

3RD SUNDAY of Easter

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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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)

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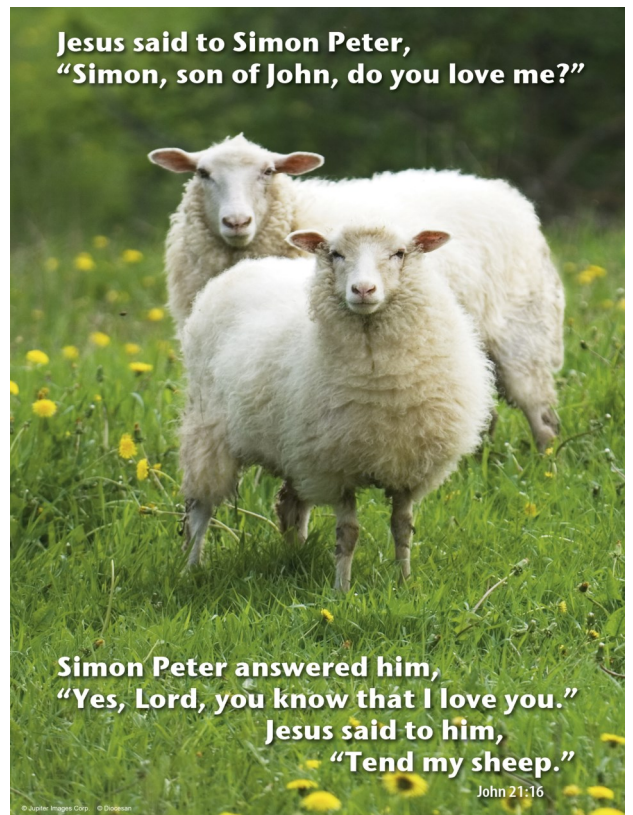
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Office Hours :
Monday-Thursday
9:00am—4:00pm
Closed Holy Days & Holidays

Reconciliation:
Saturdays...3:30pm—4:30pm,
Wednesdays..5:30pm—6:20 pm,
1st Fri. of the Month....7:30—8:20 am
1st Sat. of the Month....8:00—8:45 am
*(Only During the College Fall & Spring se-
mesters: Sacrament of Penance: Monday
8:30pm- 8:50pm & every Saturday 8-8:50am)*

Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"



Simon Peter answered him,
"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him,
"Tend my sheep."

John 21:16

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

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

Rosary: Tues.—Fri. 8:00am

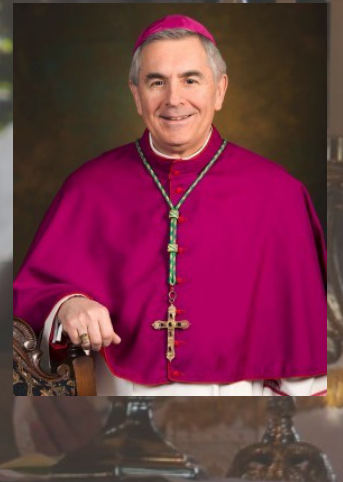
Morning Prayer: Wednesday...8:30am

40 Hours Retreat and Adoration

This year we will be having our 40 hours retreat for the parish on Sunday, May 4th through Tuesday, May 6th. The Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist is the very source and summit of our faith because it is Jesus himself, His body, blood, soul, and divinity. The 40 hours retreat is a powerful opportunity for us as a parish to first pray and encounter this reality in silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as well as in the evening retreat reflections throughout these three days. Therefore, please consider signing up for a half hour or an hour of silent prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which is necessary if we are going to have adoration throughout the day for this retreat. Silent prayer with Adoration begins with Exposition on Sunday, May 4th immediately following the 11:00 am Mass.

We are truly blessed and grateful to have Bishop Ronald Gainer as our speaker/homilist throughout our 40 hours devotions.

Please consider coming to the evening talks if you can!



We will need people to sign up to pray for these time slots, please sign up in the lobby of the church.

- Sunday, May 4th--- 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm --- Silent prayer with Adoration
 - 7:00 pm — Talk #1/Reflection by Bishop Gainer w/Evening Prayer (Vespers)
- Monday, May 5th--- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm --- Silent prayer with Adoration
 - 7:00 pm — Talk #2/Reflection by Bishop Gainer w/Evening Prayer (Vespers)
- Tuesday, May 6th--- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm --- Silent prayer with Adoration
 - 7:00 pm — SOLEMN CLOSING w/visiting priests and Talk #3/Reflection by Bishop Gainer w/Evening Prayer (Vespers)



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.

