

September 21, 2025

25th 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)*

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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)*

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

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

No servant can serve two masters.



**He will either hate one
and love the other,
or be devoted to one
and despise the other.**

You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Luke 16:13



Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

Parish Schedule of Big Events – Fall 2025

October

- **FOR EVERYONE – OKTOBERFEST DINNER** – Saturday, October 11th after 5 pm Mass

The dinner will start at 6:00 pm (or a little bit later), and located in the social hall!

November *(all Saints Day, Sat., Nov. 1st is NOT a holy day this year, but please come to Mass if you can!)*

- Sunday, Nov. 2nd – ALL SOULS DAY – **Sunday This Year**
 - Mass times = Nov. 1st Vigil at 5:00 pm; and Nov. 2nd at 8:00 am & 11:00 am & 3 pm
 - **Special Mass for the Parish = 3:00 pm** on November 2nd for the 75th Anniversary of the Parish, and all the people who have been deceased in our parish history
- **FOR FAMILIES W/YOUNG CHILDREN** *(Everyone is welcome!)*

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, Nov. 2nd at dusk (see bulletin for exact start time)

- Sunday, Nov. 9th – **FOR VETERANS** – Veteran's Day Luncheon – Noon in social hall
- **FOR EVERYONE – ADVENT WREATH MAKING** - Sat., Nov. 22nd at 10 am in the social hall

December

- Sun., Dec. 7th – **FOR WOMEN ONLY** – Advent by Candlelight – 5 pm to 7 pm
- Mon., Dec. 8th – **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
 - Mass times = Dec. 8th at 8:30 am & 6:30 pm & 9 pm Masses for the Holy Day
- **FOR FAMILIES W/YOUNG CHILDREN** *(Everyone is welcome!)*

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sunday, Dec. 14th at 4:00 pm

- **FOR EVERYONE** – Christmas Program – Sunday, Dec. 21st between Masses at 10 am
- **FOR EVERYONE** – Sorting/Distribution of Angel Tree Gifts – Sun., Dec. 21st @ Noon
- **FOR EVERYONE** – Posadas Gathering – Sun., Dec. 21st – 6 to 8 pm in social hall
- **CHRISTMAS MASSES** – 5 pm, 8 pm, Midnight on **Dec. 24th**, and 10:00 am on **Dec. 25th**

Please see our bulletin and website for more events and details. Thank you!

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church Website: --- <http://www.olvshippensburg.org>

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



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.

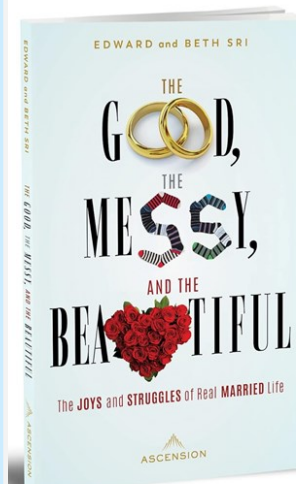


The 3rd annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sat. October 11th.

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!



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.

THE WORD of the Lord ENDURES FOREVER

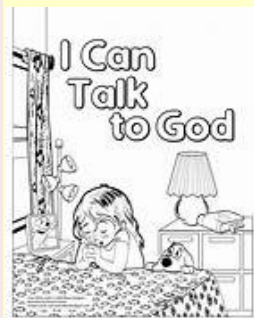
The Word of God Alive: *Discussing the Readings with your children*

In today's second reading, Timothy receives a letter of instruction and help. Timothy was a young leader of one of the new communities of Christians. The writer tells Timothy to remind the people to pray. He says it is important to pray for others, including the leaders of the people. He reminds them that God wants all people to know and love him, and that praying for them can help them to know about God. He reminds Timothy that God wants everybody to lift up their prayers often.

The easiest way to understand prayer is to think of it as talking to God and listening in our hearts for God's response. Sometimes we use the prayers of the Church that we memorize, but many times we can use our own words. God wants us to talk about what we're thinking and feeling. We can sit in silence to pay attention to God's answer. God also wants us to pray for others.

**Have you ever told someone you would pray for them?
Have you ever asked someone to pray for you?**

The end of the reading tells of the people lifting their hands in prayer. When we fold our hands or lift them up while praying, we are praying with our bodies.



We can pray anytime, anywhere, for anybody. The Prayer of the Faithful is our chance to pray together for the whole world, for leaders, for our families, neighbors, friends, for our parish and for those who have died.

Living our Faith: This week, remember to talk to God every day. While talking to God, pray for your family, friends, teachers, neighbors, and anyone else who needs your prayers.

In Loving Memory

**Please remember in your charity of prayers
Irene Shoul and Mary Bilchak.**

Irene passed away on Sunday, June 1st. Her memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church. Visitation will be one-half hour prior to Mass on Tuesday morning at the church.

Mary passed away Wednesday, September 3rd. A memorial Mass will be held Friday, September 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.



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 13-15, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,001.00	Building Improvements:	\$25.00
Social Outreach:	\$5.00	Votives/Donut Hour:	\$72.00
Peter's Pence:	\$364.00	TOTAL INCOME:	4,467.00



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. 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
Monday, Sept. 22	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Sept. 23	8:30am	In Memory of Michael Best
Wednesday, Sept. 24	6:30pm	In Memory of Harold & Dorothy Best
Thursday, Sept. 25	8:30am	In Memory of Marie Lutz
Friday, Sept. 26	8:30am	In Memory of Sarah Lutz
Saturday, Sept. 27	9:00am	In Memory of Edna Redding
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

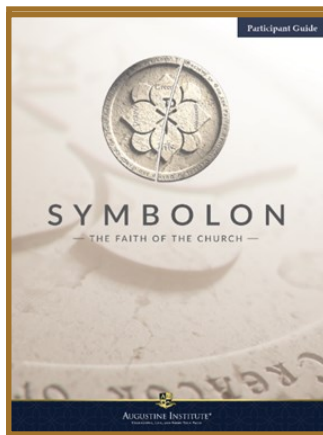
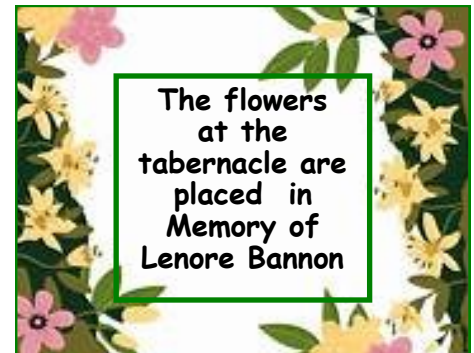


Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



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 23rd

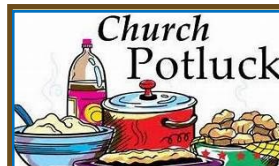
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Located in the upstairs

[SOCIAL HALL](#) of the parish.

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.



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.



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, September 24th** from 7:30pm-8:30pm



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. September 27th 7:00am-8:30am

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