

# 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, & Fridays 8:30 am,**

**Wednesday 6:30 pm**

**First Saturday of the Month: 9:00 am**

***(Only During the College Fall & Spring semesters there will be Mass on Mondays at 9pm and every Saturday 9am***

## **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 semesters the Sacrament of Penance will be Mondays 8:30pm- 8:50pm and every Saturday 8-8:50am)***

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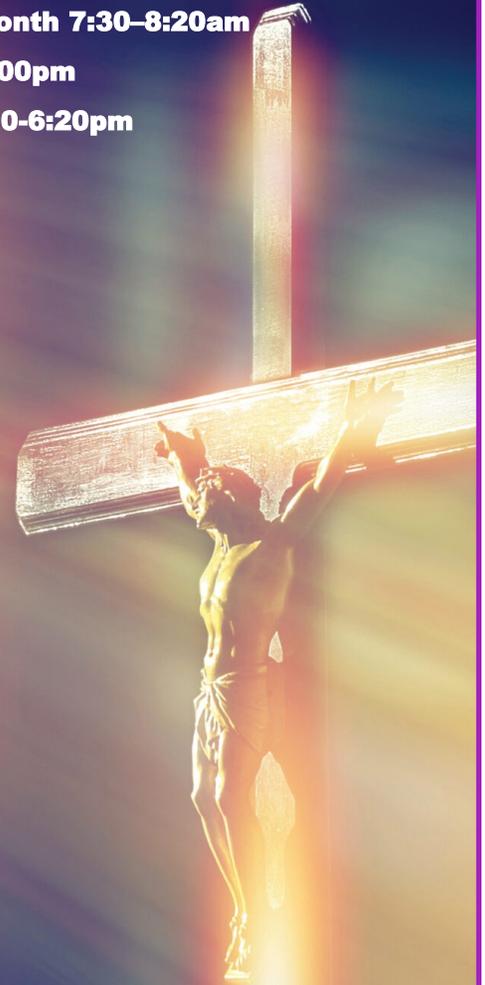
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## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**1st Fri. of the Month 7:30—8:20am**

**Fridays 9:00—7:00pm**

**Wednesdays 5:30-6:20pm**



## **Parish Ministry Contact Information:**

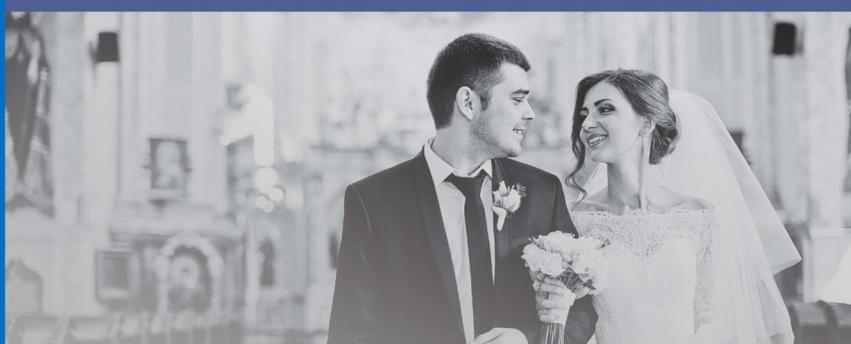
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# ALL SOULS

*For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day. John 6:40*



# NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



This week, we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage through prayer and education. During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life. We ask you to pray for an increase in holy vocations in the Catholic Church, and pray for our current seminarians and the consecrated brothers/sisters in formation and the couples in marriage prep at our parish.

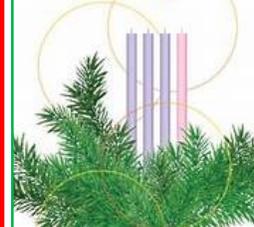
## Thanksgiving Dinner



### Alone for Thanksgiving? Want a nice hot meal?

You are invited for dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 2:00pm in the parish hall. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby for who is coming and what favorite Thanksgiving dish you will be bringing. Turkey, gravy, and mashed potatoes will be provided. If you have any questions you may call Sue Kiley at 717-423-6297.

### Advent Wreath Making



### Christmas Wreath Making



Please join us in making either a fresh Christmas or Advent wreath on **November 22nd at 10:00am** in the social hall.

Please sign up in the church lobby by Nov. 19th.

Donations are being accepted. If you have a metal ring from last year, please bring it with you.

