



OUR LADY  
OF THE VISITATION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIPPENSBURG, PA

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."*



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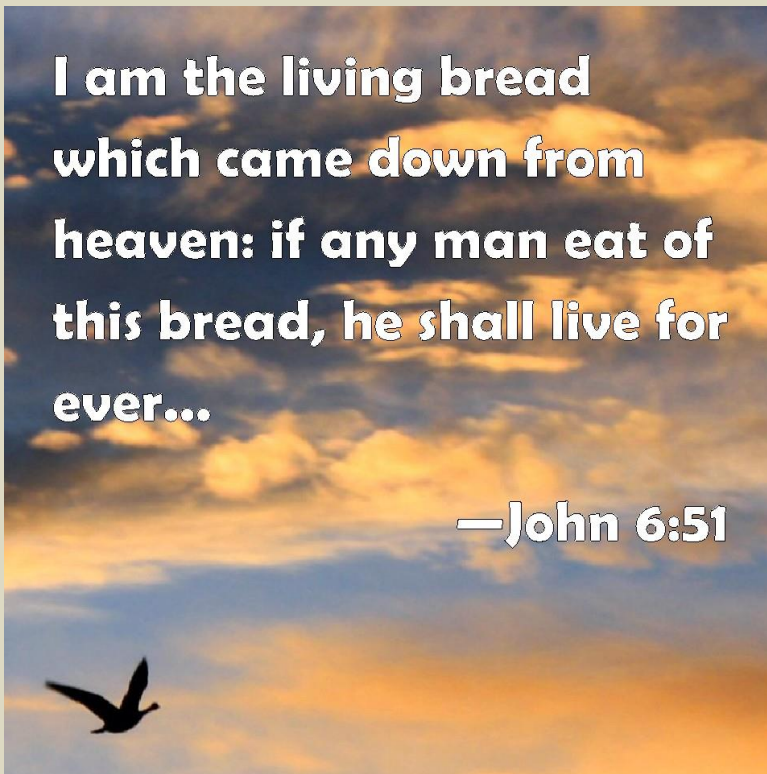


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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

I am the living bread  
which came down from  
heaven: if any man eat of  
this bread, he shall live for  
ever...

—John 6:51



August 7-8, 2021

Our Mission: To Proclaim the Kingdom of God for the Salvation of Souls

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Weekend Masses - Saturday 5:00 PM Sundays: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass - 8:30 AM Tuesday - Friday; First Saturday of the Month at 9:00am

Reconciliation - Saturdays, 3:30PM-4:30PM; First Friday of the Month 7:30am-8:20am; First Saturday of the Month 8:00am-8:45am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament - 7:30AM - 8:30AM First Friday of the Month

Religious Education - First class will be Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-10:45am

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 7	8:00-8:45AM 9:00 AM Mass 3:30– 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confession In Memory of Barbara Connor Confession People of the Parish
Sunday August 8	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	In Memory of Dolores Stern In Memory of Fr. John Schmalhofer
Tuesday August 10	8:30 AM Mass	In Memory of Dolores Stern
Wednesday August 11	8:30 AM Mass	In Memory of Pat Patton
Thursday August 12	8:30 AM Mass	In Memory of Gary Cummings
Friday August 13	8:30 AM Mass	Intentions of Paul Barner
Saturday August 14	3:30– 4:30PM 5:00 PM Mass	Confession In Memory of Bob Babel
Sunday August 15	8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass	People of the Parish Intentions of Frank Rice

<b>July 31-Aug 1, 2021</b>	<b>In Pew</b>	<b>Online</b>
Weekend Collection	\$2,632.00	426.32
Assumption	65.00	
Building Improvements	390.00	74.29
Parish Youth Education	90.00	
Social Outreach	355.00	
Votives	29.00	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$3,561.00</b>	<b>\$500.61</b>

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<https://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org>



## Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary

 The next KOC meeting will be Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the parish hall. For information contact Mike Connor at [mjc@wclawoffice.com](mailto:mjc@wclawoffice.com) or 717-530-5165

**The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** For more information contact Donna Bonitz at 717-532-5369 or [ddbbonit@gmail.com](mailto:ddbbonit@gmail.com)



## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee Hour will begin on Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> following the 8am Mass. We are need of

volunteers to help make coffee hour a success. If you would like to volunteer to host coffee hour please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you!



