

# 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

## Our Mission:

To Proclaim the Kingdom  
of God for the  
Salvation of Souls

# Easter Sunday

HE IS  
RISEN



**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

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

**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)

# USHERS & GREETERS

Please consider being an usher. 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. Please contact Joe Cretella at [pjcretella1@gmail.com](mailto:pjcretella1@gmail.com) or (717) 377-1480 for more information.



The Catholic Church is community. With this teaching in mind, we are inviting families to join our greeter team. We are planning to expand the number of greeters; so families and any other interested parishioners are encouraged to contact John Thornton: [johnnie7746@gmail.com](mailto:johnnie7746@gmail.com) or (508) 868-5640 We would LOVE to have you become part of this very important and fun ministry. as a FAMILY or individual.

Called to *Serve*

## Contact Us for More Information

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

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

**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

PLEASE DONATE

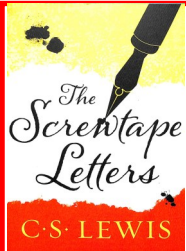
### Donations Needed for Lourdeshouse Maternity Home

Lourdeshouse Maternity Home (a Catholic Charities residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of: toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates/cups/bowls, plastic utensils, cleaning supplies (bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose cleaner, dish soap, wipes, disinfectant spray), regular laundry detergent and baby detergent. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the church.

### 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.

# CHURCH EVENTS



## 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 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

## 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.

**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

Join Us  
**CHURCH**  
— POTLUCK —

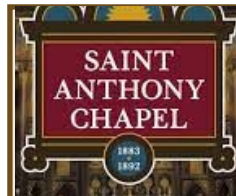
Every 3rd Sunday immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.



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 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!



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](mailto:travisedetwiler@gmail.com).

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

### 40 HOURS OF ADORATION

MAY 7—MAY 9

### MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!) Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. The social hall will be open for water.



Grades 6-12 will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday evening (unless otherwise noted in the church calendar bulletin ad) from 6-8pm in the social hall. Feel free to invite your friends.

# MASS Intentions

<b>Saturday, 8:00pm</b>	<b>April 8</b> (Easter Vigil) Intentions of Grace Massey
<b>Sunday, 8:00am</b>	<b>April 9</b> (Easter Sunday) People of the Parish
<b>11:00am</b>	In Memory of Catherine Little
<b>Tuesday, 8:30am</b>	<b>April 11</b> In Memory of Trudy Ensminger
<b>Wednesday, 6:30pm</b>	<b>April 12</b> In Memory of Stephen P. Sheridan
<b>Thursday, 8:30am</b>	<b>April 13</b> In Memory of Ed Huffner
<b>Friday, 8:30am</b>	<b>April 14</b> In Memory of Dick Shumway
<b>Saturday, 5:00pm</b>	<b>April 15</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, 8:00am</b>	<b>April 16</b> In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller
<b>11:00am</b>	In Memory of Larry Unger

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Wednesday, April 12— Morning Prayer 8:30am**
- Friday, April 14— Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-7:00pm**
- Saturday, April 15— Run with a Priest** (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am
- Saturday, April 15—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, April 16— Coffee Hour** (In Mary's Kitchen after the 8:30am Mass).
- Sunday, April 16—Easter Egg Hunt** - After the 11am Mass

### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED EASTER FLOWERS THIS YEAR!

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



## The Word of God Alive:

### Discussing the Readings w/your children

Welcome to a new church season – Easter Season. The Alleluia and the Gloria are back in the Mass because we are rejoicing! Father will be wearing white vestments during the Easter Season.



Alleluia! We have reached Easter Sunday. This is the most important day of our church when we celebrate that Jesus is risen!

On that first Easter, Mary and Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. They came at dawn, the time after the dark of night and the sun begins to shine. Sometimes we talk of that time as when the light triumphs over darkness

#### What happens to the darkness when a light shines?

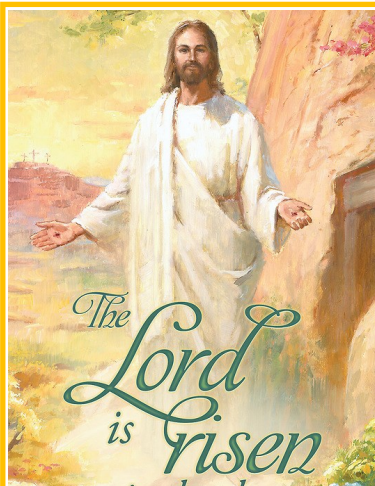
When Jesus rose, he brought with him a life that is stronger than death, a light that will never go out. His light transforms everything.

The women left to find the apostles. When the apostles saw that Jesus was gone, they believed the women, although they did not fully understand. Later they met Jesus himself and he told them to spread the message. They went out and spread the message that Jesus rose from the dead. This was spread out over generations until finally it reached our ears.



Today we know that Jesus overcame death for all of us. By Jesus' resurrection, we have hope in living forever with our God in heaven after our life on earth is complete.

**Living our Faith: Take some time to thank God for giving us his Son and thank Jesus for rising from the dead so that we can live a good life to live forever in heaven with him.**



"The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious, visit our website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org), or contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Vocation Director, at 717-657-4804, [jsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:jsawicki@hbgdiocese.org).

● EASTER SUNDAY —APRIL 9, 2023

MEN'S

Mark your 2023 calendar for the 45th Men's Retreat sponsored by Corpus



## 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.**

### April 1-2 2023 (In Pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,921.00
Building Improvements:	666.00
Social Outreach:	271.00
Parish Youth Education:	95.00
Votives/Donuts	37.00
Easter Flowers:	200.00
Easter:	193.00
Holy Land:	85.00
Catholic Relief:	75.00
Catholic Home Missions:	50.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$6,593.00</b>

Online giving made easy!

Please visit the following link:

<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



## JOB OPENING

### 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**



2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

As of date we have received \$28,278.00 in pledges & gifts.

To learn more about the Diocesan Annual Campaign, please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/> Thank you in advance for your gift.

## 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**



## Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



**The next KOC meeting will be Thursday, May 4th at 7:00pm in the social hall.** For more information regarding the Knights please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or [travise-detwiler@gmail.com](mailto:travise-detwiler@gmail.com)

**The next Ladies Aux. meeting will be Tuesday, May 2nd 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).