April 13, 20, & 27 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$11,821.50
Building Improvements:	\$1,095.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$187.00
Social Outreach:	\$220.00
Easter Flowers:	\$132.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$237.00
Easter:	\$4,331.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$511.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$80.00
Holy Land:	\$366.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$18,980.50

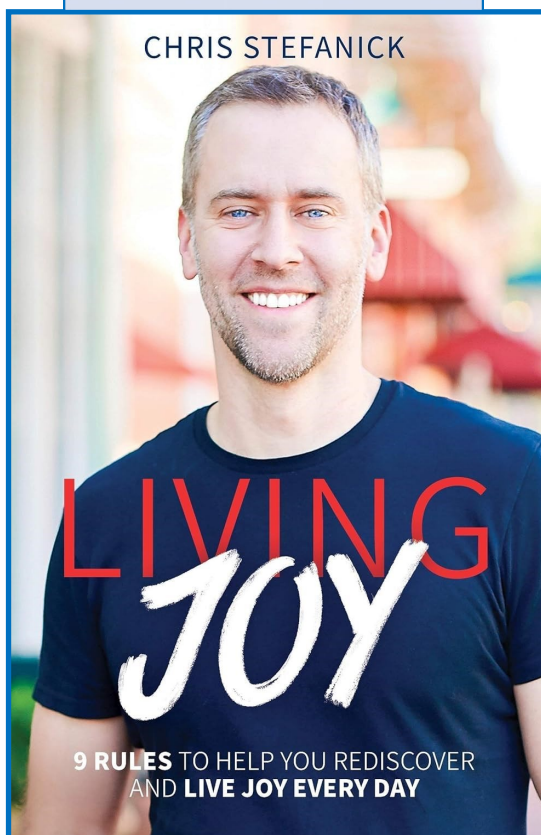


You may still donate by visiting hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign or you may mail your gift to:

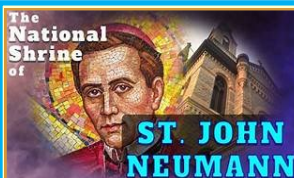
Diocese of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, Pa 17111

Book of the Month

CHRIS STEFANICK



May & June Book of the Month!
Watch for more details in the bulletin.
Order your book now!



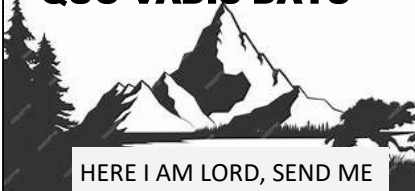
Parish Bus Trip

Saturday, July 12th

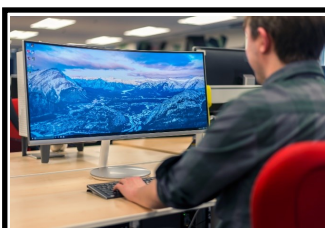
Shrine of St John Neumann & Shrine of St Rita in Philadelphia.

\$100 per person. Deadline is May 25th. Registration forms are in the lobby of the church. Please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 for more information.

QUO VADIS DAYS



Calling all young Catholic men – are you wondering what God's plan is for your life? Do you need guidance in your discernment? Join us for Quo Vadis Days for a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and guidance as you explore God's call for your life. Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation and sports, discernment talks, and great food are all included in this weeklong camp. Quo Vadis Days is for men ages 15-25 and will be June 22-26 at Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary. Cost is \$100 per person. Register by June 13 to attend. Registration forms are in the lobby of the church. Questions? Please contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.



47th Corpus Christi Annual Men's Retreat: Online Registration

All men 14 and over are invited to attend this 3 day retreat "The Urgency and Drama of Our Lives", Aug. 1 – 3. Online registration started May 1. Reservations can be made online at cburgcatholic.org/mensretreat. The cost this year is \$300. This increase is a result of increased fees from Mount St. Mary's. A \$60.00 deposit is required with the balance due on arrival. A \$5.00 processing fee will be added if you register online. Starting May 11 online registration will be available in the back of the church. Contact John Thornton at: (508) 868-5640, johnnie7746@gmail.com to answer any questions you may have.



Meets In the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings. All are welcome!

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Women's Retreat

13th Annual Women's Retreat

- June 13 - 15

Mount St. Mary's University

Time is running out to register

Registration Deadline **May 24!!!**

Contact John Thornton
(johnnie7746@gmail.com) for registration
forms or visit www.harrisburgdiocesancw.com,
click on **retreat**, or contact Jeanne Warren
(717-503-9429), warrenrjs@aol.com.



**Last year we had 13 attendees.
Let's increase that number this year.**

Extraordinary Ministers OF HOLY COMMUNION



Below are two upcoming training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you need a mandate or need to renew your mandate, please register for a training session. You may register for a training session

here: https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/extraordinary_minister_training

The training sessions are as follows:

- Monday, May 12, 2025 – Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg – 6 to 8 PM – Deacon Scott Root
- Thursday, August 28, 2025 – Saint Katherine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg – 6 to 8 PM – Deacon Scott Root

PLEASE SEE FR. BEN BEFORE REGISTERING.



