

# Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince St. Shippensburg, PA 17257  
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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)*

**March 2, 2025**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A good person out of the store of goodness  
in his heart produces good..." Luke 6:45

### Rosary:

Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

### Morning Prayer:

Wednesday.....8:30am

### 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

### 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: Sacrament of Penance:  
Mon. 8:30pm- 8:50pm &  
every Sat. 8-8:50am)*

**"A good tree does  
not bear rotten  
fruit, nor does a  
rotten tree bear  
good fruit."**

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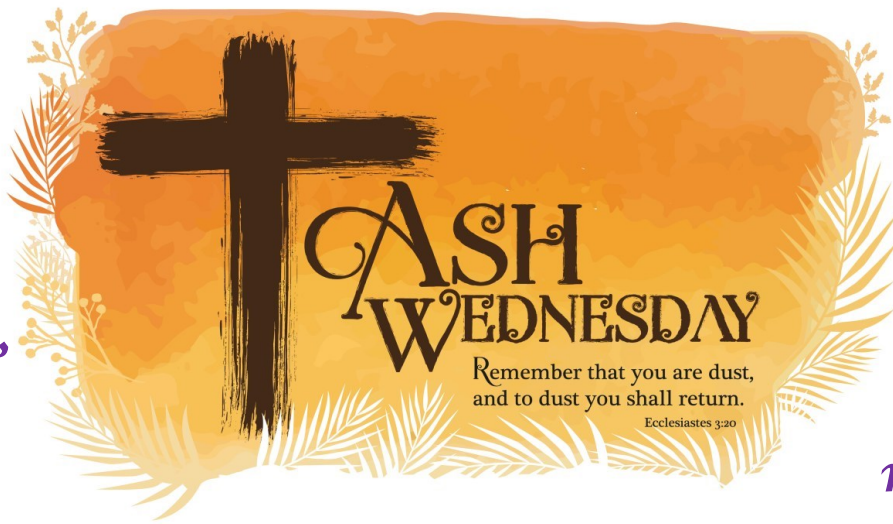
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Wednesday,  
March 5<sup>th</sup>,  
2025



Three times  
to pray &  
receive ashes

## Ash Wednesday Masses *(and services)* at Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg

**8:30 am Mass**  
*Main Church*  
305 N Prince St



Cora Grove Spiritual Center

**Noon – Liturgy  
of the Word**  
*Spiritual Center*  
54 Spiritual Center Dr

\*\*\**Located on campus @ The  
Cora Grove Spiritual Center.  
Not a Mass w/Holy  
Communion, but a shorter  
service with the readings from  
Scripture and ashes distributed*

**6:30 pm Mass**  
*Main Church*  
305 N Prince St



Main Church of OLV

Even before Jesus came to this earth, ashes were important for people in their relationship with God. We see that ashes are used throughout the Old Testament to symbolize, initiate, and help people enter into a true repentance of heart (e.g. Eccl. 3:20, Jonah 3:5-6, Job 42:6, Daniel 9:3, Esther 4:1). Jesus also mentions ashes with repentance in Matthew 11:21. This repentance is not simply being sorry for our sins, but it is a turning around for the purpose of beginning a whole new life with Christ! Ashes clearly symbolize our mortality, our brokenness, our weakness, and our utter dependence upon God's grace for all the good that we do in our lives. As we begin the 40 days of the Lenten season this Ash Wednesday, let us ask God honestly what type of goals he desires us to set for at least the big three: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charitable giving). God wants this time to be a period of both serious effort on our part, but above all a realization that Christ is truly present with us and wants to heal us, transform us, and raise us up to a new life with Him this Easter. It begins with utter dependence on Christ for all that is God, and asking Him to help us encounter and receive His love for us even more fully this Ash Wednesday and this Lenten season as well.

Ash  
Wednesday 

# 50th Anniversary

Were you married in 1975?

Celebrate your Golden Jubilee with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, June 22nd at Good Shepherd Church.

Please contact your parish office with your name and address if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year by March 28th.

The Diocese of Harrisburg is pleased to share a new and exciting fundraiser event to support our local pregnancy resource centers. Biking for Babies will host a local Ride for Life on the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church, Shippensburg, at 7:30 am. The Biking for Babies program will follow Mass. Join us!



## SAVE THE DATE!



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### Shippensburg PA Ride for Life Saturday April 26, 2025

On the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail  
Starting at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

### 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 \$90.80; our price is \$44.95 (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/4/26.

\*ADD-ON Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for \$19.06 each and

\*ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$26.00 pre-ordered or pay \$35.00 onsite

Tickets purchased in 2025 are valid for any 1 public operating day throughout the 2025 calendar year, but will not be valid past their expiration date. Refunds, extensions or upgrades will not be offered

Orders forms are in the lobby of the church and must be received at the parish by Friday, April 25, 2025. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 19, 2025.

### BEGIN YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH US!

**MARCH 5TH**  
**8:30AM MASS @ OLV**  
**NOON: LITURGY OF THE WORD @ THE SPIRITUAL CENTER**  
**6:30PM: MASS @ OLV**

*Ash Wednesday*

## Potluck Sunday

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

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Please join us for our next coffee hour on Sunday March 2nd in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.

