

**OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid;
from now on you
will be catching men.”

Luke 5:10





What is the Jubilee Year?

And How do I get my Diocese of Harrisburg Jubilee Year passport?!

Read below to learn about this special year throughout the Catholic Church as well as how to go on pilgrimages (trips to holy places) and participate in our local Diocese of Harrisburg

What is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life. In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts. In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

The Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church around the world!

The Vatican website of the Catholic Church include a variety of resources to better understand the purpose of richness of entering into the specific practices and dispositions of heart that are encouraged during a Jubilee Year. For example, Pope Francis has dedicated this year to the supernatural virtue of Hope, and he has written and talked on this in some official documents, letters, homilies, and speeches. There are also detailed explanations of the following spiritual topics on the Vatican Jubilee Year website: *Pilgrimage, Holy Door, Reconciliation, Prayer, Liturgy, Profession of Faith, and Indulgences* among many other great resources! Check out the Vatican website here: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Coming to a Catholic Church near You – Get your passport and visit some of our beautiful Catholic Churches throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg!

There are Holy Doors (physical doors), and these doors are designated and made holy through the Bishops declaration in order to encourage the Catholic faithful to take small or bigger pilgrimages (or holy trips) to these locations! We have 7 different Catholic Churches with Holy Doors within our Diocese of Harrisburg, and you can get a JUBILEE YEAR PASSPORT if you travel to one of these locations. Pick it up there, and then try to visit all seven Holy Doors in our Diocese if you can!

- [Saint Patrick Cathedral](#), Harrisburg;
- [Basilica of the Sacred Heart](#), Conewago/Hanover area;
- [Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius](#), Danville;
- [Shrine of the Miraculous Medal at Saint Catherine Laboure](#), Harrisburg;
- [Historic Saint Mary's](#), Lancaster;
- [Corpus Christi](#), Chambersburg;
- [Our Lady of Hope](#), Coal Township.

You can visit our Diocese of Harrisburg specific website for the Jubilee Year here: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>



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)



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

Morning Prayer
Wednesdays.....8:30am

Rosary:
Tuesday—Friday
8:00am

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION
75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 Come celebrate with us God's faithfulness and blessings!
MASS AT 2:00 PM SUNDAY FEB. 16TH
FOLLOWED BY A MEAL
IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 3:00 PM

Join us for a special afternoon to celebrate the past, present, and future of our parish! On February 16th, 2025, we will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Visitation in a very special way! A Mass will be held to celebrate this special milestone at 2pm, followed by a meal in the social hall and a short Our Lady of the Visitation trivia game! All are welcome! Sign up in the back of church between January 26th and February 9th! Please note there will be two sign up sheets for this event. The first sign up sheet is to record the number of people attending and food preferences. The second sign up sheet is to volunteer to bring a side item or dessert. BYOB. Donations will be graciously accepted at the time of the event! Look forward to not only this event, but many other small events within the parish to celebrate this special year!

Hope to see you there!

Saturdays...3:30– 4:30 pm & Wednesdays....5:30- 6:20 pm
1st Fri. of the Month....7:30–8:20 am
1st Sat. of the Month....8:00–8:45 am



Reconciliation
(Only During the College Fall & Spring semesters:
Sacrament of Penance:
Mon. 8:30PM- 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)

February 1-2, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$5,417.64
Building Improvements:	\$271.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$250.00
Social Outreach:	\$211.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$54.25
Eastern Church:	\$40.00
Propagation of Faith:	\$332.00
Poor Missions:	\$185.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,760.89

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE
 Please join us for our next coffee hour on Sun. Feb. 9th 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.

DONATE ONLINE
 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.

