

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church
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Weekend Masses:

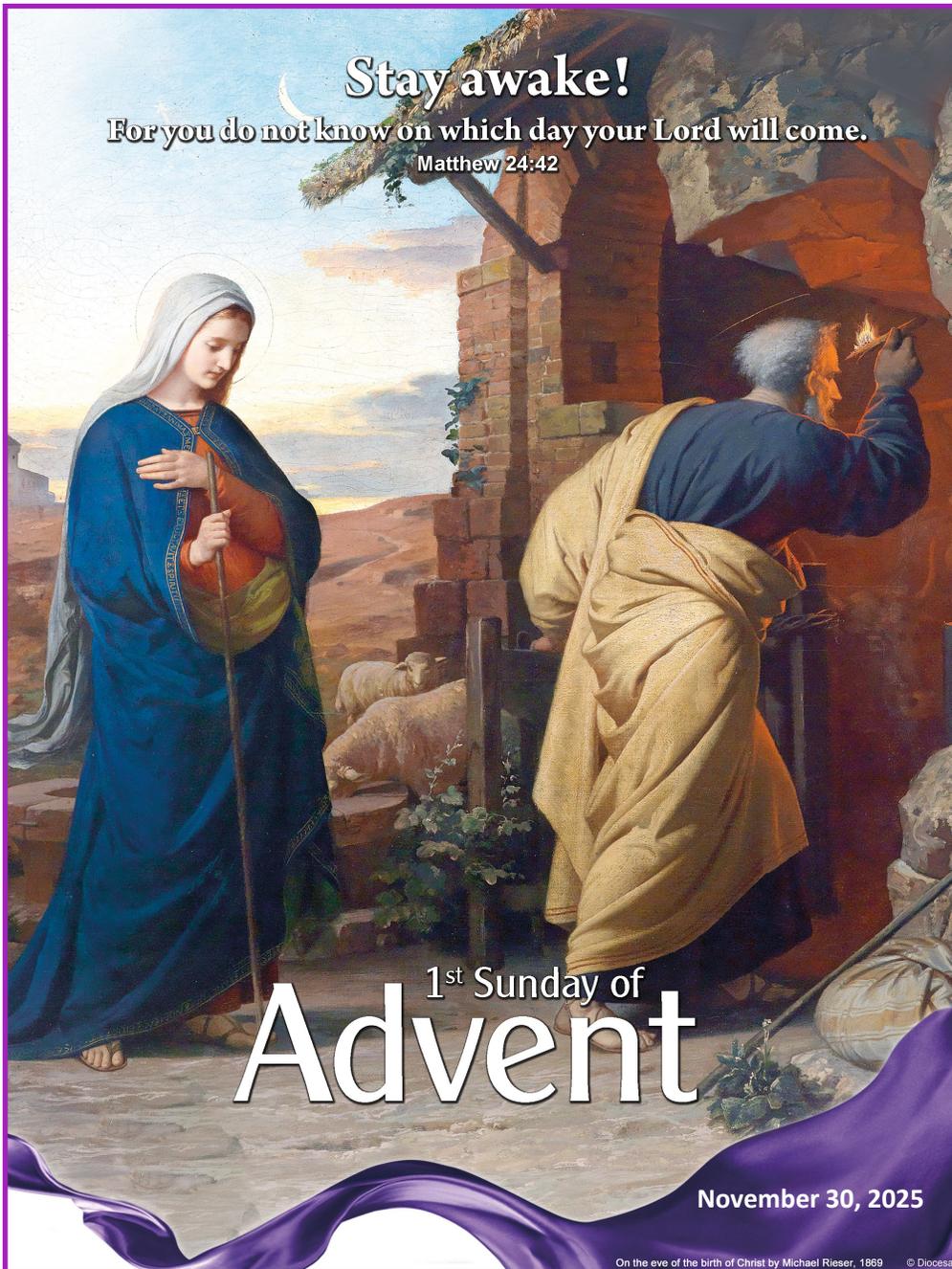
Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am

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)

Church (717) 532-2912 Campus (717) 477-1244 Emergency (717) 323-2679

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 Sat. 8-8:50am)

Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament:

1st Fri. of the Month 7:30—8:20am

Fridays 9:00—7:00pm

Wednesdays 5:30-6:20pm

Morning Prayer:

Wednesdays—8:30am

Rosary:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday—
8:00am

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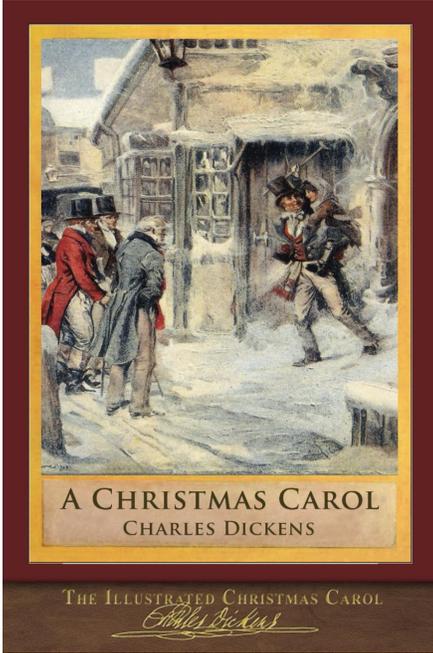
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On the eve of the birth of Christ by Michael Rieser, 1869 © Diocesan

BOOK OF THE MONTH

November & December

First Ever Repeat Book!