## Advent

### Parish Penance Service

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Tuesday, December 2nd  
starting at 6:30pm**

The next Choir practice will be **Wednesday,**



**November 5th**

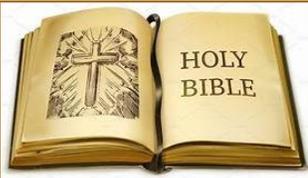
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**7:30pm-8:30pm**



*Advent by Candlelight*  
 December 7th | 5-7pm | AN EVENT FOR WOMEN

For more information and/or to volunteer as a hostess contact Mary Poffenbarger 301-639-3297 or missmary@lockfarm.net



The Pastoral Care Team at WellSpan York Hospital is in need of Catholic Bibles to support their ministry. If you are able to donate Bibles in fair condition or better, please contact Marianne Weltmer at mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext. 322. Thank you for your generosity.

**Youth Group News**

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday, November 22nd 6pm –8pm** in the social hall.

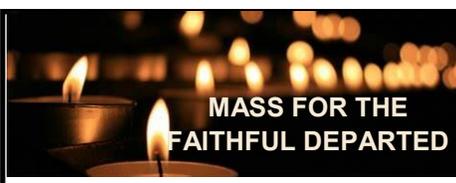
Use this QR code to join our very own OLV Youth Group page on the “Group Me” app! This is a great way to become more informed about the youth group—we post updates weekly on the app! Please contact Kim Bundy with any questions at 412-310-2461.



**Trunk or Treat**



Trunk or Treat is just around the corner. Time to get your costume and trunk ready and find that perfect pumpkin to carve. **On Sunday November 2, 2025**, the treating will begin at 6:30pm. The location is the parish parking lot. Prizes will be given for best trunk, carved pumpkin and costume. Expect to distribute to around 75 treaters. Also, please be careful when entering or leaving the parking lot.



**MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Gather with us in remembrance and prayer for our departed loved ones during the Diocesan Mass for the Faithful Departed. Bishop Timothy Senior will celebrate the Mass on Wednesday, November 5, at 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. The music for the Mass will be Duruflé’s Requiem Mass. All are welcome to submit the names of their deceased loved ones, who will be prayed for during the Mass. Please submit all names by Tuesday, November 4, at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/diocesan-mass-for-the-dead/>. Those unable to attend the Mass in person are encouraged to participate via our live stream at [www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese](http://www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese).

# SAVE THE DATE

## Catholic Social Teaching Symposium

Learn more: [www.hbgdiocese.org/csts](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/csts)

**January 31, 2026**  
**Diocesan Center**

**Featured Topics:**

- Dignity of the human person
- Immigration
- Option for the poor & vulnerable
- Multicultural welcoming
- Prison ministry
- Political advocacy
- Healthcare
- Human trafficking
- Care for creation
- Faithful citizenship





**Registration opens early December!**

Sponsored by the Office for Life & Dignity

**Church Potluck**



The next potluck will be **Sunday, Nov. 16th after the 11am Mass.** Please bring own place settings and a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.

*“Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope.” (1 Pet 3:15)*

**DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE:**

All are invited to join Bishop Timothy Senior and catechists and teachers from around the Diocese on **Saturday, November 15th** at the Diocesan Conference Center in Harrisburg for the annual Catechetical Conference. Keynote speaker Courtney Brown will share with attendees how Pope Saint John Paul II’s Theology of the Body can Transform Culture. The day will include multiple breakout sessions and conclude with the celebration of the **Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.**

**For more information and to register, visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/cat\\_conference](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/cat_conference)**

THE WORD  
of the Lord  
ENDURES  
— 1 PETER 1:23 —  
FOREVER

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

Today is a special day, All Souls Day, in our Church year. We have set aside this day to remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

The first reading from the book of Wisdom, teaches us about death and what happens after we die. A person who has wisdom is said to be wise. To be wise means to pay attention and think, which leads us to understand better and helps us make good decisions.

The writer of today's first reading wanted to share some wisdom about death. When people die, they are with God, and God is taking care of them. We might see death as a painful or sad experience, but those who have died in the state of grace are at peace with God. People might think that dying is some kind of punishment for doing something wrong, but it is not. God has taken those home to heaven where they will never hurt or be sad again.



When we remember on this feast day, All Souls Day, those who have died, we try to remember all the happy memories we have of them. Even though they have died, we can still pray for them and tell God how much we miss them and love them.