## Religious Education

**Religious Education Registration:**

We are working hard to be ready for our classes this fall and are hoping for things to be more "normal" this year. Registration forms and the calendar can be found on our website. **Please complete and return the registration form by August 1<sup>st</sup>** so that we can order the correct amount of material. Classes will be here "in person"--unless there are drastic changes in policy between now and then. Teachers will continue to list lessons on our website for students that may be absent. First day of class is scheduled for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 10:45am.

*Liturgical Minister*



## SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Lector:	Charles Itle
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bruce & Carol Otruba
<b>Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
Lector:	Mary Poffenbarger
Eucharistic Minister:	Tammy Polifka & Antonio Diaz
	<b>11:00AM</b>
Lector:	Roberta Huffner
Eucharistic Minister:	Bernadette Brandner & Magali Siva

# Upcoming

## EVENTS



### Welcome Weekend - August 14th & 15th

Since the obligation for Sunday Mass is officially returning on the weekend of August 15th, we thought it would be a great opportunity to host a mini-welcome weekend for everyone at the parish! Therefore, you are invited to come to the Social Hall after each Mass (5:00 pm, 8:00 am, and 11:00 am) in order to enjoy some good snacks and company (and maybe some games or other things as well!). I want to encourage everyone to come and try to talk and meet other people at our parish. It is not always easy to get to know other people and grow together as a parish family, but a little bit of effort goes a long way! This welcome weekend will be one of a number of events and activities we will be trying out at our parish to encourage community, fellowship, and hospitality. God Bless you all, and let's pray for each other as we prepare for another school year and another Fall season!



### Youth Ministry Journey with Christ

One activity I really want to start here at the parish is youth ministry, and there is no better time to start than now! Our first

get-together will be Saturday evening September, 11th from 6-8 pm following the Saturday evening Mass. We will meet in the social hall, and then enjoy pizza and ice cream before having some fun games and a little faith sharing and discussion to end the evening. I'd really enjoy hearing from anyone grade 6-12 what they'd like to do for fun activities and also how they'd like to grow in their faith, so please encourage anyone in grades 6-12 you know to come on this first event and let me know ideas (email me at [frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org))! There are so many possibilities including what name we should give our youth ministry, so until then we will call it - a Journey with Christ! Feel free to invite your other friends as well, and I will see you there. We will try to meet every 1st and 3rd Saturday evening from 6-8 pm.



### Pot Luck Sunday Lunch

Something that most of us share in common is enjoying good food along with good company

for a relaxing meal! Starting on Sunday, September 19th and continuing once a month every 3rd Sunday, we will be having a Pot Luck Sunday Lunch immediately following the 11:00 am Mass (so starting around noon or 12:15 pm). There is certainly no ongoing commitment to be involved in this, so each month every person and every family can decide if they would like to come and attend according to their schedule. As long as families do their best to bring a dish or meal with them to be shared (the parish will supply water, juice, and coffee), we should end up with an enjoyable pot luck lunch for everyone to partake in. There will be a table already setup in the social hall with plugs available if needed, and if you would like to use the warming oven to keep something warm ahead of time, please contact me at [frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org) so we can have that ready for the Sunday it will be necessary. This could also develop into something more than just a lunch, but I wanted to encourage people to simply come together for a Sunday meal as a parish family and enjoy good food and good company to help us grow together as a community!



### Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!)

Starting on Saturday morning September, 4th everyone is invited to meet right outside the Social Hall entrance around 9:45 am where we will say a prayer at 10:00 am and then go for a short run on the rail trail that exists right next to the Church property. I enjoy running for exercise, so people are certainly welcome to run with me (it is not a race! so you can certainly go at your own pace), however, I am sure there will be a group that may want to walk the trail and maybe even some others who will want to go for a bike ride. We will have the social hall open as our home base throughout the morning (the official event time will be from 10 am - 12 pm), so feel free to stop in for some water and maybe even some coffee as well! This is once again just an idea to try to get people together and grow as a parish family. Please invite friends to come as well, and I'll be excited to see you there! We will do this activity on every 1st and 3rd Saturday throughout the Fall and just see how it is going from there. Thank you, and God Bless you!





