

September 28, 2025

Pursue Righteousness

1 Timothy 6:11

26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

**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:

Tuesday, Thursday, & Fridays 8:30 am,
Wednesday 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)*

The Rosary is recited every
Tuesday—Friday at 8:00am.

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

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Office Hours :

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Holy Days & Holidays

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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PRAISE
the
LORD,
my soul!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bishop Frank Caggiano

Bishop of Bridgeport

SPECIAL GUESTS

PLUS:

- Teens Track
- VBS-style Kids Track
- Breakouts for Men, Women, and Couples
- Relic of Blessed Stanley Rother
- Lunch Provided
- Food Truck Picnic



CELEBRANT,
VIGIL MASS

Bishop Timothy Senior

Bishop of Harrisburg



MUSICAL
ENTERTAINMENT

The Scally Brothers

Recording Artists

October 18, 2025

 Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Register now at: www.hbgdiocese.org/behold

****Register by
October 12th**

Thanks to our Community Champions:



We are having a baby shower!

During October, the Right to Life month, we will be collecting baby items for Pregnancy Ministries, Inc. They are located in Shippensburg and do free pregnancy testing, ultrasound confirmation appointments, pregnancy decision consultations and teach classes about pregnancy, childbirth, infant care and parenting.

Items needed:

Baby/toddler clothing, coats/snowsuits shoes & socks. Bibs, diapers & diaper bags, wipes, formula, cereal/baby food, and breast pump.

They provide care through the child's second year.

They will also accept new or gently used baby furniture:

Cribs/mattress, baby carrier, boppy/nursing pillow, car seat (**in date**), Stroller, highchair, pack-n-play, and swing.

There will be a play pen in the back of church near the entrance to the Social Hall in mid September.

Clothing may be gently used, but please no stained clothing. Any questions, text or call Bobbi Staver 717-816-5309 Thanks for helping the great ministry.

right to life 



THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND!!

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.

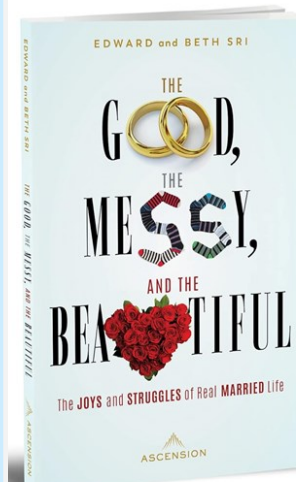


The 3rd annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sat. October 11th.

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.

Book of the Month

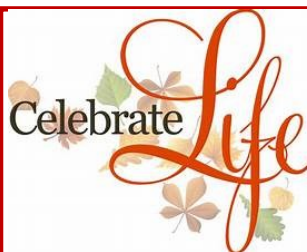
September and October 2025



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 override 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!



Celebrate Life This October – Straight to Your Phone!

Join the *Celebrating Life* texting campaign from the Diocese of Harrisburg in honor of Respect Life Month. Sign up and receive a short, powerful daily message throughout October to help you pray, reflect, and grow in your commitment to the dignity of every human life.

You'll only receive texts during this special campaign (unless you choose to hear more from the Diocese).

Ready to take part?

Text **LifeHBG** to **84576** and journey with us this October!

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

The Word of God Alive: Discussing the Readings with your children

In today's Gospel, Jesus is trying to help us understand how God wants us to live.

The rich man wore expensive clothes and ate fancy food that someone else cooked for him. The poor man, Lazarus, was so poor and sick that all he could do was sit and beg for help. Jesus tells us that God wants us to do something more. He wants us to look around to notice the people who are hurting like Lazarus and to help them.



For example, you might notice someone on the playground who has no one to play with and ask them to join you. If someone is eating lunch alone, sit with them or ask them to sit with you and your friends. Your

family may want to donate to a food drive or clothing drive for those who are in need or help serve a meal at a shelter.

Often when someone is having a bad day, just a kind word or a smile will brighten their day. When we do all these things, we are living like Jesus did. And it usually makes us feel good too!

Living our Faith: This week, remember to look up and notice the people around you and think of how you can be a friend to them.

Being A Good Friend



Join us for
Coffee hour!



Please join us for coffee and donuts in Mary's kitchen after the 8am Mass on Sunday, September 28th.

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.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Please note the following changes regarding Friday Adoration.

October 17 Adoration will close at 2pm
October 24 Adoration will close at 2pm
October 31 Adoration will close at 6pm



Hound Packs has started for the school year. Hound Packs provides weekend food for food challenged children in our school district. This year we started with 191 students, more

than we ever had at the beginning. We give them 2 cans of soup a week, so we are giving almost 400 cans a week. Our parish has been asked to donate kid friendly soup, like chicken noodle or tomato soup. Soup can be placed in the container outside the confessional at any time. Please help us help those students in need. No child should ever go hungry. Thank you.



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition



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 20-21 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,272.00	Building Improvements:	\$20.00
Social Outreach:	\$60.00	Votives/Donut Hour:	\$55.50
Peter's Pence:	\$45.00	Parish Youth:	\$155.00

TOTAL INCOME: 4,607.50



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. 27	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Sept. 28	8:00am	In Memory of PJ "Patricia" McGuigan
Sunday, Sept. 28	11:00am	In Memory of Father Dave Hillier
Monday, Sept. 29	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Sept. 30	8:30am	In Memory of Father Joe Celia
Wednesday, Oct. 1	6:30pm	In Memory of Bob & Freda Babel
Thursday, Oct. 2	8:30am	In Memory of Richard Mohler
Friday, Oct. 3	8:30am	Intentions of Ike & Mary Black
Saturday, Oct. 4	9:00am	Intentions of the Biehl Family
Saturday, Oct. 4	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Oct. 5	8:00am	Intentions of Father Ben Dunkelberger
Sunday, Oct. 5	11:00am	In Memory of Anna Klimek

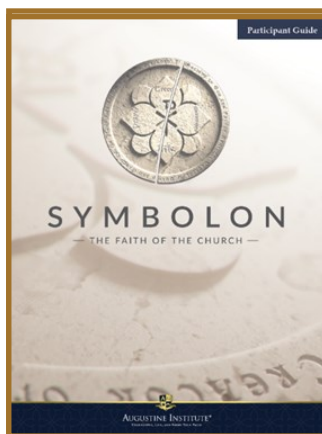


Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



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.



How to Become Catholic!

The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

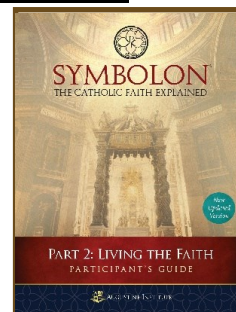
(OCIA = Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly RCIA)

Official meetings begin on Tuesday, September 30th

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Located in the upstairs

[SOCIAL HALL](#) of the parish.



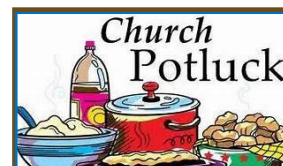
Adult Education @ OLV
Symbolon Video Series

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesdays in the Social Hall

Next Meeting – Wed., Sept. 30th

Contact Father Ben at
frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org
for more information!



The next potluck will be Sunday, October 19th 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, October 4th 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.



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, October 1st** from 7:30pm-8:30pm



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. October 4th 7:00am-8:30am

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