**Living our Faith:** During this month, remember to pray for the people who have died, especially those who have no one to pray for them.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Blessing Needy Families  
in Our Community

### Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection

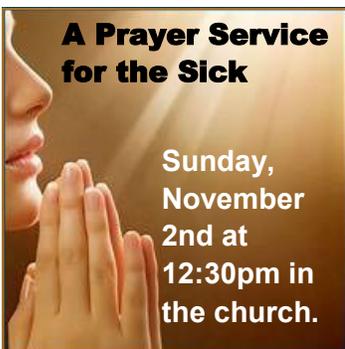
The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education class is collecting Thanksgiving food donations for distribution to local families in need. The following items are being collected: canned vegetables, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cake mixes and icing. However, any non-perishable food items will be gladly accepted. Donations can be placed in the boxes at the back of the church. **All donations should be in by Sunday, November 23rd**, if possible, but will continue to be collected throughout the month of November. Thank you in advance for your generous support during this time of thanks.



Hound Packs has started for the school year. Hound Packs provides weekend food for food challenged children in our school district. This year we started with 191 students, more than we ever had at the

beginning. We give them 2 cans of soup a week, so we are giving almost 400 cans a week. Our parish has been asked to donate kid friendly soup, like chicken noodle or tomato soup. Soup can be placed in the container outside the confessional at any time. Please help us help those students in need. No child should ever go hungry. Thank you.

### A Prayer Service for the Sick



Sunday,  
November  
2nd at  
12:30pm in  
the church.

For more information contact Mary Poffenbarger at [missmary@lockfarm.net](mailto:missmary@lockfarm.net)



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in honor of Ron Miller



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. **November 8th** 7:00am-8:30am

Join us for breakfast at 7:00am in the social hall!

### Coffee & Donut Hour



Please join us for coffee & donuts in Mary's kitchen after the 8am

Mass on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.



Just a reminder that we are still collecting plastic bags as part of the recycling challenge. We have 2 recycle bins, one is placed in the social hall and the other bin is placed in the lobby of the church closest to the social hall entrance.

### October 25-26 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,470.63	Building Improvements:	\$225.00
Social Outreach:	\$150.00	Parish Youth Education:	\$168.00
Votives/Donut Hour:	\$81.00	All Souls:	\$100.00
All Saints:	\$45.00	World Mission:	\$124.00
Peter's Pence:	\$30.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$5,393.63</b>

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 1	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 2	8:00am	In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
Sunday, Nov. 2	11:00am	In Memory of the Marasigan Family
<b>Sunday, Nov. 2</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Mass of Remembrance</b>
Monday, Nov. 3	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Nov. 4	8:30am	In Memory of Mary Bilchak
Wednesday, Nov. 5	6:30pm	In Memory of Dorothy Detwiler
Thursday, Nov. 6	8:30am	In Memory of Mary Bilchak
Friday, Nov. 7	8:30am	In Memory of Ed Huffner
Saturday, Nov. 8	9:00am	In Memory of Rich White
Saturday, Nov. 8	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 9	8:00am	In Memory of Sarah Hubert
Sunday, Nov. 9	11:00am	In Memory of James Doyle

**Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary**

**The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, November 6th at 7 pm in the parish hall.** This will be a joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary. Please bring a snack and beverage to share.

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

**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.

**How to Become Catholic!**

The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

(OCIA = *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* – formerly RCIA)

**Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 4th**  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
In the [SOCIAL HALL](#) of the parish.

Adult Education @ OLV  
**Symbolon** Video Series  
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Wednesdays in the Social Hall  
**Next Meeting – Wed. Nov. 5th**

Contact Father Ben at [frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org) for more information!

**Serving those who Serve**

Triennial National Collection  
for the ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to [www.milarch.org/nationalcollection](http://www.milarch.org/nationalcollection).

**If donating by check please write in the memo line “AMS”**

**If making a cash donation please put cash in an envelope with your “NAME and “AMS” written on the front of the envelope.**

**THANK YOU VETERANS**  
*Lunch is on us!*

The 8th grade CCD class would like to invite everyone to a luncheon to honor Veterans of our parish on **Sunday, November 9th after the 11am mass**. If you are a Veteran we encourage you to submit a picture of yourself preferably in uniform, (unless you previously submitted one) for the presentation. Pictures, military branch, and rank can be sent to JoAnn Garman at [jojogarman@aol.com](mailto:jojogarman@aol.com) by **Thursday, November 6th**. We hope to see you there so we can personally thank you! Anyone planning on attending is asked to fill out the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.