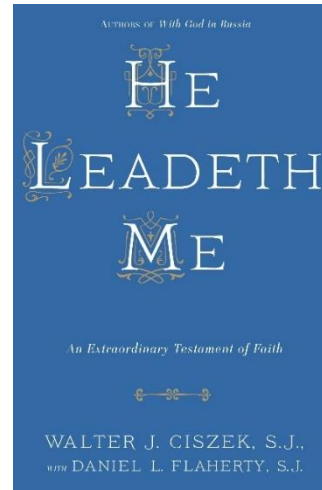
The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is going to be restored in our Diocese of Harrisburg on the weekend of August 15th (so all three Masses

that weekend are included), and this date is also the feast day of the Assumption! It is a great opportunity to reflect not only on the gift of the Eucharist but also on the beauty of the feast day we will celebrate! Normally, the Assumption is so important that even during the week, August 15th is always a Holy Day of obligation (this year is just happens to land on a Sunday). The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a beautiful Catholic teaching where we celebrate the fact that Mary was *assumed* by God's power both body and soul into heaven. Right now, when we pass away at the end of our lives (for every single human being except one) our soul separates from our physical body, and we come face to face with Jesus. However, for the Blessed Virgin Mary, she ended her earthly life, and then was taken up by God's power with her body and soul still united as one. We still believe that our physical bodies will be brought back and reunited with our souls at the end of time, which is what we call the Resurrection of the Body (a part of our Creed every Sunday). Overall, it is important and incredibly beautiful to reflect on the current state and experience of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Not only is her soul perfectly united with the Trinity in heaven, but in the midst of God's perfect, blazing trinitarian love, resides the whole person, her body and soul together. Therefore, whenever we experience the weakness of our flesh or the brokenness of our physical bodies, we can think about and reflect on the fact that God's hope and plan is to raise that up and infuse our entire being with His perfect love in heaven. Heaven will be the experience of receiving the fullness of God's love perfectly, and through that reception, we will be able with God's grace to love perfectly according to our own nature, since every part of our bodies and our souls are infused with God's strength and power. May we ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to pray for us from her current position in heaven, so that we will be filled with Hope, trusting that God will fulfill His promise to raise up our bodies and our souls both in this life and perfectly in the life to come.



### **The Book of the Month for July & August**

The Book of the Month series here at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church is a faith formation opportunity for anyone at any time! The book will be selected by Fr. Ben and published about two weeks before each month begins, and this gives everyone time to purchase it if they so desire for that particular month. There is no commitment, and you may join in or choose to forego any month and at any time. The meeting for each book is at the end of the month, and it will be offered both in person and on Zoom. The details and reminder for each meeting are sent out via email. To join this email list, please contact the office or myself directly (if you join this email list, there is no commitment to have to come to each meeting!). You can always join the meeting even if you did not read the book, and the basic summary and Q&A will be published afterwards online. Reading books is one way God can transform our hearts! God Bless you, and let's pray for each other during this time!  
-- Fr. Ben Dunkelberger



This personal testimony of Fr. Walter Cizek is one of my favorite books of all time! The narrative follows a Pennsylvania native from Shenandoah, through a remarkable journey of training to become a missionary priest destined for Russia, his journey into Poland and then Russia during the beginning of World War II, and his eventual capture and imprisonment in Russia for over 20

years. This book is written partly as a narrative of the story but much more focused on Fr. Cizek's spiritual reflections on his experience. His incredible passion and determination, honesty and authenticity about being broken down through this experience, and especially his deep spiritual insights into how God is always working for the good of our souls, will change how you view the world and bring you face-to-face with God's closeness, mercy, and transforming love. Because this book is a bit longer than others (about 200 pages...even though I think it may read faster than other books) and because of my own schedule (among other things), I've decided to give us two months to read and reflect on this book before our final meeting, which means we will meet towards the end of August 2021. I will be reaching out to maybe have a meeting with those interested towards the end of July, but I encourage everyone that can to read this book or even just come to this discussion because this story of suffering, hope, mercy, and faith is certain to help you on your journey. God Bless you!