For the months of November and December, we will be switching lanes a bit and reading a somewhat well-known fiction novel ***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens! We read this book back in the year 2021 during these same months leading up to Christmas. The reason I am suggesting it again is to encourage more people to read this great book, but also because it can be great to

return back to a good book a few times to squeeze and reflect on the spiritual fruit of reading it a second or third time. You may remember the basic story or the movie illustrations of this Christmas classic, but we will be especially reflecting on the spiritual reflections, significance, and depth found in this story. It is a very short book overall, so I encourage you to take your time when reading it and think about how different interactions between the characters might lead to a greater understanding or perspective of how we are currently living our relationship with God or with others. Of course, this is an enjoyable read as well based on Dicken's style and the flow of the story, even though it is a bit more serious of a novel than, for example, the Muppets' movie illustration. Just one practical note: **any version you purchase** should work well, so you don't have to purchase the same exact version as shown in our picture. We will be discussing this book on **Wednesday, January 7th at 7:30 pm** in the social hall, and I hope you will consider joining us! God Bless you.

Sunday December 21st

6-8pm



Las Posada is a celebration reenacting Joseph's search for an inn where Mary could give birth

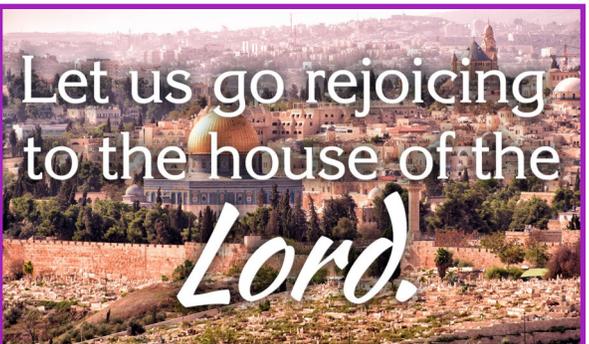
to baby Jesus! It includes a procession, song, refreshments and lots of happy fun. La Posada is being held at Our Lady of the Visitation on **Sunday, December 21st beginning at 6:00pm.** Come and be a part of this wonderful tradition. This is a family activity. Please sign up in the back of church so we can prepare enough refreshments. Thank you!

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on



which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42) God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedica-

tion? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!

All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is **Sat. December 6th** 7:00am-8:30am

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



The Knitting Group meets in the social hall every Thursday after the 8:30am Mass.

All are welcome!

Choir Rehearsal

The next Choir practice will be **Wednesday, December 3rd** from 7:30pm-8:30pm. All are welcome!

**WALK
RUN
BIKE**

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.

Christmas Party

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday December 14th!

All members of the parish are invited to attend the annual Parish Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 14th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** in the church social hall. The event is an opportunity for all members of the parish community to gather for fellowship in anticipation of Christmas. The evening will include pizza and other snacks, crafts for the children, and a special visit from St. Nick. All children who attend will receive a gift and a have an opportunity to have their picture with Santa. Brings your cameras!

All are welcome! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per family. Donations can be made at the event. In order to allow for food preparations, please RSVP via the signup sheet in the back of the church, [please sign up by Sunday, December 7th.](#)

This parish event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & the Ladies Auxiliary.

Ladies, the time is now!
Make your reservation for
Advent By Candlelight;
Sunday, December 7th, 5pm. to 7. pm.

Advent
BY CANDLELIGHT

You are invited to an evening of friendship and preparation for the true meaning of Christmas!

All women are welcome to come and share good food and good conversation.

To sign up as a hostess or a participant contact: Mary Poffenbarger text/phone - 301-639-3297 email -missmary@lockfarm.net.

Don't miss this opportunity for an enriching evening out. If you have questions or need more information contact Mary.

AUXILIARY BAKE SALE!



The Ladies Auxiliary bake sale will be held the weekend of Dec. 20th & 21st after all Masses in the church lobby! If you would like to donate any baked goods or holiday plates, please bring them to the Social Hall kitchen on

Friday, Dec. 19th between 5:00pm 7:00pm. Please contact Ana at 717-532-2250 for more information.



