

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince St. Shippensburg, PA 17257

Pastor and Campus Minister- Rev. Ben Dunkelberger—frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org

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)

Jesus took Peter,
John, and James
and went up the
mountain to pray.

While he was
praying his face
changed in
appearance and
his clothing
became dazzling
white.

Luke 9:28, 29

Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT

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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

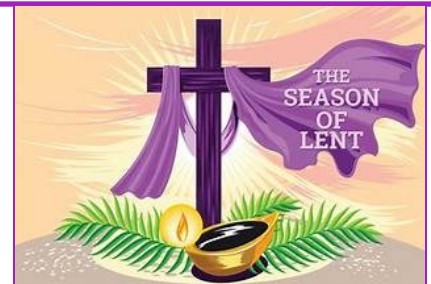
Wednesdays..5:30pm—6:20 pm

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)*



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The Sacrament of Confession

@ Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

Confession Schedule at OLV

(blue for year-round confessions times, and purple for this Lenten season)

Monday – 8:30–8:50 pm**

Wednesday – 5:30–6:20 pm

Saturday – 8:00–8:50 am;**

Saturday – 3:30-4:30 pm

First Friday of the Month— 7:30-8:20 am

First Saturday of the Month— 8:00-8:50 am

During Lent This Year:

Copies of a good Examination of Conscience are always in the back of the church to help you!

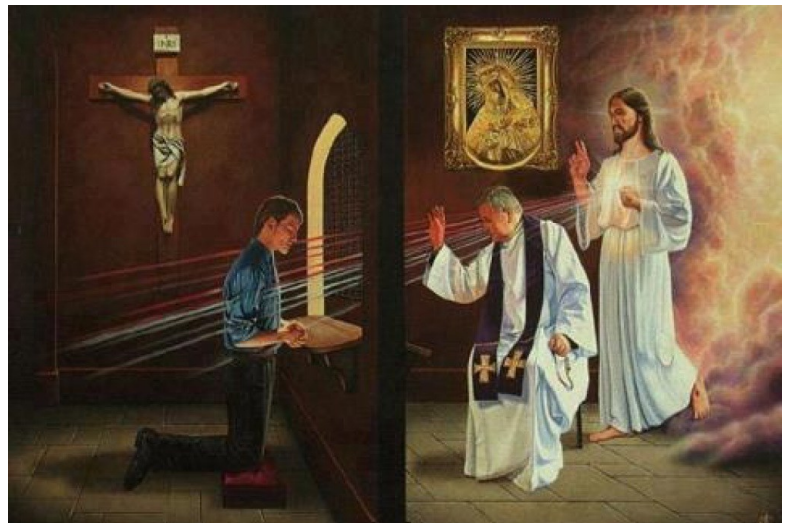


Friday – 6:00-6:50 pm *(Stations of the Cross follow at 7 pm)*

****Monday & Saturday morning Confession times only occur during the Fall and Spring semesters (please see the bulletin each week to double check if you have questions) – Please note: 1st Fri/Sat Confessions will always occur**

The Sacrament of Confession is so important for our Catholic Faith, and it is one of the most powerful and beautiful ways of encountering Christ's forgiveness and love for you. Please see the weekly schedule of when I hear confessions each week here at OLV Catholic Church.

We have our big communal penance/confession service on **Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm**. We will have at least 3-5 priests here to help hear confessions, so please consider coming and opening your heart to confess your sins and be forgiven by Jesus in this Sacrament.

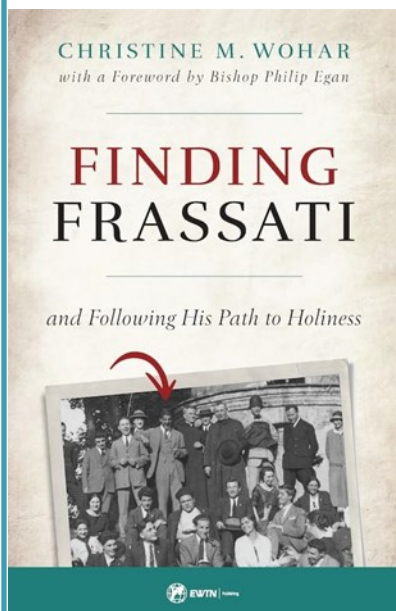


Jesus says, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."

- John 20:23

Book of the Month

March and April 2025



The Book of the Month for both March and April 2025 is **Finding Frassati: and Following His Path to Holiness** by Christine M. Wohar. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is one of the great young Saints not only throughout the history of the Catholic Church, but also, he is a Saint in the modern world. His second miracle was just recently approved by the Vatican in Rome, so

now, he will be canonized a Saint this summer in early August of 2025! I have personally read a few books about Pier Giorgio Frassati, and this book in particular does a really great job of being easily accessible to the average reader while also entering deeply into the life and soul of this young man. Please consider purchasing this book in order to read it during March and April of 2025, and we will have the Book Summary and Discussion on **Wednesday, April 30th from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm** in the parish social hall. You will have to purchase this book individually (*we are not able to purchase this for everyone and give it away*), but even if you don't get a chance to read it over these two months, please still come to the meeting on April 30th! This book will inspire you, and give you a new companion on your journey with Christ towards heaven. May we pray for each other this Lent, and God Bless you all as we approach Jesus rising from the dead at Easter!



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.