### February 22-23, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,329.00
Building Improvements:	\$230.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$93.00
Social Outreach:	\$155.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$38.75
Poor Missions:	\$41.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$4,886.75</b>



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](http://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org)

## AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE

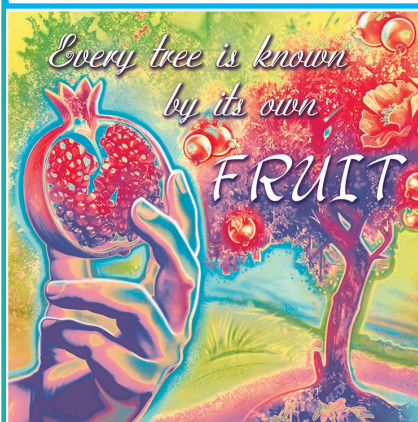


### Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, March 11th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall.

## The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.



Our Gospel today is a series of very short parables, short stories that teach a lesson.

Jesus asks his disciples, "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the splinter in your eye', when you do not even notice the wooden beam from your eye first?"

Jesus teaches that we need to look honestly at ourselves first, If we notice our own faults, mistakes, and weaknesses first, then we can be a better neighbor. We might be able to help someone with their shortcomings, or we might be more understanding because we recognize that we are not perfect either.

Later in the Gospel, Jesus says, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruits."

We can tell whether people are good or bad by their words and by their actions. Jesus goes on to explain the parable. A good person has a good heart and does good things, just like a good tree bears good fruit.

We all want to bear good fruit. When we focus on ourselves, our words, and our actions first, we begin to bring the best out of ourselves. Only then can we help others to be their best as well.

**Living our Faith:** Be a tree that bears good fruit by doing something nice or kind for someone else each day this week.

## Women's Retreat



13<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat –  
June 13 - 15

Mount St. Mary's University

**Retreat Leader:**

**Very Reverend Jonathan P. Sawicki, V.F.**

**Pastor: Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus Parish,  
New Cumberland, PA**

## Men's Retreat

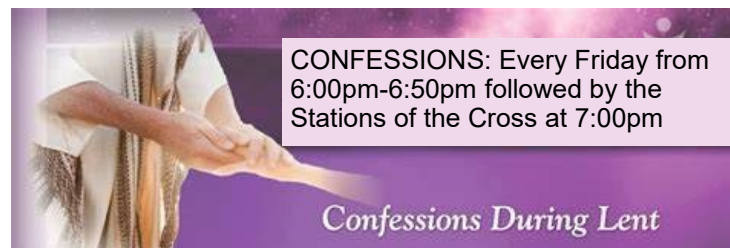


47<sup>th</sup> Men's Retreat –  
August 1 – 3

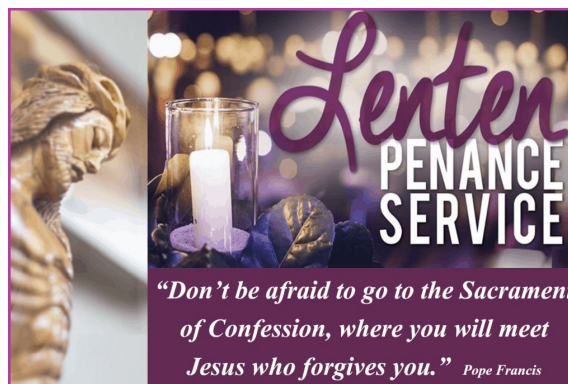
Mount St. Mary's University

**Retreat Leader:  
Monsignor Charles Pope**

**Pastor: Holy Comforter – St. Cyprian Catholic  
Church, Washington, DC**



**FRIDAYS  
DURING  
LENT AT  
7:00PM**



**LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE  
TUESDAY MARCH 18 BEGINNING AT 6:30PM**



### Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, March 6th at 7pm 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, March 5th 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 March 29th from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Bring your friends!**



#### Mardi Gras Tea

All women of the parish are invited to attend Sunday, March 2nd 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is an afternoon of sharing and fun to celebrate before the beginning of Lent. Those attending are asked to bring: a tea cup or mug, some finger food to share, a happy and joyful spirit, a friend.

The theme this year is BAKING. Questions or for more information contact Mary Poffenberger 301-639-3297 email [missmary@lockfarm.net](mailto:missmary@lockfarm.net)



#### 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 next choir practice will be **Wednesday, March 19th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.



#### For All Men 18 Years or Older SCHEDULE:

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 7:30am Presentation (Video)
- 8:00am Small Group
- 8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Next meeting will be Sat. March 8th in the social hall.



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| <b>Saturday,</b><br>9:00am<br>5:00pm  | <b>March 1</b><br>Intentions of Jill Lear<br>Intentions of Father Ben Dunkelberger |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>8:00am<br>11:00am   | <b>March 2</b><br>Intentions of the Scalavino Family<br>People of the Parish       |
| <b>Monday,</b><br>9:00pm              | <b>March 3</b><br>Private Intentions <b>(NO CONFESSION)</b>                        |
| <b>Tuesday,</b><br>8:30am             | <b>March 4</b><br>Intentions of Cathy Hoffman                                      |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>8:30am<br>6:30pm | <b>March 5</b><br>People of the Parish<br>In Memory of Maria Smith                 |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>8:30am            | <b>March 6</b><br>In Memory of Thomas Sutch  |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>8:30am              | <b>March 7</b><br>In Memory of Megan Kelker  |
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>9:00am<br>5:00pm  | <b>March 8</b><br>Intentions of Marian Hoover<br>People of the Parish              |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>8:00am<br>11:00am   | <b>March 9</b><br>In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller<br>In Memory of Tara Porter      |



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 flowers will be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. 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. Please call Sue German at 717-816-0552 with questions.



All are welcome to join us in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings.



If you would like to be part of a prayer group to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory through prayer, please call Michelle at 717-552-7252.