

September, 14, 2025

Exaltation OF THE Holy Cross

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church
305 N. Prince St. Shippensburg, PA 17257

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass:

Tues., Thurs., & Friday 8:30 am, Wed 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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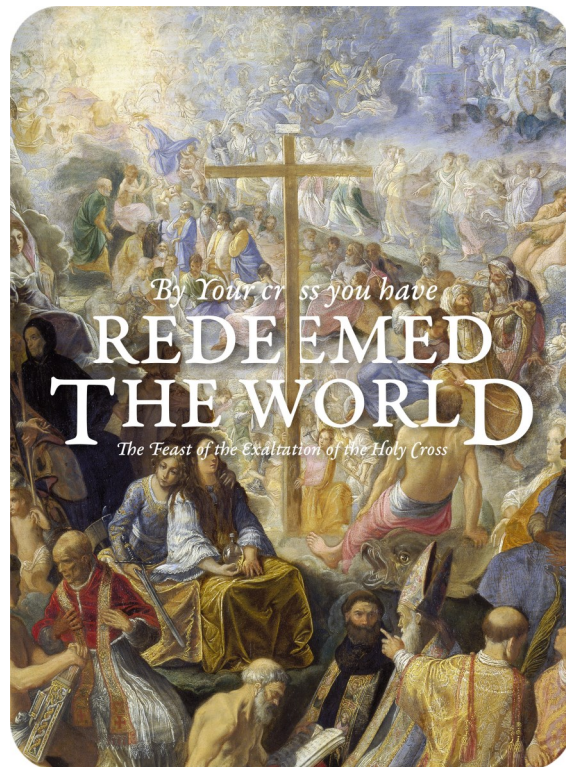
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The Rosary is recited every
Tuesday—Friday at 8:00am.

Please join us for Morning Prayer
every Wednesday at 8:30am



How to Become Catholic!

The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

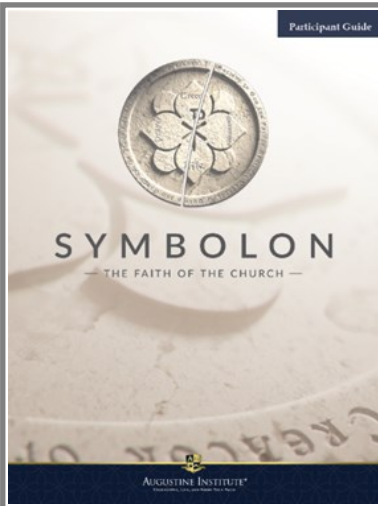
(OCIA = Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly RCIA)

Official meetings begin on Tuesday, September 23rd 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Located in the upstairs SOCIAL HALL of the parish

Symbolon: The Faith of the Church presents the central teachings of the Catholic faith in their unity, beauty, and vitality. In the early Church, the Creed expressed these beliefs, identifying the Church's faith and defining the identity of the Christians who professed it.

This series sticks close to the Creed. Questions?? — Please contact Father Ben at — frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org

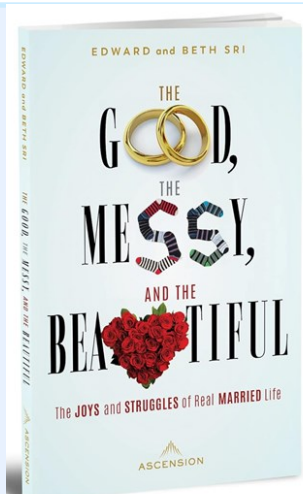


Book of the Month

September and October 2025

The Book of the Month for both September and October 2025 is ***The Good, The Messy, and the Beautiful: The Joy and Struggles of Real Married Life*** by Edward and Beth Sri. It makes sense that marriage is the fundamental structure and bedrock of society because it forms the family unit. However, sometimes we can overidealize married life in the Catholic Faith while not being honest with the real struggles and challenges that married couples face with their spouses as husband and wife as well as with their potential children as well. The well-known Catholic speaker and author Dr. Edward Sri co-writes this book with his wife Beth, and it is easy to read, honest, filled with little stories and examples, and truly includes both perspectives of the good, the messy, and the beautiful within marriage. Every person can benefit from reading this book not only in a personal way for their own lives (even those who are not married...although I do believe it can be transformative for married couples!), but also because we

need to try our best to support married couples striving to live this beautiful vocation within our Catholic Faith. Please consider purchasing this book in order to read it during September and October of 2025, and we will have the Book Summary and Discussion on **Wednesday, October 29th 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 October 29th!



Do you have a coat that no longer fits or you would like a new one?

God has a plan for your coat!

He wants to use your coat to bring "HOPE" to a homeless person!

Help us fill a "HOPE" chest for the homeless by donating!

Donations going to Source of All Hope, Baltimore, Maryland!

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, HOMELESS

Winter Clothing Needed

COATS, GLOVES, HATS, SCARFS, SOCKS, BLANKETS
CLEAN, NO STAINS, TEARS, OR BROKEN ZIPPERS

COLLECTION TIMES:

SEPTEMBER 20, 21 COLLECTION BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

THANK YOU!

Oktoberfest

The third annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday October 11, 2025. The meal will start after the Saturday 5 pm mass in the parish social hall. The menu will be knockwurst, bratwurst, german style potato salad, fried potatoes, sauerkraut, red cabbage and desserts. Water will be provided, but the event is BYOB (bring your own bottle) and please be responsible. Music will be played during the event. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church until October 4th and 5th. The cost will be \$10.



The 2025 Pennsylvania March for Life will be on Monday, September 22, 2025, in Harrisburg. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered prior to the March at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, starting on Sunday, September 21st at 2:00 pm, lasting overnight, and ending at 9:00 am on Monday, September 22nd.

