

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 & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am

(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)

Then Jesus
straightened up
and said to her,
“Woman, where
are they? Has no
one condemned
you?”

She replied,
“No one sir.”
Then Jesus said,
“Neither do I
condemn you.
Go, and from
now on do not
sin any more.”

John 8:10, 11

Christ and the Woman Taken
In Adultery by Emile Signol
Circa 1842



5TH SUNDAY OF

LENT

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Church...(717) 532-2912 **Campus**...(717) 477-1244 **Emergency**...(717) 323-2679
Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00am—4:00pm Closed Holy Days & Holidays

Rosary:

Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer:

Wednesday.....8:30am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Fri. of the Month

7:30am –8:20 am

Fridays.....9:00am—7:00pm

Wednesdays..5:30pm-6:20pm

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: Sacrament of Penance:*

Monday 8:30pm- 8:50pm &

every Saturday 8-8:50am)



**Fridays at
7:00pm**

STATIONS of the CROSS

CONFESSIONS:

**Every Friday from 6:00-6:50pm
followed by the Stations of the
Cross at 7:00pm**

Confessions During Lent

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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Getting the Most Out of Lent

Throughout the history of the Catholic Church, God has performed miracles and worked powerfully through great Saints and Catholic Christians to help give us witnesses and devotions to most fully internalize what He revealed about following Him 2,000 years ago when He walked on this earth.

How do we know what to believe or how to live our lives? Those essential things are given to us in and through the Catholic Church itself.

On the other hand, how do we practically live out this faith on a day-to-day basis?

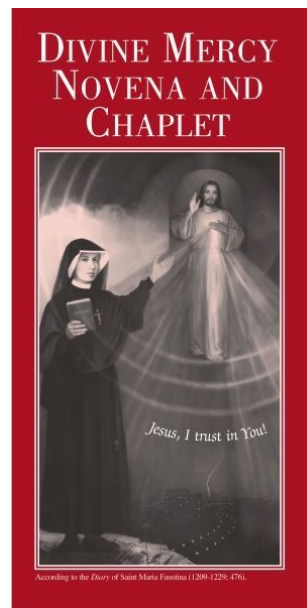
This often involves specific devotions or specific lenses or emphasizes of the faith in order to approach Jesus and God the Father and the Holy Spirit in the most human and integral way possible.

My encouragement for you today is to learn about St. Faustina Kowalska as well as the devotion to DIVINE MERCY that she spread around the world. She was a simple and very holy religious sister/nun in the early 1900s in Poland, and one day she experienced Jesus Christ appearing to her in a mystical vision. This happened multiple times, and after bringing these experiences to her superiors and spiritual directors, she little by little responded to these mystical visions by writing down her conversations and interactions with Christ himself. His overall message to her was not to ADD anything new to the Gospel Truth, however, He wanted her to spread the devotion of His Divine Mercy around the world in a specific way. About 100 years later, this devotion has traveled around the entire world, and it helps people on a daily basis to encounter, learn, and experience the depths of Jesus' mercy, forgiveness, and love for them in their unique situations.

Please consider looking into at least three things:

- The Divine Mercy Chaplet
- The Divine Mercy Novena
- The Divine Mercy Image (see image to the right)

The Novena is 9 consecutive days of praying a group of prayers to ask God to pour out His mercy on the world (the first day begins on Good Friday (April 18th this year)). This includes saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which is a simple prayer that said using rosary beads, and it is asking for that same intention. Please do not underestimate the beauty and power of this devotion for your life. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.



Book of the Month

CHRISTINE M. WOHRAR
with a Foreword by Bishop Philip Egan

FINDING FRASSATI

and Following His Path to Holiness



March and April 2025

The Book of the Month for both March and April 2025 is **Finding Frassati: and Following His Path to Holiness** by Christine M. Wohar. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is one of the great young Saints not only throughout the history of the Catholic Church, but also, he is a Saint in the modern world.

His second miracle

was just recently approved by the Vatican in Rome, so now, **he will be canonized a Saint this summer in early August of 2025!** I have personally read a few books about Pier Giorgio Frassati, and this book in particular does a really great job of being easily accessible to the average reader while also entering deeply into the life and soul of this young man. Please consider purchasing this book in order to read it during March and April of 2025, and we will have the Book Summary and Discussion on **Wednesday, April 30th 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 April 30th! This book will inspire you, and give you a new companion on your journey with Christ towards heaven. May we pray for each other this Lent, and God Bless you all as we approach Jesus rising from the dead at Easter!



2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign

LIVING OUR FAITH PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign, LIVING OUR FAITH, PILGRIMS OF HOPE provides staffing and financial resources to support more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities. Now, more than ever, the programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support. Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude.

When we are actively Living Our Faith, we respond by being Pilgrims of Hope. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2025 DAC!