JQB POSTING

The Office of Catholic Education is looking to hire an Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools and an Assistant Superintendent for High Schools. Applicants must be an active, practicing Catholic; have a master's degree or higher in an education field (educational administration, school leadership, curriculum and instruction, etc.); have at least 10 years of successful school leadership experience; and have certification as a school administrator, superintendent, or the equivalent from another state. See the full job description and requirements online at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/ase> (for elementary schools) and <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/ash> (for high schools). Applicants should email a narrative letter of interest and a current resume to Daniel Breen, Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools, at dbreen@hbgdiocese.org. Applications will be accepted until the end of April.



The 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign, LIVING OUR FAITH, PILGRIMS OF HOPE provides staffing and financial resources to support more than 90 ministries and programs in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

When we are actively Living Our Faith, we respond by being Pilgrims of Hope. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2025 DAC!

Donate today or learn more by visiting hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign

Our parish goal for 2025 is \$35,159.00

As of date we have collected \$6,444.00

Thank you to all who have supported this Campaign!

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AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE

Interested
in Becoming
Catholic ?

Please join us for the
next RCIA meeting
on **Tuesday,
March 18th**
from 7pm-8:15pm in
the social hall.

Becoming Catholic

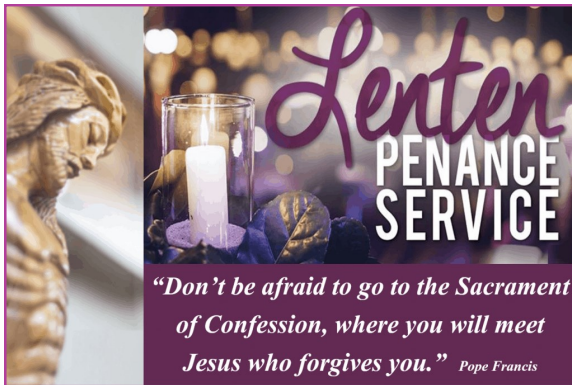
A Journey of Faith



**BIKING FOR
BABIES**

The Diocese of Harrisburg is
pleased to share a new and excit-
ing fundraiser event to support our
local pregnancy resource cen-
ters. Biking for Babies will host a
local Ride for Life on the Cumber-

land 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! For more information and to register please visit [https://
www.bikingforbabies.com/events](https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events).



*"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament
of Confession, where you will meet
Jesus who forgives you." Pope Francis*

LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 BEGINNING AT 6:30PM



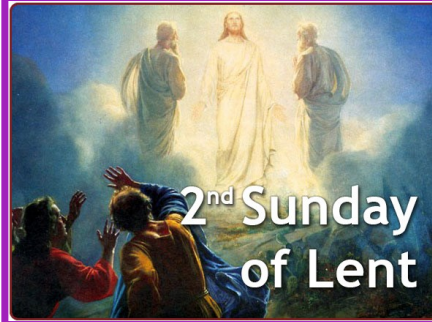
Confessions During Lent



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

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.



Our Gospel today is
known as the Trans-
figuration. Transfig-
uration means a com-
plete change of ap-
pearance into a more
beautiful or spiritual
state. While Jesus is
praying with Peter,
James, and John his

face changes in appearance and his clothes become daz-
zling white. Through the transfiguration Jesus reveals to
the three disciples that he is the Son of God. However, the
disciples do not yet fully understand what it means. First,
they see Jesus dazzling white and speaking to Moses and
Elijah. Then they hear God's voice saying, "This is my be-
loved Son, listen to him." This experience inspires them to
continue to follow Jesus.

When we grow closer to God and strengthen our relation-
ship to him, our faith and trust in God grows. Spending time
in prayer, and talking and listening to God help us to
strengthen our relationship with him. When we pray, make
time for God, and serve others, we become better at follow-
ing God's direction for our lives.

Living our Faith: All during Lent strive to pray for others,
fast from something you like and be kind and nice to others
so you can grow closer to God.



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 operat-
ing day throughout the 2025 calendar year, but will not be
valid past their expiration date. Refunds, extensions or up-
grades 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.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, April 3rd 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, April 2nd 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!**

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 16th** 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.



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 bike) on the Rails to Trails.



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 29th in the social hall.



Mass Intentions

Saturday,

9:00am

5:00pm

Sunday,

8:00am

11:00am

Monday,

9:00pm

Tuesday,

8:30am

Wednesday,

6:30pm

Thursday,

8:30am

Friday,

8:30am

Saturday,

9:00am

5:00pm

Sunday,

8:00am

11:00am

March 15

In Memory of Rick Dellone

People of the Parish

March 16

In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family

In Memory of Joseph Henry Miller Jr.

March 17

Private Intentions

March 18

Intentions of the Walker Family

March 19

Intentions of Kim Bundy

March 20

In Memory of Harold Best

March 21

Intentions of Angela Hrad

March 22

In Memory of Jean Roseman

In Memory of Ron Gilson

March 23

People of the Parish

In Memory of Kalman Csoppu Sr.



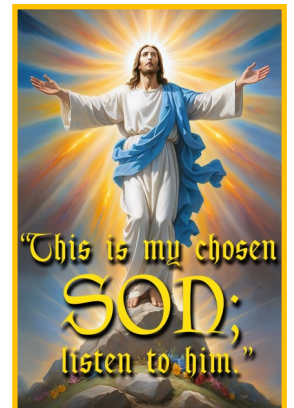
All are welcome to join us in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings.



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

March 1-2, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$5,538.60
Building Improvements:	\$160.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$25.00
Social Outreach:	\$60.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$784.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$53.00
Catholic Relief:	\$15.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6, 635.60



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

Online giving totals for:

January: \$5,482.21 February: \$4,906.55