Commit to one hour (or more) by signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BADAC29A2FECF8-57421246-pamarch#/> or by contacting Marianne Weltmer at mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext 322

The Pennsylvania March for Life schedule includes:

Sunday, September 21 - Monday, September 22, 2025

2:00 P.M. - 9:00 AM - Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St Patrick (212 State Street, Harrisburg). Street parking is free on Sunday and overnight until Monday morning at 8:00 am.

9:00 A.M. Benediction – Cathedral of St. Patrick

9:30 A.M. - March for Life Opening Mass, Cathedral of St. Patrick

11:00 A.M. - March for Life Rally – State Capitol steps

12:00 Noon - March for Life March

1:30 P.M. - March for Life Closing Mass – Cathedral of St. Patrick



Everyone in the Diocese of Harrisburg and the greater Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. We will unite in prayer and number to support and protect the sanctity of all human life.

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

The Word of God Alive:

*Discussing the Readings with
your children*

Have you ever been lost?

Today, we hear a parable about a shepherd and a lost sheep. A shepherd's job was to keep the sheep safe, and to make sure they had food and water. In the Gospel, Jesus tells of a shepherd with a flock of one hundred sheep. The shepherd notices that one

sheep is missing. He goes looking for the one lost sheep. The shepherd is happy when he finds the lost sheep.

Sometimes we get lost. Sometimes we wander away from God. We don't follow the good path that Jesus our Good Shepherd has shown us. When we realize we have made choices that separate us from the God who loves us, we need to find our way back to him. When we realized we need to be reunited with God, we can trust that God will never stop looking for us. Nothing we do can keep God from searching until he finds us. God will be the one to carry us back and there will be great joy when we are reunited with God.

Living our Faith: This week, pray that you will always be united with God and his great love for you.



Please support the Knights of Columbus who are selling "Football Sweepstakes" tickets after the Masses during the month of September. Each \$10 ticket will be valid for 10 weeks of the pro football season.

\$2500 is given away each week across our state in cash prizes. Winners are contacted automatically. Remember that your donation helps the Knights of Columbus support your church.



5th Annual Corpus Christi

International Food Festival

**Saturday, October 4, 2025,
from 11am to 4:30pm.**

320 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg.

Savor cuisines from Greece, Poland, Italy, Germany, USA, Mexico, El Salvador, Philippines, Guatemala, & Dominican Republic.

Enjoy music & children's activities that include painting pumpkins, face painting, bouncy house, & corn hole.

Enter the Raffle Drawing for the 2022 Buick Encore and other cash prizes. Event is Cash Only.



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

Hound Packs is looking for a volunteer for the following:

We are looking for a two year commitment for this position:

- Creating a menu for each week during the academic school year
- Ordering food online through the Central PA Food Bank
- Attend packing on Wednesday evenings to count the bags that are packed (this takes about an hour)

If interested please call Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) at 717-477-1961



It is time again for Box of Joy.

The goal this year is 130 boxes. \$9.00 is still the shipping cost per box. A reminder that things don't have to be brand new but not heavily used. Thanks for supporting the children. The boxes will be available soon.

**Please join us on Sunday October 12 following the
11am Mass to separate and pack the boxes.**



If you have any questions please contact Heather Kauffman at 223-220-6913

Share the Joy!



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.

September 6-7, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$5,633.00	Building Improvements:	\$350.00
Social Outreach:	\$200.00	Parish Youth Education:	\$ 30.00
Votives/Donut Hour:	\$74.00	Peter's Pence:	\$100.00
Gaza Relief:	\$260.00	TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,647.00



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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 13	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Sept. 14	8:00am	Intentions of the Scalavino Family
Sunday, Sept. 14	11:00am	In Memory of Tara Porter
Monday, Sept. 15	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Sept. 16	8:30am	In Memory of Kenneth Adams
Wednesday, Sept. 17	6:30pm	Private Intentions
Thursday, Sept. 18	8:30am	In Memory of Nancy Fitz
Friday, Sept. 19	8:30am	Private Intentions
Saturday, Sept. 20	9:00am	Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump
Saturday, Sept. 20	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Sept. 21	8:00am	In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller
Sunday, Sept. 21	11:00am	In Memory of Richard Kreusch



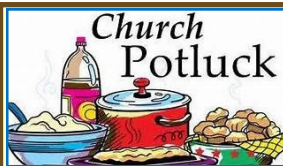
Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, October 2nd at 7 pm in the parish hall. Please see Pat Shay at 732-319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

The next Ladies meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1st at 2pm in the social hall. For more information on the Ladies Auxiliary please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

The flowers at the
tabernacle are
placed in Memory
of Tara Porter



The next potluck will be Sunday, September 21st following the 11am Mass.

Please bring own place settings and a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Youth Group News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday, Sept. 27th from 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.

We are excited for the future of youth ministry and currently discerning the volunteer structure and how we can best lead this ministry with everyone playing their own role. If you personally feel called to help out with youth ministry, please contact Father Ben to discuss any interest you may have.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Shippensburg

Parish Goal for 2025: \$35,159.00 Gifts Received: \$44,718.25
Outstanding Pledges: \$1,075.00 Registered Households: 446
Shortfall Payments: Over/(under)goal in cash: \$9,559.25
Average per donor: \$442.75 Number of Donors: 101

Coffee Hour Host

If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church. For more information please contact the parish office.

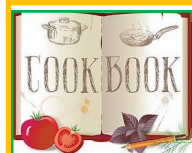
Our Health, Safety & Security Committee

The OLV Health, Safety and Security Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 16th.

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm in the parish social hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.



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.



75th Anniversary Parish cookbooks are on sale for \$15.00

Contact Tammy Polifka at 717-404-2985 or email polifka.t@yahoo.com



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. September 20th 7:00am-8:30am

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