

October 26, 2025

# 30th 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)*

### 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)*

### Parish Staff Contact Information:

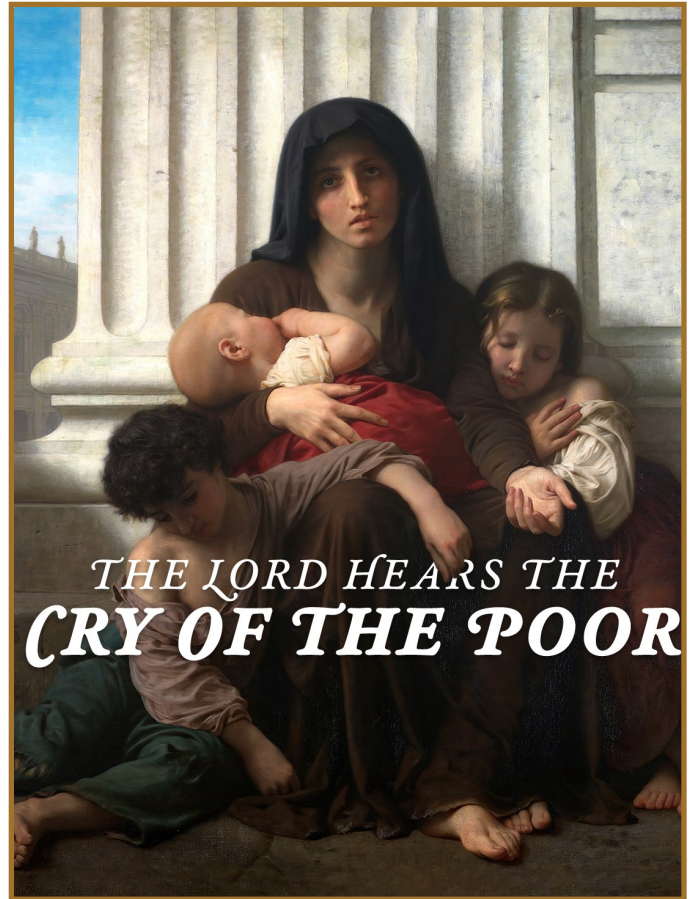
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The Rosary is recited every  
Tuesday—Friday at 8:00am.

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

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**You Tube**- Shippensburg Catholic

**Church** (717) 532-2912

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### **Office Hours :**

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

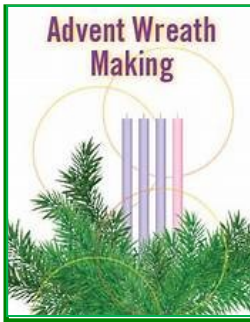
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"O God,  
be merciful to  
me a sinner."



**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**





**Through Another's Eyes**  
A Young Adult Advent Day of Reflection  
**December 6, 2025**  
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg

The Incarnation. The Nativity. The Christmas Story. By whatever name you call it, the saga of Christ's birth is the most extraordinary story in human history. Yet, it was a story told via the most

ordinary people (just like us). So how is God weaving an ordinary person like you into His extraordinary story of salvation? Come and see.

Nick Vezzuto



*Presenters*

Vayda Vezzuto



Chris Wood



Join us December 6th at the Diocesan Center for an Advent Day of Reflection! This is a two-part event for young adults ages 18-39. The first part begins at 11am and will consist of reflections, small group sessions, catered lunch, and a Eucharistic holy hour with confessions. The second part will begin with the 4 pm vigil Mass, a catered dinner, and a social time where attendees can go back and forth between board games or the dance floor!

For more information and registration:

Register By:  
11/07/2025



Ages  
18-39

[www.hbgdiocese.org/yador](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/yador)

\$20 Per Session, \$35 for the Day

Session I: 11am-5pm Session II: 4pm-10pm

**Registrants can choose to attend one or both parts.**



**Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thanksgiving dinner for anyone in the parish will be on Thanksgiving Day at 2:00pm in the parish hall. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby for who is coming and what favorite Thanksgiving dish you will be bringing. Turkey, gravy, and mashed potatoes will be provided. If you have any questions you may call Sue Kiley at 717-423-6297.



