

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince St.

Shippensburg, PA 17257

Pastor and Campus Minister-

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15th Sunday in *Ordinary Time*

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm,

Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass:

Tuesday, Thurs., & Friday 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 & 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 & every Saturday 8-8:50am)

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You Tube- Shippensburg Catholic

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Emergency (717) 323-2679

Office Hours :

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Holy Days & Holidays

"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your being,
with all your strength, and with all your
mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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*Turn to
the Lord in
your need,
and you will
live.*



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

*"Come to me, all of you
who are weary and
loaded down with burdens,
and I will give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Friday of the Month 7:30 –8:20 am

Fridays...9:00—7:00pm

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

Adoration will close at 4:00pm on Friday, July 18th



Join us for the Rosary
Tuesday—Friday at 8:00am.



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



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE®

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, November 7-9th, 2025.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends.

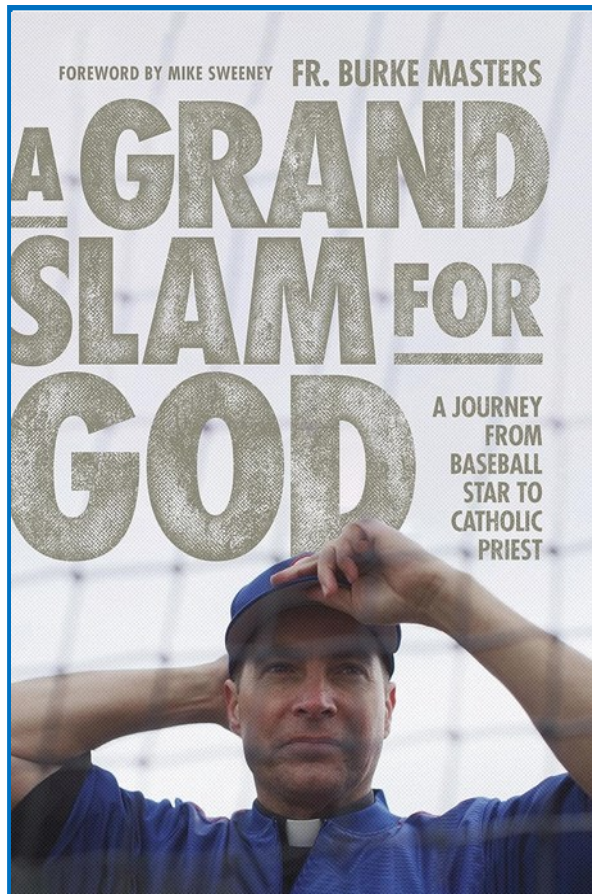
The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan WEB SITE: <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/> and go to marriage and family or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team, Julie, at 717-379-0800

Book of the Month

July and August 2025

The stories that we read can often change our perspective of our day-to-day lives. Whenever you hear about a professional baseball player who decides to become a Catholic priest, this is one of those types of stories! The Book of the Month for both July and August 2025 is **A Grand Slam for God: A Journey from Baseball Star to Catholic Priest** by Fr Burke Masters. Father Burke Masters is now a Catholic priest in Illinois, but his life story has lots of ups and downs, including his conversion to the Catholic faith as well as the struggle of hearing God's call to become a Catholic priest. When we take the time to enter into some else's story and testimony of their encounter with Christ and journey of discipleship, it can change us and allow us to more fully follow Jesus in our lives as well. Please consider purchasing this book in order to read it during July and August of 2025, and we will have the Book Summary and Discussion on **Wednesday, September 3rd 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 September 3rd!




Singing for DUMMIES

Singing for DUMMIES & DONUTS

**In the social hall after the 8am Mass on the following dates:
July 27 & August 10**

Please join Father Ben in the church from 9:45-10:15 for a little singing lesson! No solo's! This will be a group event. Everyone is welcome!



Register Now for Vacation Bible School!!!

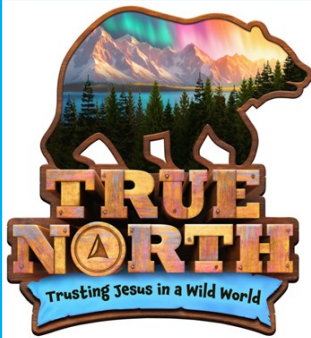
There is NO COST, but spaces are limited—so don't wait!

VBS is for students in pre-k (4 & 5 years old) through 5th grade.

VBS is August 4-8 this year from 6-8pm in the social hall with some outside activities, as weather permits.

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside of the Religious Education office. You may email, mail, or slide completed forms under my door!

Let me know if you have any questions!
Jolene Cramm jcramm@hbgdiocese.org



Pennsylvania March for life

Harrisburg, PA | September 22, 2025 | 11:00 am

The 2025 Pennsylvania March for Life will be on Monday, September 22, 2025, in Harrisburg. Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered prior to the March at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick starting on Sunday, September 21st at 2:00 pm, lasting overnight, and ending at 9:00 am on Monday, September 22nd.


Please commit to one hour (or more) by signing up at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BADAC29A2FECF8-57421246-pamarch#/>

The Pennsylvania March for Life schedule includes:

Sunday, September 21 - Monday, September 22, 2025

- 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 AM - Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St Patrick (212 State Street, Harrisburg). Street parking is free on Sunday and overnight until Monday morning at 8:00 am.
- 9:00 A.M. – Benediction, Cathedral of St. Patrick
- 9:30 A.M. - March for Life Opening Mass, Cathedral of St. Patrick
- 11:00 A.M. - March for Life Rally, State Capitol steps
- 12:00 Noon - March for Life March
- 1:30 P.M. - March for Life Closing Mass, Cathedral of St. Patrick

Everyone in the Diocese of Harrisburg and the greater Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is invited and strongly encouraged to attend. We will unite in prayer and number to support and protect the sanctity of all human life. For questions or more information, please contact Marianne Weltmer at mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext 322.