We are excited to announce that our parish has reached our goal of 1000lbs and will be rewarded the bench!!

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal! We will be sharing more information in the future on upcoming recycling programs. **As a parish, we wish to thank Heather Kauffman for organizing and overseeing this campaign!**

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. We will continue to hear stories of the risen Christ appearing to his disciples and how they slowly come to believe in his resurrection. Today's Gospel is filled with symbolism. Symbolism is an object, person or situation in a story that means something else, like a heart can mean love.

The disciples have gone back to their old jobs. They have been fishing all night and haven't caught anything. Jesus appears and tells them where to cast their nets. The result is a catch of fish so great and heavy, they were unable to pull it into their boat. The overflowing net reminds us that when we listen to Jesus and follow him, our lives are better than we can imagine.

When John recognizes Jesus on the shore, Peter immediately jumps into the water because he is so eager to go to Jesus. The water represents our baptism. When we were baptized, we were anointed for a mission of continuing the work of Jesus in the world today.



After the meal, Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" By asking Peter to proclaim his love for Jesus three times, Jesus is giving Peter an opportunity to repent or make up for denying him three times.

The Gospel ends with the words of Jesus, "Follow me." We are all called to follow Jesus and to share our faith with others.

Living or Faith: Do one thing that you can show how you are a witness to your faith in Jesus.

Share Your Faith!



The Diocesan Camp at Kirchenwald is seeking volunteers to assist at its residential camp for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from August 10-15, 2025. The camp is dependent on volunteers, with a particular need for volunteers who can spend the night. There are no special qualifications or minimum time required for volunteering. All volunteers are required to complete the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Clearances. There is no cost to volunteers; all meals, events, campground activities, etc. are included.

If you are not able to volunteer but wish to support this special ministry, your prayers, financial generosity or simply sharing this volunteer solicitation with someone you think might be interested all make a significant, positive difference. Donations may be sent to Catholic Life and Evangelization, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg with Camp Kirchenwald in the memo line.

For more information or any questions, please contact Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, Ext. 317, or email KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, June 5th at 7 pm in the parish hall. Please see Pat Shay at 732-319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, May 7th at 2pm in the parish hall. For more information on the Ladies Auxiliary 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 May 10th from 6-8pm** in the social hall.

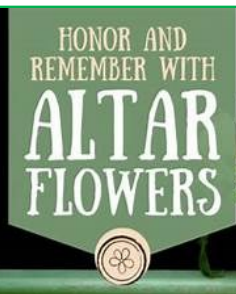
Bring your friends!



We are excited for the future of youth ministry and currently discerning the volunteer structure and how we can best lead this ministry with everyone playing their own role. If you personally feel called to help out with youth ministry, please contact Father Ben to discuss any interest you may have and to begin a conversation about what this could look like for our parish!"



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



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 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. For more information call Sue German at 717-816-0552



bike) on the Rails to Trails.

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



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, May 13th** from 7-8:15pm in the social hall.



The next potluck will be Sunday, May 18th following the 11am Mass.

Please bring own place settings and a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.

Mass Intentions

Saturday,
9:00am
5:00pm

Sunday,
8:00am
11:00am

Monday,
8:30am
9:00pm

Tuesday,
8:30am
Wednesday,
6:30pm

Thursday,
8:30am
Friday,
8:30am

Saturday,
5:00pm
Sunday,
8:00am
11:00am

May 3

Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump
Intentions of Georgette Rice

May 4

People of the Parish
In Memory of Tara Porter

May 5

In Memory of P.J. Patricia McGuigan
Private Intentions

May 6

Intentions of Earlene Howard

May 7

In Memory of Pope Francis

May 8

Private Intentions

May 9

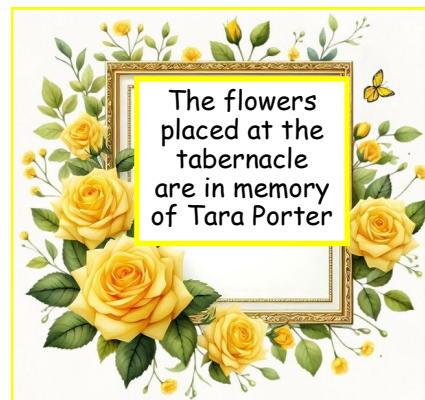
Private Intentions

May 10

People of the Parish

May 11

In Memory of Sarah Hubert
In Memory of Edna Spisak



Please join us on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm for a special Mass in memory of Pope Francis.