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AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE

Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

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



THE THREE ORDINARY VOICES OF GOD

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
MATTHEW KELLY

The Book of the Month for both January and February 2025 is **The Three Ordinary Voices of God** by Matthew Kelly. We gave this book away as a Christmas gift to everyone at the parish, and we will have more copies of the book to give away as well as we begin the month of February. It is a very easy, enjoyable, and engaging read at just over 100 pages. Matthew Kelly, as usual, does a wonderful job of helping us to access the deep topic of prayer using gifted story-telling, analogies and examples that come to

life, and practical tips to help us follow through with this most essential habit of our faith. Sometimes we do overcomplicate how we approach our spiritual lives, and recognizing how God speaks through three of our most fundamental human experiences: our needs, our talents, and our desires; Matthew Kelly brings to life how often and profoundly God wants to speak to us and move us closer to Him. This all leads to our ultimate desire, which is our desire for God Himself, so I encourage you to give this book a chance and please consider coming to our book discussion on **Wednesday, February 26th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the Church social hall. This is just a quick reminder, but you don't have to read or book or be an expert in prayer to attend this meeting! It is a great way to simply hear my favorite parts, get a quick summary of the book, and talk to some other parishioners about prayer and how to live our Catholic Faith in a deeper way. Thank you again, and God Bless you all as we continue through the beginning of 2025 and Ordinary Time in the Church year!

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.

In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus inviting Simon and some others to follow him.



What are the men doing when Jesus approaches them?

The men had been out fishing all night long in the Sea of Galilee. The Jordan River runs through it. Plenty of fish lived in the sea, so the people in the surrounding villages could work as fishermen. They did not use fishing rods. Instead, they had round nets that they cast into the water. After

each cast, the fishermen hauled the catch of fish into their boats.

The crowd who came to listen to Jesus is pressing closer to him, so he steps into Simon's boat. He asks Simon to push out into the water just a bit to make room between himself and the crowd. When Jesus finishes teaching the crowds, he told Simon to go out into the deep water and cast his nets. This time, Simon resists, telling Jesus they were fishing all night and caught nothing. But Simon agrees to do as Jesus commands. At once, they caught so many fish that the nets were tearing, and Simon called another boat to come help.

Simon falls to his knees and calls Jesus, "Lord." Simon and the other men leave everything on shore and follow Jesus. Jesus' first disciples were fishermen. He did not call just political leaders, or people who were famous. He called ordinary people and gave the gifts they needed to live as disciples.

When we were baptized, we too became disciples of Jesus. Jesus calls each of us as he called the disciples. This is our baptismal call. We are called to continue the work of Jesus in the world today. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives us the gifts we need to live as disciples of Jesus.

Living our Faith: Use the gifts God gave you at Baptism to help others this week.



It's that time again for the Ladies Auxiliary soup sale!! All members of the parish are invited to make soup to donate. We will collect soup donations on Sat. Feb. 15 between 10:00am and 2:00 pm in the social hall kitchen. The soups will be sold after all Masses on Feb.15 and 16. Pint and quart soup containers to use will be available in the kitchen from now until the sale! If you have any questions, contact Mary at 717-658-3288. Thank you!

In Loving Memory

Please remember Harold Best in your charity of prayers. Harold passed away on Saturday Feb. 1st. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, February 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the

Visitation Catholic Church. A viewing will be held Monday, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Fogelsanger-Bricker Funeral Home & Crematorium Inc.

Crab Cakes

It is Crab Cake time! For the next 3 weekends, the Knights of Columbus are taking orders for their homemade Crab Cake sale. The signup sheet will be in the back of the church until the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd. The cost remains at \$6.00 per crab cake.

They will be available for pick up after mass on March 1st and 2nd, in the social hall kitchen.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KofC 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 meeting is Wednesday, March 5th at 2pm in the parish hall. For more info. on the Ladies Aux. 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 February 22nd from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Bring your friends!**

ATTENTION LADIES



MARDI GRAS TEA

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 Poffenbarger 301-639-3297 email - missmary@lockfarm.net



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. Feb. 15th in the social hall.



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, February 12th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	February 8 Intentions of Roberta Huffner In Memory of Mary Hare
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	February 9 People of the Parish In Memory of John Shields
Monday, 9:00pm	February 10 Private Intentions
Tuesday, 8:30am	February 11 Intentions of Father Ben Dunkelberger
Wednesday, 6:30pm	February 12 Intentions of Maria Scalavino
Thursday, 8:30am	February 13 In Memory of AJ Everett
Friday, 8:30am	February 14 Intentions of Ty Lehman
Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	February 15 In Memory of Dorothy Detwiler In Memory of Mary Hare
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am 2:00pm	February 16 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family In Memory of Harold Best People of the Parish



*In loving
Memory
The flowers at the tabernacle
are placed in Memory of
Stephen Swieczkowski*



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 contact 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.