

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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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)

April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

of the Lord's Passion



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:
Monday 8:30pm- 8:50pm &
every Saturday 8-8:50am)*

Fridays at
7:00pm



STATIONS of the CROSS

CONFESSIONS:
Every Friday from
6:00-6:50pm

Confessions During Lent

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PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 16,17, & 18th.



HOLY WEEK

Getting the Most Out of Lent

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

The Most Important, Most Holy, and Most Transformative Week of the entire year is upon us...Holy Week!

All of Jesus' actions while He was here on this earth are important for us to reflect on, but this last week of His life should change the way we view the world, the way we view God, and the way we view ourselves.

Jesus enters as a celebrity into Jerusalem to shouts and cheers and songs from the crowds...however, it will not be long before those same crowds are crying out, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!!"



On Holy Thursday evening, Jesus deeply desired to eat the Jewish Passover meal with His apostles, however, Jesus stops the normal flow of that ancient Jewish ritual and establishes a new ritual and new covenant meal with his 12 apostles—the Catholic Mass!!

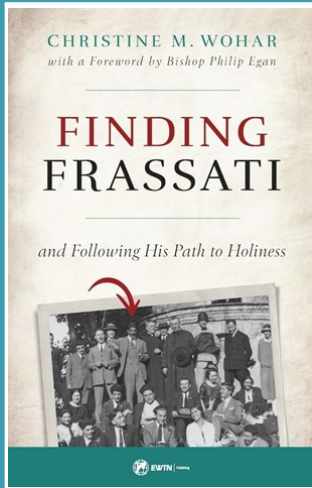
On Good Friday, Jesus suffers both physically in a brutal and humiliating way through scourging, the crown of thorns, carrying the cross, and crucifixion itself, but also, he suffers spiritually for our sins deep within His heart and soul. We can't begin to imagine this burden and the love it takes to freely choose to suffer for someone in this way (and Jesus, God become man does this for the entire world...and for you in a very specific and particular way—because He loves you).

On Holy Saturday, the world is silent. Jesus appears simply dead in the tomb. All the main tabernacles in Catholic Churches around the world are empty (the Blessed Sacrament is safely kept in reserved tabernacles on this day). However, Jesus is active. He is conquering sin and death, and He is preparing the world for the greatest event we could ever fathom.

On the Easter Vigil Night, every Catholic Church around the world starts in the pitch black darkness of night (to symbolize the brokenness of the world and the silence of Jesus in the tomb), but then the holy fire is lit, it is blessed, the people follow the flame into the Church as hope spreads with the candle light around the church building and into the hearts of mankind. Hundreds of candles light up the church building, as the ancient Exultet hymn is chanted by the priest or deacon. Jesus has risen from the dead! The gates of heaven are open. The invitation is given to the entire world—come follow me. Be my disciple. Repent and believe in the Gospel—in the good news! Receive the Holy Spirit! And Go forth to the ends of the earth! Live & love in Christ & for Christ!



Please consider coming to our many liturgies, prayer services, Masses, and events throughout this week if you can according to your schedule. Christ wants to surprise you with His love, mercy, presence, and grace. If you show up, and open your heart, Jesus is never outdone in generosity. God Bless you. - Fr. Ben Dunkelberger



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!

Sunday April 27th **3:00-4:00pm**
in the church

Holy Hour

2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign
LIVING OUR FAITH
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **LIVING OUR FAITH, PILGRIMS OF HOPE** provides staffing and financial resources to support more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities. Now, more than ever, the programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support. Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude

Our parish goal for 2025 is \$35,159.00

As of date we have collected \$28,568.00

Thank you to all who have supported this Campaign

Donate today (*make checks payable to The Diocese of Harrisburg*) learn more by visiting hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign or you may mail your gift to:

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Diocese of Harrisburg
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Dust off your thinking caps and get your teams together!!

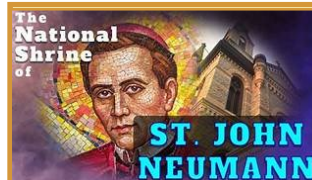
The second OLV Trivia Night will be held on Friday April 25, 2025. Starting at 7 pm in the social all. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

SUNDAY MAY 4 – TUESDAY MAY 6

40 Hours Devotion

Homily on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday Evenings at 7:00PM

Adoration Sunday from Noon- 7PM, Monday & Tuesday from 9AM-7PM



Parish Bus Trip

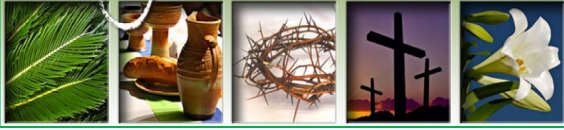
Saturday, July 12th

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.



