



Respect Life

27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

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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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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Office Hours :

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

Closed Holy Days & Holidays

“All **LIFE** has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and
most **vulnerable**,
the **sick**, the **old**,
the **unborn**
and the **poor** are
masterpieces of
God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Oktoberfest

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP!!!

The 3rd annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday 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.

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. Thank you.

Christmas Wreath Making



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.



Registration deadline

October 12, 2025

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

October 18, 2025

📍 Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Register now at: www.hbgdiocese.org/behold

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Bishop Frank Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

CELEBRANT, VIGIL MASS
Bishop Timothy Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
The Scally Brothers
Recording Artists

Thanks to our Community Champions:

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 4pm

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

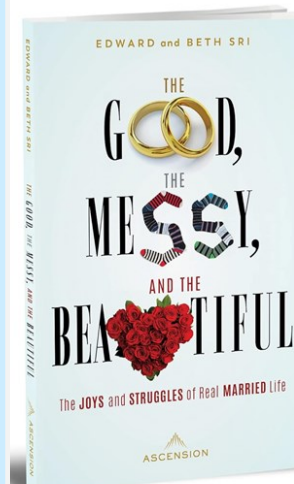


The loss of a child, regardless of what age he or she was at their death, is a devastating cross to bear. You do not need to bear it alone. Join us at St.

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-

alized 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!



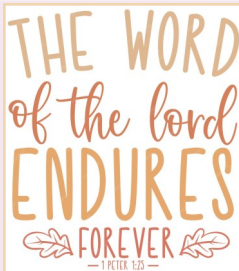
Celebrate Life This October – Straight to Your Phone!

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 God Alive: Discussing the Readings with your children

In today's Gospel, Jesus' friends ask him to give them more faith. Maybe they thought they would be more important then or maybe they wanted to be stronger to do what Jesus wanted them to do.

Jesus said that even if they had faith the size of a mustard seed, it would be enough to be able to tell a big strong tree to tear itself out of the ground and throw itself into the sea! Can you imagine telling a tree to pull itself out of the ground and throw itself into the sea? Of course not. Jesus was trying to teach his friends that even a little bit of faith in God was good enough.

The way we keep our faith is by having a relationship with God. To grow that friendship we need to talk and spend time with God in prayer and at Mass.

You can share with God what happened during the day, your feelings when you are happy and sad. You can tell God, "I love you", and "I'm sorry" when you have hurt him. You can ask for God's help.

We believe, even when we have a little faith, a faith as small as a mustard seed, that God hears our prayers. He will answer our prayers, but sometimes it takes a long time and sometimes the answer is not what we were expecting. God knows what is best for us and sometimes the answers to our prayers are different than we want.

Living our Faith: This week remember to pray and thank God for all the blessings he gives you.



SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND
MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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



Please welcome Joanna Grace House, daughter of Josh & Nicole, into our Catholic family.

Joanna received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday September 21st, 2025.

May Joanna continue to grow in God's love and grace.



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.



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.

For more information, please contact Heather Kauffman at 223-220-6913.



Please join us for coffee and donuts in Mary's kitchen after the 8am Mass on Sunday, October 5th.



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.



September 27-28 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$3,704.00	Building Improvements:	\$101.00
Social Outreach:	\$159.00	Votes/Donut Hour:	\$61.00
Peter's Pence:	\$50.00	Parish Youth:	\$207.00
TOTAL INCOME:		4,282.00	



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 olsshippensburg.weshareonline.org.

Mass Intentions

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
Monday, Oct. 6	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Oct. 7	8:30am	In Memory of Richard Mohler
Wednesday, Oct. 8	6:30pm	In Memory of Dorothy Detwiler
Thursday, Oct. 9	8:30am	In Memory of Randy Riley
Friday, Oct. 10	8:30am	In Memory of Marcus Steinour
Saturday, Oct. 11	9:00am	Intentions of Lyn Solder
Saturday, Oct. 11	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Oct. 12	8:00am	In Memory of Marlin Wheat
Sunday, Oct. 12	11:00am	In Memory of Gregory Klimek



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



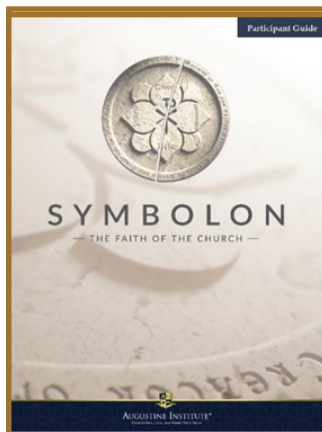
The next Knights of Columbus meeting is **Thursday, November 6th at 7 pm in the parish hall.** This will be a joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary. Please bring a snack and beverage to share.

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 honor of **Ike & Mary Black**



How to Become Catholic!

The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

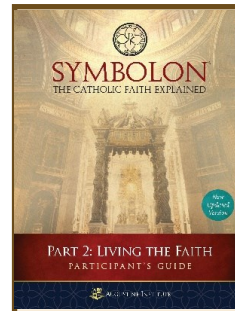
(OCIA = Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly RCIA)

Official meetings begin on Tuesday, October 7th

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Located in the upstairs

[SOCIAL HALL](#) of the parish.



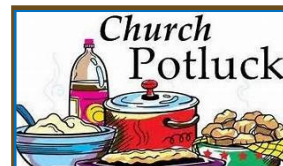
Adult Education @ OLV
Symbolon Video Series

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesdays in the Social Hall

Next Meeting – Wed., Oct. 8th

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!



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 8th**
from 7:30pm-8:30pm



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. **October 11th**
7:00am-8:30am

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



THE PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED ON **MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14** FOR REPAVING. THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASSES THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13-17 AT OLV DUE TO THE PRIEST WORKSHOP.

FR. BENJAMIN KWAGHGBA FROM CORPUS CHRISTI WILL CELEBRATE DAILY MASSES.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS: MONDAY 7:00AM & 8:30AM

TUESDAY 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00AM & 8:30AM

SPANISH 6:00 PM (WED.)

THURSDAY 8:30AM

FRIDAY 7:00AM & 8:30AM