



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)

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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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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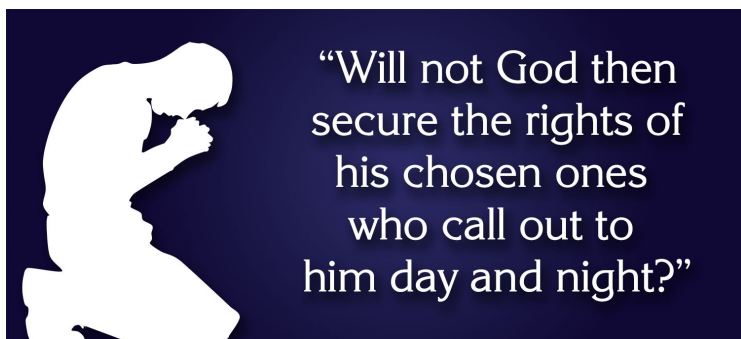
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm
Closed Holy Days & Holidays

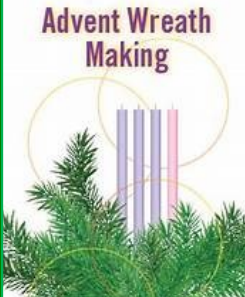
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Advent Wreath Making

Please join us in making either a fresh Christmas or Advent wreath on **November 22nd at 10:00am in the social hall.** Please sign up in the church lobby by Nov. 19th.

Donations are being accepted. If you have a metal ring from last year, please bring it with you.

Christmas Wreath Making

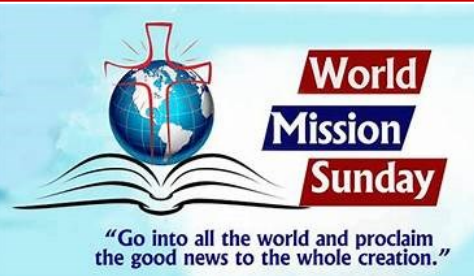


respect life month

novena



The USCCB's annual Respect Life Month novena will take place October 22-30, 2025. The novena covers a wide breadth of Respect Life topics, including pregnancy support, the death penalty, persons with disabilities, healing after abortion, and more. Join thousands of Catholics across the country in praying for the protection of human life at <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena>.



World Mission Sunday

"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION IS OCTOBER 19, 2025

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law—**World Mission Sunday**.

Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Together we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.



PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND Join Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Bishop of Harrisburg, and Catholic Charities on a spiritual journey to Poland in 2026. This pilgrimage will offer a unique opportunity to deepen your faith while exploring the sacred sites, history, and culture of Poland.

Informational Meeting: Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Room 103, Diocesan Conference Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Please RSVP to kgollick@cchbg.org if you plan to attend the meeting.



THANK YOU VETERANS

Lunch is on us!

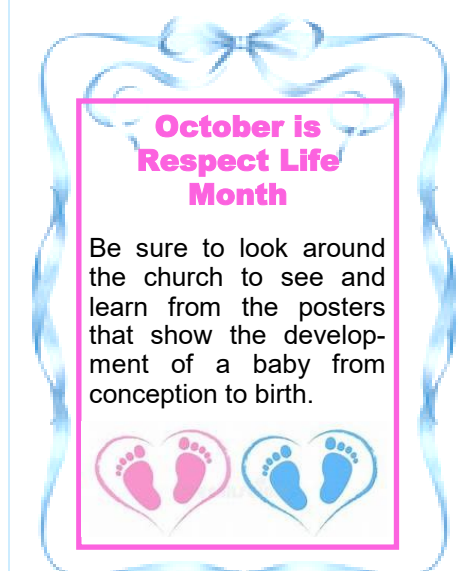
The 8th grade CCD class would like to invite everyone to a luncheon to honor Veterans of our parish on **Sunday, November 9th after the 11am mass.** If you are a Veteran we encourage you to submit a picture of yourself preferably in uniform, (unless you previously submitted one) for the presentation. Pictures, military branch, and rank can be sent to JoAnn Garman at jojogarman@aol.com by **Thursday, November 6th**. We hope to see you there so we can personally thank you! Anyone planning on attending is asked to fill out the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Please note the following changes regarding Friday Adoration.

October 24 Adoration will close at 2pm

October 31 Adoration will close at 4pm



October is Respect Life Month

Be sure to look around the church to see and learn from the posters that show the development of a baby from conception to birth.

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.

They provide care through the child's second year.

Items needed:

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

There will be a playpen in the back of church near the entrance to the Social Hall

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, & swing.

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 

Youth Group News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday, November 1st 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.



You Are Invited Mass for the Loss of a Child

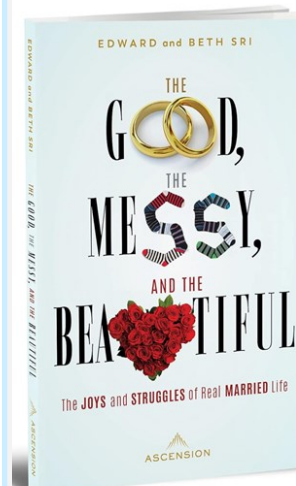


The loss of a child, regardless of what age he or she was at their death, is a devastating cross to bear. You do not need to bear it alone. Join us at St.

Matthew's parish on **October 25th** for a Remembrance Mass, where you can grieve your loss and find support and healing with others who carry the same cross. If you would like to acknowledge your child by name, please include that information when you register. A light reception will follow, where you can learn more about Red Bird Ministries in the Diocese of Harrisburg. To register: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/remembrance-mass-for-child-loss/>.

