

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!

DIVINE MERCY

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

305 N. Prince St. Shippensburg, PA 17257

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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)

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Monday-Thursday

9:00am—4:00pm

Closed Holy Days & Holidays

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)*

REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")



POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Prayer



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

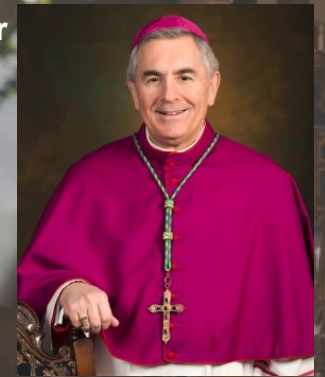
Rosary: Tues.—Fri. 8:00am

Morning Prayer: Wednesday...8:30am



40 Hours Retreat and Adoration

This year we will be having our 40 hours retreat for the parish on Sunday, May 4th through Tuesday, May 6th. The Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist is the very source and summit of our faith because it is Jesus himself, His body, blood, soul, and divinity. The 40 hours retreat is a powerful opportunity for us as a parish to first pray and encounter this reality in silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as well as in the evening retreat reflections throughout these three days . Therefore, please consider signing up for a half hour or an hour of silent prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which is necessary if we are going to have adoration throughout the day for this retreat. Silent prayer with Adoration begins with Exposition on Sunday, May 4th immediately following the 11:00 am Mass.



We are truly blessed and grateful to have Bishop Ronald Gainer as our speaker/homilist throughout our 40 hours devotions.

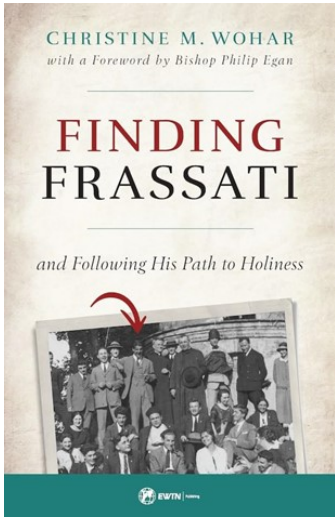
Please come to all three evening talks if you can!



We will need people to sign up to pray for these time slots, please sign up in the lobby of the church.

- Sunday, May 4th--- 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm --- Silent prayer with Adoration
 - 7:00 pm — Talk #1/Reflection by Bishop Gainer w/Evening Prayer (Vespers)
- Monday, May 5th--- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm --- Silent prayer with Adoration
 - 7:00 pm — Talk #2/Reflection by Bishop Gainer w/Evening Prayer (Vespers)
- Tuesday, May 6th--- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm --- Silent prayer with Adoration
 - 7:00 pm — SOLEMN CLOSING w/visiting priests and Talk #3/Reflection by Bishop Gainer w/Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Book of the Month



March and April 2025

Book Summary and Discussion will be on Wednesday, April 30th from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the parish social hall. Even if you don't get a chance to read it, 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 and God Bless you all this Easter Season!

**SUNDAY
APRIL 27**

**3:00PM-4:00PM
IN THE
CHURCH**

Holy Hour

The National Shrine of

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia

Parish Bus Trip

Saturday, July 12th

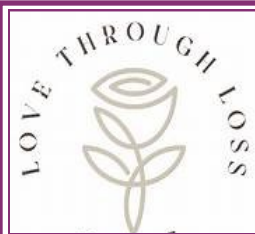
Shrine of St John Neumann & Shrine of St Rita in Philadelphia.

\$100 per person. Deadline is May 25th. Registration forms are in the lobby of the church. Please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 for more information.



Let Our Faith Be More Than Song A Concert Benefiting Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families

Please join us for a concert benefiting Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. The evening will feature the Trinity Concert Choir, Trinity String Ensemble, and the Holy Name of Jesus Liturgy Choir. Bishop Timothy Senior will be our special guest accompanist for the evening. **Wednesday, May 7, 2025** at 7pm at Trinity High School Auditorium, 3601 Simpson Ferry Road, Camp Hill. The concert is free to the public, freewill donations to Interfaith Shelter will be accepted.