The gift sharing Angel Tree will soon be in the church lobby for anyone who would like to purchase gifts for needy children in our area. We have a large number of families with children that need help with Christmas.

Information regarding age, gender, sizes, and gift ideas are on the angels. Please bring your WRAPPED GIFTS WITH ANGELS ATTACHED SECURELY to church and put them near the tree. Gifts may be placed in the church lobby anytime, but must be received by **12 noon on Sunday, December 21**, so they can be delivered that day. **HELP WILL ALSO BE NEEDED ON December 21 at 12 noon to sort and deliver gifts.** If you have any questions or would like to help sort and deliver gifts, contact Bob or Sue Kiley at 717-423-6297.

Catholic Charities' Evergreen House is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent. Donations can be dropped off at 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Questions? Contact tbenkovic@cchbg.org.

Youth Group News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday, December 13th 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.

1st Sunday of
Advent

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

Happy New Year! Our Church year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. Our Church calendar has seasons and these seasons help us to remember the life of Jesus. Advent is the season of joyful expectation.

What is different today?

Father's vestments during Advent will mostly be purple. The altar cloth is purple. We light a new candle each week on the Advent wreath to remind us that Jesus is coming.

The Gospel today tells us about another way we prepare or Jesus. Jesus told his friends that he would come back again one day. The disciples thought it was going to be soon. As of today, after over two thousand years, we are still waiting. In the Gospel, Jesus says that no one but God the Father knows when Jesus will come again - Jesus said even he didn't know. The important thing is to be ready when he comes.

How do you get ready?

We want Jesus to see us doing what he asked us to do - be kind, and generous to people, to make choices out of love and to help others. When we are getting ready for Christmas - decorating, baking, sending Christmas cards and wrapping gifts, we also prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus. We spend time praying and talking to God.

THANK YOU GOD



Living our Faith: During this busy season of Advent, take time in quiet to thank Jesus for all the good he has giving you.



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.

A Prayer Service for the Sick



Sunday,
Dec. 7th
at 9:30am
in the
church.

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



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in memory of Robert & Bernice Masterson

CHRISTMAS DECORATING



Please join us on Tuesday, December 23rd to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will begin at 9am (following the 8:30am daily Mass) Everyone is welcome! Please sign up in the lobby of the church.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.**

Sunday December 21st
10AM in the Church!



**Christmas
Program**

You wont want
to miss it!

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.



To give online,
visit olvshippensburg.org
click on online giving.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 29	5:00pm	In Memory of Robert & Bernice Masterson
Sunday, Nov. 30	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 30	11:00am	In Memory of Barb Doyle
Monday, Dec. 1	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Dec. 2	8:30am	Intentions of Pat Emmons
Wednesday, Dec. 3	6:30pm	In Memory of Cathy Shaffer
Thursday, Dec. 4	8:30am	In Memory of Rev. Ronald Moratelli
Friday, Dec. 5	8:30am	Intentions of Mary Black
Saturday, Dec. 6	9:00am	Intentions of Elliott Kelley
Saturday, Dec. 6	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Dec. 7	8:00am	In Memory of Donald Shaffer
Sunday, Dec. 7	11:00am	In Memory of Daniel Barnett



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is **Thursday, December 4th at 7pm** in the parish hall.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is **Wednesday, December 3rd at 2pm** in the parish hall.

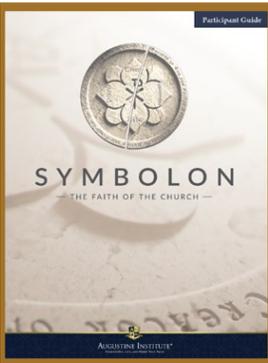
For more info. please contact Donna Bonitz at ddbbonitz@gmail.com or 717-860-4909

Coffee & Donut Hour



Please join us for coffee & donuts in Mary's kitchen after the 8am Mass on **Sunday, Dec. 7th**. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.

THERE IS NO COFFEE HOUR ON SUN. NOV. 30TH



How to Become Catholic!

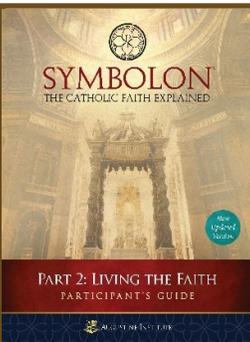
The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

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

Next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

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. Dec. 3rd

For more info. contact Father Ben frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org



On **Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm** we will be celebrating our **Advent Penance Service**. After a very short prayer service, there will be several priests (including Fr. Ben) helping out to hear Confessions.



There is nothing better than experiencing Christ's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession! Guides for Examinations of Conscience and the prayers will also be provided when you arrive.

Monday December 8th

MASS TIMES:

IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY

8:30AM

6:30PM

9:00PM



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Lord will come."*

