

Nov. 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

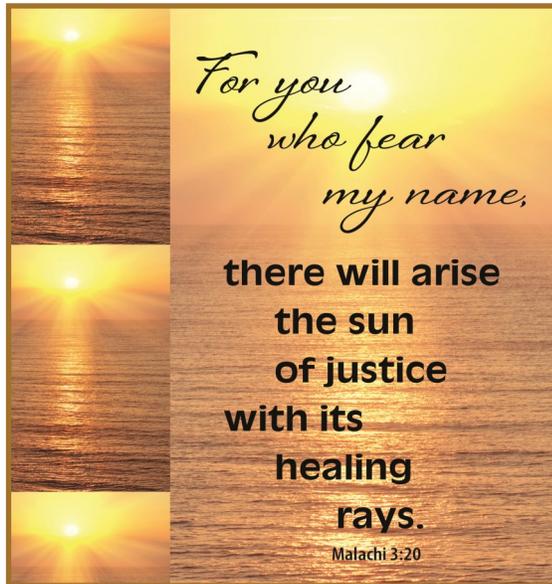
1st Fri. of the Month 7:30—8:20am
Fridays 9:00—7:00pm
Wednesdays 5:30-6:20pm

Morning Prayer:

Wednesdays—8:30am

Rosary:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday—8:00am



*For you
who fear
my name,*

**there will arise
the sun
of justice
with its
healing
rays.**

Malachi 3:20

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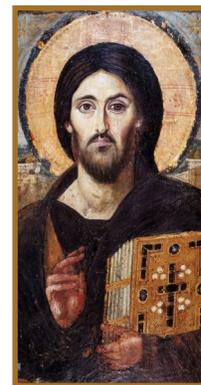
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COMES TO
RULE THE
EARTH
WITH
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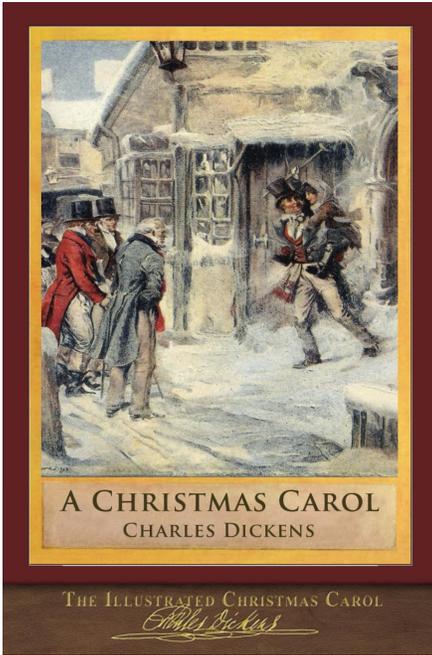
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9:00am-4:00pm
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BOOK OF THE MONTH

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.



Choir
Rehearsal

The next Choir practice will be **Wednesday, November 19th** from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Thanksgiving Dinner



Alone for Thanksgiving?

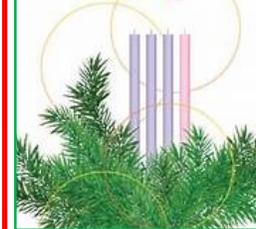
Want a nice hot meal?

You are invited for dinner 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.

Advent Wreath Making



Christmas 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.

Called to *Serve*
Eucharistic Ministers

The Pastoral Care Teams at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and WellSpan York

Hospital are seeking Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to volunteer their time in support of ministry to the sick. This is a meaningful opportunity to bring the comfort of the Eucharist to patients in need of spiritual care.

For information about volunteering at Hershey Medical Center, please contact Mrs. Tess Zuech-Cesari at tzuechcesari@pennstatehealth.psu.edu.

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.



The Beauty of Catholic worship is always meant to help us lift our hearts and minds to God, and Jesus Christ himself deserves the best from us in our Sunday worship and at every Mass. With this in mind, I am happy to announce that we will be adding six new altar candles as well as a new altar crucifix as well. The minimum numbers of candles every Catholic Church is required to have around their altar is two candles, which we have had for quite a while here at Our Lady of the Visitation. However, there is a strong encouragement to have at least four

candles for feast days around the altar as well as six candles for Sundays and for high feast days called Solemnities as well!

In general, candles symbolize the light of Jesus Christ in our faith. We believe that Jesus truly is the “light of the world” (John 8:12), and there is a lot of deep history and symbolism to using candles at Mass in order to help us lift our hearts and minds to the active presence of Jesus Christ, especially at the altar and in the Eucharist. May we ask God to help us to lift our minds both to the beauty of God reflected in these new candlesticks and this new crucifix as well as in the active and alive presence of Jesus Christ at Mass, especially at the altar in the Eucharist!




Advent by Candlelight
December 7th | 5-7pm | AN EVENT FOR WOMEN

For more information and/or to volunteer as a hostess contact Mary Poffenbarger 301-639-3297 or missmary@lockfarm.net



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.

