions will end when there is no one left in line for confession. I hope this can be a powerful moment to experience God's mercy and forgiveness as we approach Easter and our celebration of Jesus rising from the dead!

### Stations of the Cross



**Fridays in Lent at 7pm**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Closed Fridays, Holy Days & Holidays  
Church (717) 532-2912 Campus (717) 477-1244 Emergency (717)323-2679

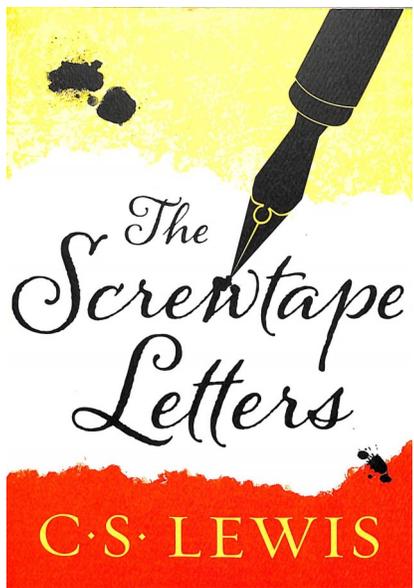
# BOOK OF THE MONTH

March & April 2023

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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## Church Calendar

**Saturday, March 11— 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 12— Coffee Hour** (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass)

**Tuesday, March 14 — Lenten Penance Service** 6:30pm

**Wednesday, March 15—Morning Prayer** 8:30am

**Friday, March 17— Eucharistic Adoration** 9:00am-7:00pm

**Friday, March 17— Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm

**Saturday, March 18— Run with a Priest** (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

**Sunday, March 19— Coffee Hour** (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass)

**Sunday, March 19—Parish Potluck** Following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm). Please bring a dish to share. The parish will supply water, juice & coffee.



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.



## 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](http://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



### 2023 Men's Conference

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Men's Conference at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples, will offer the keynote address. Breakout session presenters

include Marcel LeJeune, Bishop Gainer, Fr. Ryan Fischer, Deacon Armando Torres, and Deacon Virgilio Centenera. Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Breakout Sessions, Confession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are part of this annual event. For more details, visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/men>.



### Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

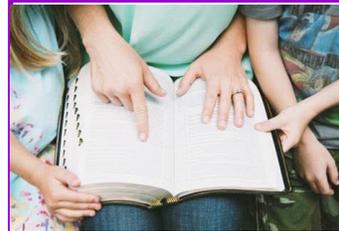
**The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm in the social hall.** For more information regarding the Knights please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or [travisedetwiler@gmail.com](mailto:travisedetwiler@gmail.com)

**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 [ddbbonitz@gmail.com](mailto:ddbbonitz@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, July 8th  
Bus trip to St. Nicholas Croatian Church and St. Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburgh.**

**Stay tuned for more details.**



## The Word of God Alive:

**Discussing the Readings w/your children**

*Here at our parish, we are transitioning away from Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Mass, and instead, we would like to encourage parents to discuss the weekly readings or homily with their children either before or after Mass occurs. This spiritual conversation, even if it is simple or a bit scattered, can be very powerful, and it is a way for God's word to come alive in our hearts. We will provide questions and discussion points to help parents start this conversation with their children, and please consider doing this with your family each week!*

**When you enter church for Mass, do you dip your hand in holy water and make the Sign of the Cross? Why do you do this?**

Water is so important. **In what ways is water needed in our everyday lives?** More than half of our bodies are water and we need to drink water to stay alive. You can go weeks without food but we can't go more than a few days without water.

In the first reading, the Israelites who followed Moses into the desert knew how important water was to them. Moses led the people out of slavery in Egypt into a place of freedom, but that place was a desert. When the people realized they didn't have water, they wondered what good freedom was without life. **What did God tell Moses to do so the people would have water?** Although the people followed Moses, it was truly God who led them. God made a promise to take care of them. God provided what the people needed to get them to a new life of freedom.

In the Gospel, Jesus was traveling about noon time, when it was very hot. People then didn't have faucets in their homes for water. They had to go to a community well to get their water and bring it home. A woman was at the well to get water to cool her. Jesus told her he had the living water. She must have thought they were cool refreshing waters. **What do you think Jesus meant by having living water?**

During the season of Lent we are getting ready to celebrate the new life that Jesus offered to us through his suffering, death and resurrection. There are some people in our parish who are preparing to receive the water of Baptism in a few weeks.



**Living our Faith: Pray for those people who are preparing to come into our church at the Easter Vigil. Pray for yourself that you can recognize the truth of Christ's living waters in your life.**



## 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 jmgonzalez@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 jmgonzalez@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.**



### 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 onsite

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, 2023.

Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCCCW) Save the Date - Saturday, March 18, 2023 The Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCCCW) is hosting a Lenten Afternoon of Reflection in the Parish Center. The afternoon will be led by Deacon Jeffrey Baylor, from St. Peter Parish, Columbia, PA. His topic is "Angels" with a Lenten theme. Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., doors open at 12:30 p.m. There is an opportunity for confession from 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. and Mass at 5:00 p.m., both in the Church. Cost: FREE and includes light refreshments. Advance registration is requested to ensure adequate accommodations and refreshments. To register, please contact Kathy Wingert at 717-352-7354 or email at kathywingert69@gmail.com. The Registration Deadline is March 15, 2023.

January & February 2023	
Weekend Collection	\$36,281.75
Building Improvements	\$1,894.00
Parish Youth Education	\$671.00
Social Outreach	\$968.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
Votives/Donut	\$430.08 / \$27.00
Ash Wednesday	\$816.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$650.00
Christmas	\$230.00
Eastern Church	\$567.00
Poor Missions	\$788.00
Retirement for Religious	\$10.00
Catholic Relief	\$70.00
Disasters	\$200.00
Propagation of Faith	\$438.00
Online Giving	\$13,473.57
TOTAL	\$57,519.40

### The Way of the Cross with the Women of the World



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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.

## 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!).

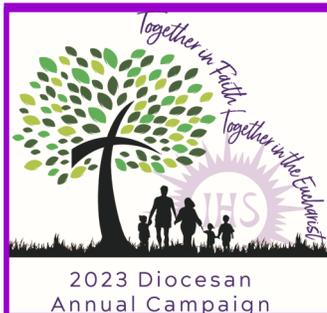
Father Mike Schmitz, who led a podcast two years ago that was beautiful and still free for everyone – *The Bible in a Year* – has decided to help everyone go a little deeper in our understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches by reading a tiny bit of the Catechism every day. Father Mike is very 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, March 15th 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**

*Were you married in 1973? In honor of your*



*50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact your parish office.*



**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

<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00pm	<b>March 11</b> In Memory of Tara Porter
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am 11:00am	<b>March 12</b> People of the Parish Intentions of Jeff Ingram
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:30am	<b>March 14</b> In Memory of James Johnson
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:30pm	<b>March 15</b> In Memory of Bob Solder
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:30am	<b>March 16</b> In Memory of Margaret Hammar
<b>Friday,</b> 8:30am	<b>March 17</b> In Memory of Irene Hogle
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00pm	<b>March 18</b> Intentions of Grace Massey
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:00am 11:00am	<b>March 19</b> People of the Parish Intentions of Carlisle Crawley

## LAST CHANCE



The Safety Committee has scheduled another safety training session. First Aid, CPR, AED, and active shooter training will be provided on Saturday March 18 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The session is limited to 20 attendees. Cost for the training is \$100.00. Parish assistance is available. Safety committee members are in the back with sign-up sheets and to answer any questions you may have.