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 — FOREVER

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells another parable about never being tired of praying. The characters in this story are a widow and a judge. In Jesus' time, widows were usually very poor and unimportant. They often needed the help of others when their husband died. When the widow came to the judge for help when she had been treated unfairly, this judge didn't care about her troubles. He ignored her. However, the widow did not give up pleading her case. Finally, the judge heard her case and made things right for her.

Jesus uses this story to remind us of what God is *not* like. Jesus reminds us that God loves us all and wants what is best for us.

Jesus is telling us not to give up when we pray, even if it seems like God is not hearing us. God does hear us and cares about what is happening to us and how we are feeling. We must be like the widow and not give up and have patience with God. Spending time in prayer helps us grow closer to God. And when we pray, we need to listen too.

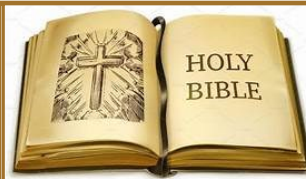
Have you ever been with someone who didn't want to talk?

When that happens, we sometimes want to talk more. That can happen in prayer. Because we can't hear God's voice answer us, we might feel like we need to keep talking. But sometimes, when we try to be quiet, we can hear God in our hearts speaking to us.

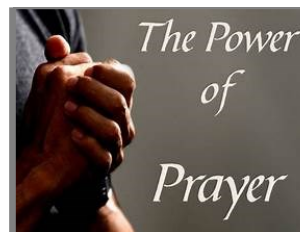
Living our Faith: This week remember to pray each day. Try to spend some of your time with God just being quiet. Let God speak to your heart.



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.



The Pastoral Care Team at WellSpan York Hospital is in need of Catholic Bibles to support their ministry. If you are able to donate Bibles in fair condition or better, please contact Marianne Weltmer at mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext. 322. Thank you for your generosity.



A Prayer Service will be held at 12:30pm on Sunday, November 2nd in the church.

For more information contact Mary Poffenbarger at missmary@lockfarm.net



Please welcome Florence Jean Mumford, daughter of Amanda, into our Catholic family.

Florence received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday October 11, 2025.

Join us for
Coffee hour!



Please join us for coffee & donuts in Mary's kitchen after the 8am Mass on Sunday, October 19th

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.



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.

Trunk or Treat is just around the corner. Time to get your costume and trunk ready and find that perfect pumpkin to carve. **On Sunday November 2, 2025**, the treating will begin at dusk. The location is the parish parking lot. Prizes will be given for best trunk, carved pumpkin and costume. Expect to distribute to around 75 treaters. Also, please be careful when entering or leaving the parking lot.



October 11-12 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,225.00	Building Improvements:	\$70.00
Social Outreach:	\$109.00	Votives/Donut Hour:	\$58.00
All Saints:	\$15.00	World Mission:	\$25.00
TOTAL INCOME:		\$4,502.00	



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, Oct. 18	5:00pm	Intentions of Karen Soto
Sunday, Oct. 19	8:00am	In Memory of the Stewart/Gelas Family
Sunday, Oct. 19	11:00am	People of the Parish
Monday, Oct. 20	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Oct. 21	8:30am	In Memory of James Martin Gibbons
Wednesday, Oct. 22	6:30 P.M.	In Memory of John Paul Hanish III
Thursday, Oct. 23	8:30am	Intentions of Santo & Maria Scalavino
Friday, Oct. 24	8:30am	In Memory of Frank Rice
Saturday, Oct. 25	9:00am	In Memory of the Germaine Family
Saturday, Oct. 25	5:00pm	Intentions of Jaime Soto
Sunday, Oct. 26	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday, Oct. 26	11:00am	In Memory of Clifton Prue



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



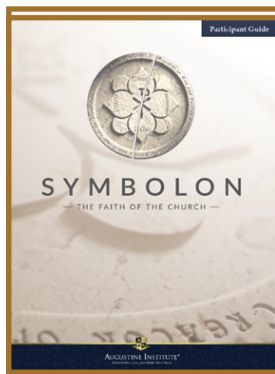
The next Knights of Columbus meeting is **Thursday, November 6th at 7 pm in the parish hall.** This will be a joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary. Please bring a snack and beverage to share.

Please see Pat Shay at 732--319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbbonitz@gmail.com.



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in memory of **Elizabeth Butler**

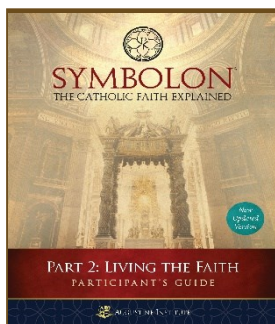


How to Become Catholic!

The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

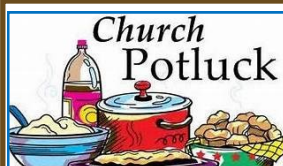
(OCIA = Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly RCIA)

Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 21st
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
In the [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. Oct. 22nd

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



The next potluck will be Sunday, October 19th after the 11am Mass.

Please bring own place settings and a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.



The next Choir practice will be **Wednesday, October 22nd**
from 7:30pm-8:30pm

All Saints & All Souls Day

MASS SCHEDULE

ALL SAINT'S DAY

Fri. Oct. 31st at 6:30pm &
Sat. Nov. 1st at 9:00am

ALL SOULS' DAY

Sat. Nov. 1st 5:00pm
Sun. Nov. 2nd 8:00am & 11:00am

Sunday Nov. 2nd at 3:00pm

Mass of Remembrance
for all deceased members of OLV.



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.



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. **October 25th**
7:00am-8:30am

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