Our parish goal for 2025 is \$35,159.00

As of date we have collected \$21,864.00

Thank you to all who have supported this Campaign

Donate today (*make checks payable to The Diocese of Harrisburg*) learn more by visiting hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign or you may mail your gift to:

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Diocese of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, Pa 17111-3710

Dust off your thinking caps and get your teams together!!



The second OLV Trivia Night will be held on Friday April 25, 2025.

Starting at 7 pm in the social hall.

Bring your own snacks and drinks.



Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Orders forms are in the lobby of the church and must be received at the parish by **Friday, April 25, 2025.**



Sunday April 27th

3:00-4:00pm

in the church

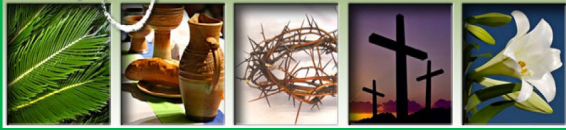


Parish Bus Trip

Saturday, July 12th

Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins!

Holy Week Schedule



WEDNESDAY— April 16th

Tenebrae Service: 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY—April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18th

The Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY— April 19th

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20th

Mass: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Annual parish Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 11am Mass on Sunday, April 27th.

Please sign up in the church lobby by Sunday, April 20th.

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.

We hear in our first reading the words God told the prophet Ezekiel about opening the graves and finding new life. Then we hear Jesus doing that very thing! Jesus prays and cries out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Then Lazarus does come out, alive and well again.

Why did Jesus wait till Lazarus died? Why did he let Martha and Mary suffer with grief for days?

Jesus says, "This illness ...is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Jesus knew God wanted it to happen this way so people would believe Jesus was the Christ who saves everyone from death. Later, he tells Martha, who already believes in the Christ, "Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." That means Lazarus and us.

Before the resurrection, it seemed impossible to think that someone could come back to life. We believe that we share life with God in heaven because of his resurrection.

Even though Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus from the dead, he was overwhelmed with grief. He understands our sorrows. He changes our sufferings, he brings new life where it seems impossible.



Living our Faith: Pray this prayer many times this week for the souls in purgatory:

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May
they rest in peace. Amen.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BIKING FOR BABIES RIDE FOR LIFE



Shippensburg PA Ride for Life
Saturday April 26, 2025



Join us! For more information and to register please visit <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events>.

The Biking for Babies Local Ride for Life will take place on Saturday April 26th starting at 8:30 am at the Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30.

If you don't have plans to ride, **VOLUNTEERING** for one of the following services is a wonderful way to be part of the action. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- Check in and general help at OLV
- Assisting with the morning light breakfast at OLV
- Hydration stations along the trail (three locations)
- Road crossing guards on the trail (four locations - may require use of a bicycle)

Please contact :

Greg Ernst - ernstgj67@gmail.com or 301-385-5222

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Father Ben - frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org for more info.





Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, May 1st at 7pm in the parish hall. Please see Pat Shay at 732-319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, May 7th at 2pm in the parish hall. For more information on the Ladies Auxiliary please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.



Bring your friends!

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday April 12th from 6-8pm** in the social hall.

Potluck Sunday

The next potluck will be **Sunday, May 18th following the 11am Mass.**

(Since Easter Sunday is April 20th there will be no potluck in April). Please bring own place settings and a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, April 8th** from 7-8:15pm in the social hall.



All are welcome to join us in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Please join us for our next coffee hour on **Sunday, April 6th** in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass.



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, April 9th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm



For All Men 18 Years or Older SCHEDULE:

7:00am Breakfast
7:30am Presentation (Video)
8:00am Small Group
8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Next meeting will be Sat. April 12th in the social hall.

Mass Intentions

Saturday,

9:00am

5:00pm

Sunday,

8:00am

11:00am

Monday,

9:00pm

Tuesday,

8:30am

Wednesday,

6:30pm

Thursday,

8:30am

Friday,

8:30am

Saturday,

10:00am

Sunday,

8:00am

11:00am

April 5

In Memory of Roger Dechene
People of the Parish

April 6

In Memory of Margaret Steinour
Intentions of Kyle & Marie Hubert

April 7

Private Intentions

April 8

Intentions of Ron Miller

April 9

Intentions of Father Ben Dunkelberger

April 10

In Memory of Bill Lutz

April 11

In Memory of Lenny Udovich

April 12

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

People of the Parish

April 13

Intentions of the Stern Family

In Memory of Rosemary Ryan



We are excited to announce that our parish has collected 905lbs of plastic bags as part of our recycling program. **We have until June 1st to collect 95 more pounds to win the bench!!!**

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. On front of the bins are guidelines as well as copies of the guidelines that you may take with you.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 1000LBS!!
Please contact Heather Kauffman for more information, 223-220-6913.

March 29-30 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,282.00
Building Improvements:	\$260.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$85.00
Social Outreach:	\$660.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$50.00
Easter Flowers:	\$533.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$41.00
Easter:	\$60.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$35.00
Poor Missions:	\$50.00
Holy Land:	\$35.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,091.00

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."



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.