July 5-6 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,997.25	Building Improvements:	\$477.00
Social Outreach:	\$129.00	Parish Youth:	\$75.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$31.00	Mission Co-op:	\$50.00
Communications:	\$50.00	TOTAL INCOME:	\$5,809.25

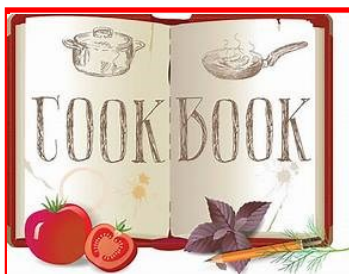


If you would like to give to the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org.

All parishioners are invited to attend!

Health, Safety, and Security Meeting

A meeting of the Health Safety and Security committee will be held on Tuesday June 15th at 6 pm in the Parish Social Hall.



75th Anniversary Parish cookbooks are on sale for \$15.00.

Please contact Tammy Polifka at 717-404-2985 or email polifka.t@yahoo.com for more information.

SUMMER SHARING

Many of us have gardens during the summer. At times we get more vegetables than we can use.

It is great if you have someone to share in your abundance.

If not, a good way to make fresh produce available to people of Shippensburg who can use it is to donate it to

Shippensburg Produce Outreach (SPO)

Take fresh vegetables to Katie's Place on Tuesdays between 10 am and noon. OR Dropped off vegetables at the Lock Farm (822 Ritner Highway) Mondays between 2 pm and 8 pm.

GROW FOR SPO

The Lock Farm has some plants available for anyone who would like to GROW FOR SPO. Supplies are limited.

For more information or availability contact Mary: missmary@lockfarm.net or 301-6393297

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

In the Gospel today, Jesus is tested by a scholar of the law. The scholar asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life and, prompted by Jesus, answers his own question: to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The scholar wants to know who his neighbor is. Jesus answers with a parable, the story of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan and Jews of Jesus' time did not get along.

A man is robbed and beaten nearly to death. A priest crosses the road to avoid the man. A Levite also walks by on the opposite side of the road.

Who finally stops to help?

A Samaritan stops to help the man. He risked his own safety to help the man in need. He spends both his time and his money to care for the man.

We might be used to helping our neighbors at church, in our neighborhood or in our family. But Jesus also wants us to help those we don't get along with and those we do not know.

How can you help the sick, those who are hungry, and those who are in need of clothing?



Jesus teaches us to treat all people with kindness and love. When we love others, we show our love for God.

Living our Faith:

This week, do one kind thing to be a Good Samaritan.

Do not pass by someone in need. For you may be the hand of God to them.



We Have a New Tower - Holy Family Radio, AM 720, Catholic Radio for Central PA has a new broadcast tower that has greatly improved their signal quality and reach. Give them a listen and hear for yourself. You can also listen on-line or via their APP.

Check it out at www.720whyf.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 12	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, July 13	8:00 am	In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
Sunday, July 13	11:00 am	In Memory of Patrick Dechene
Tuesday, July 15	8:30 am	In Memory of Harold & Dorothy Best
Wednesday, July 16	6:30 pm	Private Intentions
Thursday, July 17	8:30 am	In Memory of the Topper Family
Friday, July 18	8:30 am	In Memory of the Forbes Family
Saturday, July 19	5:00 pm	In Memory of Patricia Kubiak
Sunday, July 20	8:00 am	In Memory of Joshua Everett
Sunday, July 20	11:00 am	People of the Parish

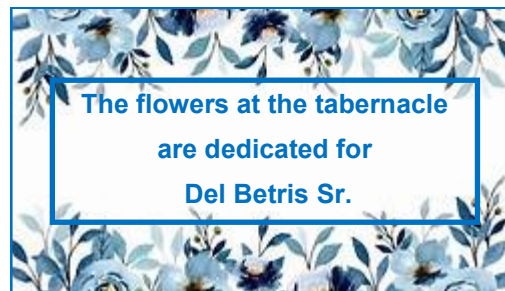


Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, August 7th 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, September 3rd 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.



The flowers at the tabernacle are dedicated for Del Betris Sr.



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.

YOUTH Meeting

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Sunday, July 26th** from 6pm –8pm in the social hall.

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 and to begin a conversation about what this could look like for our parish!"

Volunteers needed

CHURCH
Potluck
JOIN US FOR FOOD
& FELLOWSHIP

The next potluck will be **Sunday, July 20th** following the 11am Mass.

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



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

HONOR AND REMEMBER WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

You may sign up for a weekend to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers cost 40.00. The sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin.

For more information call Sue German at 717-816-0552.

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.

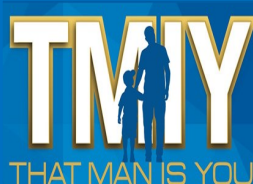


Just a reminder that we are still collecting plastic bags as part of the recycling challenge. We have 2 recycle bins, one is placed in the social hall and the other bin is placed in the lobby of the church closest to the social hall entrance.

We just reached our goal of 1000lbs for this year, lets reach it again next year!



The next Choir practice will be **Wednesday, July 16th** from 7:30pm-8:30pm



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is **Saturday, July 19th 7:30am-9:00am**

Join us for breakfast at 7:30am in the social hall followed by a video and discussion on the Mysteries of the Rosary.