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 next potluck will be Sunday November 16th after the 11am Mass.



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



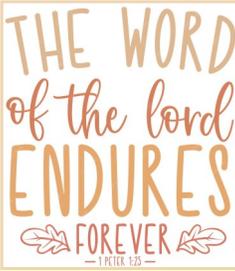
Just a reminder that we are still collecting plastic bags as part of the recycling challenge. We have 2 recycle bins, one is placed in the social hall and the other bin is placed in the lobby of the church closest to the social hall entrance.

Youth Group News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday, November 22nd 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.



The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

Did you know the entire book of Psalms is made up of songs?

The Psalms were written to be sung out loud as part of the public prayer of the Jewish people. At Mass, a section of a Psalm follows the first reading, and we sing some of the words together. For thousands of years, people have used song to praise and thank God for his gifts and blessings, and we still do today. The Psalms give us another way to pray to God.

Do you remember the words we sang?

"The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice." When we live in a spirit of justice, people get along with one another and take care of each other because we are part of God's world. The words of Psalm 98 sing praise to God for creating that kind of world.

The first verse of the song tells us to sing and play instruments to praise God. Sing joyfully to the Lord!

The second verse reminds us that God created the whole world - the seas, the rivers, and every living thing in the world.



The last verse reminds us of God's plan for us is a world of justice and fairness. We can build that world by living as people of peace who get along and treat each other fairly. Remember, singing the psalms is another way we pray to our loving God.

Living our Faith: This week, remember to treat everyone you come in contact with joy, peace and fairness.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Blessing Needy Families in Our Community

Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection

The 4th 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.



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 Harry & Marie Lutz



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. **November 23rd** 7:00am-8:30am

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



Please join us for coffee & donuts in Mary's kitchen after the 8am

Mass on **Sunday, Nov. 16th**. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.



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.org and click on online giving.

November 8-9, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,279.00	Building Improvements:	\$1133.00
Social Outreach:	\$276.00	Parish Youth Education:	180.00
Votives/Donut Hour:	\$91.00	All Souls:	\$43.00
All Saints:	\$61.00	Military Services:	\$205.00
TOTAL INCOME:		\$6,268.00	

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 15	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 16	8:00am	In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller
Sunday, Nov. 16	11:00am	In Memory of Harry Lutz
Monday, Nov. 17	9:00pm	NO MASS
Tuesday, Nov. 18	8:30am	In Memory of Allan Keller
Wednesday, Nov. 19	8:30am	No Morning Prayer
Wednesday, Nov. 19	6:30pm	In Memory of Christopher Mixel
Thursday, Nov. 20	8:30am	In Memory of Dr. Robert Lesman
Friday, Nov. 21	8:30am	Intentions of Signe Kelker
Saturday, Nov. 22	9:00am	Intentions of Elliott Kelley
Saturday, Nov. 22	5:00pm	In Memory of Frank & Georgette Rice
Sunday, Nov. 23	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 23	11:00am	In Memory of Peter & Rose Grezner

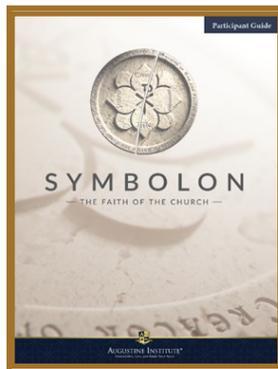
Knights of Columbus &
The Ladies Auxiliary

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

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

75th Anniversary Parish cookbooks are on sale for \$15.00. Contact Tammy Polifka at 717-404-2985 or email polifka.t@yahoo.com



How to Become Catholic!

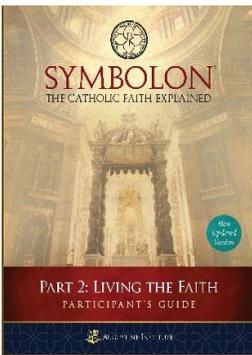
The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

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

Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 18th

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. 19th

Contact Father Ben
frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org
for more information!



Holy Family Radio, am720, is again participating in Extra Give. This 24-hour online giving event is a great way to support WHYF. On November 21st, visit extragive.org and select WHYF Holy Family Radio. There you can make a secure online donation. Your donation is amplified by a "stretch pool" that gives extra funds to WHYF. Thank you for supporting Holy Family Radio!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 14th from 4pm-6pm

Christmas Party

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In response to the devastation caused by *Hurricane Melissa*, our parish, along with others throughout the **Diocese of Harrisburg**, will take up a **special collection next weekend November 22-23** to assist those affected by the storm.

All funds will be directed to **Catholic Relief Services** and other trusted partners providing emergency relief, shelter, food, and long-term recovery support for families and communities in need.

Your generosity will bring hope and comfort to those who are suffering. Please keep all who have been impacted by Hurricane Melissa in your prayers.

If donating by check please write in the memo line "Hurricane Melissa"

If making a cash donation please put cash in an envelope with your "NAME and "Hurricane Melissa" written on the front of the envelope.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40"