**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.**

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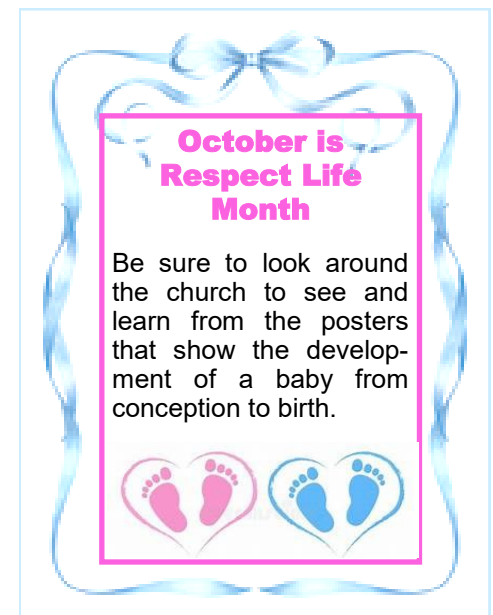
If you are a Veteran we encourage you to submit a picture of yourself preferably in uniform, (unless you previously submitted one) for the presentation. Pictures, military branch, and rank can be sent to JoAnn Garman at [jojogarman@aol.com](mailto:jojogarman@aol.com) by **Thursday, November 6th.** We 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.

Oct. 31st Adoration will close @ 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.



**Choir Rehearsal**

The next Choir practice will be **Wednesday, Oct. 29th** from 7:30pm-8:30pm

## 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 play pen 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.

## 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.

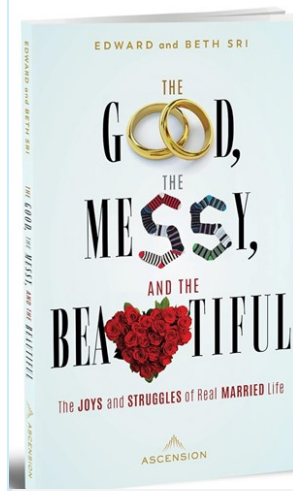


Trunk or Treat is just around the corner. Time to get your costume and trunk ready and find that perfect pumpkin to carve. **On Sunday November 2, 2025**, the treating will begin at 6:30pm. The location

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.

## 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 overidealize 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 poten-

tial 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 join us for the Book Summary and Discussion on **Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm** in the parish social hall.

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)

### DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE:

All are invited to join Bishop Timothy Senior and catechists

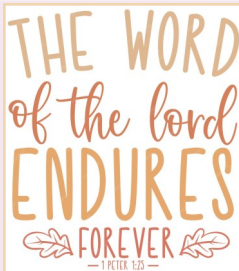
and teachers from around the Diocese on **Saturday, November 15th** at the Diocesan Conference Center in Harrisburg for the annual Catechetical Conference. Key-note speaker Courtney Brown will share with attendees how Pope Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body can Transform Culture. The day will include multiple breakout sessions and conclude with the celebration of the **Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.**

For more information and to register, visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/cat\\_conference](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/cat_conference)

### MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Gather with us in remembrance and prayer for our departed loved ones during the Diocesan Mass for the Faithful Departed. Bishop Timothy Senior will celebrate the Mass on Wednesday, November 5, at 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. The music for the Mass will be Mozart's hauntingly beautiful Requiem. All are welcome to submit the names of their deceased loved ones, who will be prayed for during the Mass. Please submit all names by Tuesday, November 4, at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/diocesan-mass-for-the-dead/>.

Those unable to attend the Mass in person are encouraged to participate via our live stream at [www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese](http://www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese)

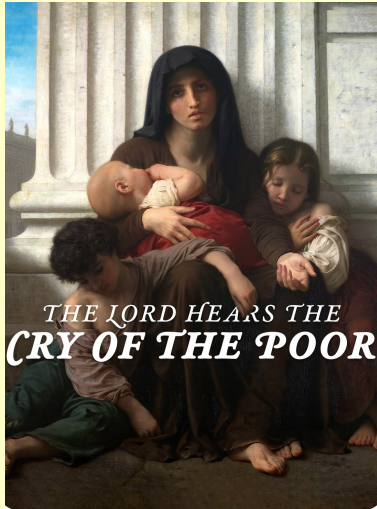


## The Word of God Alive:

*Discussing the Readings with your children*

### Who are the poor?

People who do not have enough of the basic things like food, clothing, housing or money for a healthy life are often called poor. Throughout the history of mankind, we have struggled to take care of the world and each other the way God wants us to.