**Book Discussion Times and Dates:** Please email or call the office to be put on the list and receive the Zoom meeting info towards the end of every month. The next meeting will be Sept 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

**VOCATIONIST FATHERS & BROTHERS**  
**LETTER OF APPEAL 2021 TO THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG, PA**

My name is Father Emeka Okwuosa. I am the mission coordinator for the **Vocationist Fathers and Brothers**. We are the Vocationist Fathers and Brothers. Our congregation was founded by Blessed Justin Russolillo in Naples, Italy in 1920. He founded the congregation because of his own personal experience and need, having almost lost his vocation due to poverty. Thanks to the generosity of God's people like you, he was able to become a priest. On the eve of his ordination, he renewed a promise he made to God as a teenager, to dedicate his whole life helping poor vocations if God could preserve his vocation.

We the Vocationist Fathers and Brothers work in 18 countries, namely Nigeria, India, Madagascar, Columbia, Ecuador, the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, etc. In all these nations, we have the problem of poverty, which continues to be an obstacle to divine vocation. Today in the western world, people would say there is no vocation, but on the other side, there is.

A practical example is our mission in Nigeria, where in every year we have more than two thousand (2000) young men apply to become priests. Out of that number last year, do you know how many were accepted? Five (5)! Because that was all we could afford. How do you choose five out of 2000? How do you make that choice? What will the lives of those not chosen be called? What are they going to do with their lives?

A couple of years ago after the selection of the 5 candidates, a young man came to me and said, "Father, I wasn't chosen. What should I do now since God is calling me to be a priest? I said I had no clue what he ought to do. That hurt me and I went to the chapel and prayed, saying, "God please help this young man and help all of them." I came back to Philadelphia for a mission, and during the homily, I brought up how God calls and how poverty continues to be an obstacle. After mass, a lady came to me and said, "Father, I am not rich, but I think God may use me to save this young man's vocation." She asked me how much it cost to accept a candidate and I replied \$5 a day, which is about almost \$2000 per annum. She gave me a Cheque and persuaded me to accept this young man and tell him somebody in Philadelphia wants him to be a priest. Two days later, she called and said, "Father, I have good news. I convinced two of my friends to help." She admitted that she did not convince them, but actually threatened them with estrangement. "You know I am Italian, and I cook and bake. I told them that if they do not help (and I know they have the money), we are no longer friends. And it worked." So, I was curious and I asked her why she did that, considering that she did not know the young men. She replied, "Father, I am not helping you; I am helping myself. I know that I will not go to heaven straightaway, and I am going to spend a long time in purgatory. So I am just trying to invest to make sure that when I am in purgatory, I will have a priest here on earth to be praying for me."

Helping a young man become a priest is like adopting your own priest. Helping a young man become a priest is like having somebody who will celebrate mass for you everyday, even after you are gone. Helping a young man become a priest is to make sure that there will be a church open, thanks to you.

I am making this appeal to ask you to help us. \$1 is good, but if you can afford \$2, \$3 or \$5, even better. You can help us admit one candidate or two as nothing is too small or too big for God. Please help us to help these young men!

A few weeks ago, I was in our community in Nigeria with forty seminarians, I was shocked by what they were eating. They were not eating that poorly because of lent. It was Holy Thursday, a joyful day that they were supposed to celebrate the priesthood and the institution of the Eucharist, but they were eating practically nothing. It was a sorry sight to behold, and I wondered how I could convince them that God loved them and would want them to become priests. When we cannot even get them a decent meal, how can I tell them that being a priest is the best thing that could happen to them? When all they do is starve. Please help us to help these young men.

The second collection today will be for the Vocationist Fathers and Brothers, please help us.

God bless you and Thank you!