Holy Week Schedule



WEDNESDAY— April 16th

Tenebrae Service: 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY—April 17th

Morning Prayer: 8:30 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18th

Morning Prayer: 8:30 a.m.

Noon: Outside Stations of the Cross

The Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY— April 19th

Morning Prayer: 8:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20th

Mass: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.



Today is Palm Sunday. Mass began with a Gospel reading that tells us about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Then we read the entire passion, beginning with the Last Supper.

Jesus makes the ultimate sacrifice. He gives his very life for us. He is willing to do the hardest thing someone could do. Jesus does what God the Father wants him to do. We call this kind of love self-giving love.

Simon and Joseph act out of self-giving love. Simon is pressed by the Roman soldiers to help Jesus carry his cross. Simon joins Jesus in his struggle and walks with him.

After Jesus died, a man named Joseph asks Pilot for Jesus' body. With help of some women, Joseph prepares Jesus' body for burial and places him in a tomb.

Who are some people you know who share self-giving love?

Parents, teachers, doctors and nurses, firefighters and our parish priest are just some of the people in our lives who show self-giving love.



Living our Faith

Thank the people in your life that share self-giving love with you.



REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BIKING FOR BABIES RIDE FOR LIFE



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Shippensburg PA Ride for Life
Saturday April 26, 2025



Join us! For more information and to register please visit <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events>.

The Biking for Babies Local Ride for Life will take place on Saturday April 26th starting at 8:30 am at the Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30.

If you don't have plans to ride, **VOLUNTEERING** for one of the following services is a wonderful way to be part of the action.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Check in and general help at OLV
- Assisting with the morning light breakfast at OLV
- Hydration stations along the trail (three locations)
- Road crossing guards on the trail (four locations - may require use of a bicycle)

Please contact :

Greg Ernst - ernstgj67@gmail.com or 301-385-5222

Phil Mobley - pmmobleyb4b@gmail.com or 571-236-7580

Father Ben - frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org for more info.





Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, May 1st 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, May 7th at 2pm in the parish hall. For more information on the Ladies Auxiliary please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbbonitz@gmail.com.



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday April 26th from 6-8pm** in the social hall.

Bring your friends!

Potluck Sunday

The next potluck will be **Sunday, May 18th following the 11am Mass.** (Since Easter Sunday is April 20th there will be no potluck in April). Please bring own place settings and a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

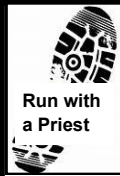
Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, April 15th** from 7-8:15pm in the social hall.



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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Please join us for our next coffee hour on **Sunday, April 13th** in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass.



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.



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, April 30th** 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 Saturday May 3rd in the social hall.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	April 12 People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	April 13 Intentions of the Stern Family
11:00am	In Memory of Rosemary Ryan
Monday, 9:00pm	April 14 Private Intentions
Tuesday, 8:30am	April 15 Intentions of Georgette Rice
Wednesday, 8:30am	April 16 Intentions of Nick & Marianne DeFrancesco
Thursday, 6:30pm	April 17 In Memory of William Dechene
Friday, 3:00pm	April 18 The Lord's Passion
Saturday, 8:00pm	April 19 In Memory of Freda Babel
Sunday, 8:00am	April 20 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
11:00am	People of the Parish



We are excited to announce that our parish has collected 905lbs of plastic bags as part of our recycling program. **We have until June 1st to collect 95 more pounds to win the bench!!!** 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. On front of the bins are guidelines as well as copies of the guidelines that you may take with you. **PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 1000LBS!!** Please contact Heather Kauffman for more information, 223-220-6913.

April 5-6 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$5,438.00
Building Improvements:	\$272.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$60.00
Social Outreach:	\$167.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$25.00
Easter Flowers:	\$335.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$50.00
Easter:	\$145.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$25.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$405.00
Holy Land:	\$55.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,977.00



The annual parish Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 11am Mass on Sunday, April 27th.

Please sign up in the church lobby by Sunday, April 20th.



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.