### How can we help people who do not have the thing they need to live?

There are food banks, clothing drives, our angel tree at Christmas time and the boxes we fill at this time of the year for children.

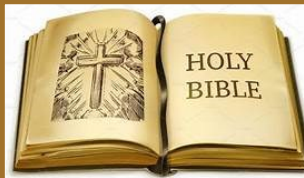
The first reading tells us something else about our relationship with God. God hears the prayers of those who understand that everything they have comes from God. Sometimes we forget

that we need God and try to do everything on our own. When that happens, we can have a hard time of it. God still loves us even when we forget, but when we call out to God because we know we need him, God hears us and answers.

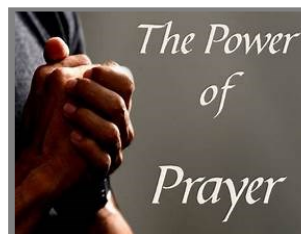
**Living our Faith:** This week look around for ways to help those who are poor and let us also remember to thank God for all our blessings. Use your blessings to help others.



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](mailto: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](mailto:missmary@lockfarm.net)



Please join us for coffee & donuts in Mary's kitchen after the 8am Mass on Sunday October 26th.

If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.



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.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

*Blessing Needy Families in Our Community*

### Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education class is collecting Thanksgiving food donations for distribution to local families in need. The following items are being collected: canned vegetables, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cake mixes and icing. However, any non-perishable food items will be gladly accepted. Donations can be placed in the boxes at the back of the church. **All donations should be in by Sunday, November 23rd**, if possible, but will continue to be collected throughout the month of November. Thank you in advance for your generous support during this time of thanks.

### October 18-19 2025 (in pew)

|                      |            |                         |          |
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| Weekend Collection:  | \$4,394.55 | Building Improvements:  | \$45.00  |
| Social Outreach:     | \$85.00    | Parish Youth Education: | \$10.00  |
| Votives/Donut Hour:  | \$29.00    | All Souls:              | \$105.00 |
| All Saints:          | \$60.00    | World Mission:          | \$527.00 |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b> |            | <b>\$5,255.55</b>       |          |



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](http://olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org).

# Mass Intentions

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|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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             |
| Monday, Oct. 27       | 9:00pm        | Private Intentions                    |
| Tuesday, Oct. 28      | 8:30am        | In Memory of James Martin Gibbons     |
| Wednesday, Oct. 29    | 6:30pm        | In Memory of Margaret Steinour        |
| Thursday, Oct. 30     | 8:30am        | In Memory of Chad Bassett             |
| Friday, Oct. 31       | 8:30am        | Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump     |
| Friday, Oct. 31       | 6:30pm        | In Memory of Frank & Georgette Rice   |
| Saturday, Nov. 1      | 9:00am        | Intentions of the Dunkelberger Family |
| Saturday, Nov. 1      | 5:00pm        | People of the Parish                  |
| Sunday, Nov. 2        | 8:00am        | In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family |
| Sunday, Nov. 2        | 11:00am       | In Memory of the Marasigan Family     |
| <b>Sunday, Nov. 2</b> | <b>3:00pm</b> | <b>Mass of Remembrance</b>            |



## 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.

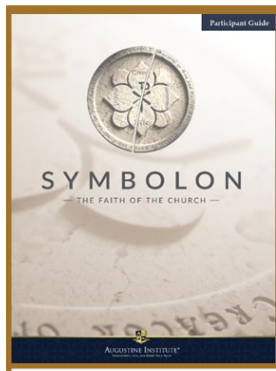
For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or [ddbbonitz@gmail.com](mailto:ddbbonitz@gmail.com).



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in memory of **Clifton Prue**



**Run with a Priest!** (...or walk or bike!) Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails.

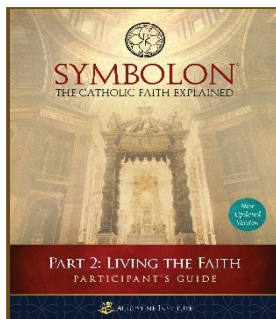


## How to Become Catholic!

The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

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

**Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 28th**  
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. Nov. 5th**

**No Meeting Oct. 29th (Book of Month)**

Contact Father Ben at [frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org) for more information!

# 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.



## Church Potluck

The next potluck will be **Sunday, Nov. 16th after the 11am Mass**.

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



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat.

**November 1st**

7:00am-8:30am

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