Couples are invited to attend *Loving Through Loss*, a workshop for those who have suffered the loss of a child. This day-long event seeks to help spouses learn how to grieve and support each other through grief into healing over time. The loss does not need to be recent, and couples at all stages of the healing journey are encouraged to come and share their story. *Loving Through Loss* will be held on May 3, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Diocesan Center. Registration for the workshop can be found at www.hbgdiocese.org/events. Please contact Melissa Maleski at mmaleski@hbgdiocese.org with any questions.

May Crowning

Date: Sunday, May 4, 2025

Place: OLV

Time: 10:00

All students, grades pre-k to high school, will be participating in this ceremony. We hope you will join us!

QUO VADIS DAYS

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME

Calling all young Catholic men – are you wondering what God's plan is for your life? Do you need guidance in your discernment? Join us for Quo Vadis Days for a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and guidance as you explore God's call for your life. Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation and sports, discernment talks, and great food are all included in this weeklong camp. Quo Vadis Days is for men ages 15-25 and will be June 22-26 at Mount Saint Mary's University and Seminary. Cost is \$100 per person. Register by June 13 to attend. Registration forms are in the lobby of the church. Questions? Please contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

Women's Retreat

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the 13th Annual Weekend Retreat being held on

the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Retreat begins on Friday evening, June 13th until noon on Sunday, June 15, 2025. Our Retreat Master is Father Jonathan Sawicki, Pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in New Cumberland, PA. The registration deadline is May 24, 2025. Registration forms and more details are available from Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, warrenrjs@aol.com or 717-503-9429 or visit www.harrisburgdiocesanccw.com and click on Retreat to access a Registration Form on line.



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

We hear in today's Gospel that Jesus appears to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection. The disciples are grieving and terrified. After witnessing what happened to Jesus, they are afraid and wonder



whether they will be arrested, put on trial for a crime, imprisoned or killed. Then Jesus appears before them with a greeting of "Peace be with you." Jesus says to them, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Jesus breathes on the disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven."

When Jesus gives them the Holy Spirit, the disciples are changed. They are no longer afraid. They are eager to begin their mission. With the Holy Spirit, they are given the gifts they need to spread the Good News of Christ's resurrection, forgive sins and heal people.

People today are sent on missions. The Catholic Church had a long history of sending people out to do the work of Jesus, and these people are called missionaries. Missionaries are sent all over the world to do good works like bringing food, medical help, and education to areas of the world that need it the most. At the same time, they bring the Gospel message of Christ to the people every day.

We too are disciple of Christ by our Baptism. So, we too are sent on a mission. We can do the mission right here in our community as we interact with the people around us.

Living our Faith: Do things this week that show you are a disciple of Jesus and are sent to spread his Good News.



Extraordinary Ministers

OF HOLY COMMUNION



Below are two upcoming training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you need a mandate or need to renew your mandate, please register for a training session. You may register for a training session

here: https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/extraordinary_minister_training

The training sessions are as follows:

- Monday, May 12, 2025 – Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg – 6 to 8 PM – Deacon Scott Root
- Thursday, August 28, 2025 – Saint Katherine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg – 6 to 8 PM – Deacon Scott Root

PLEASE SEE FR. BEN BEFORE REGISTERING.



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 27th** in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass. All are welcome!



The Diocesan Camp at Kirchenwald is seeking volunteers to assist at its residential camp for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from August 10-15, 2025. The camp is dependent on volunteers, with a particular need for volunteers who can spend the night. There are no special qualifications or minimum time required for volunteering. All volunteers are required to complete the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Clearances. There is no cost to volunteers; all meals, events, campground activities, etc. are included.

If you are not able to volunteer but wish to support this special ministry, your prayers, financial generosity or simply sharing this volunteer solicitation with someone you think might be interested all make a significant, positive difference. Donations may be sent to Catholic Life and Evangelization, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg with Camp Kirchenwald in the memo line.

For more information or any questions, please contact Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, Ext. 317, or email KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.



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.



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday May 10th from 6-8pm** in the social hall.

Bring your friends!

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.



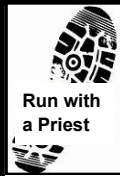
Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, May 13th** from 7-8:15pm in the social hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

SIGN-UP AND PAY

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 flowers will be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. 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 info. call Sue German at 717-816-0552



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 30th** 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 Saturday May 3rd in the social hall.

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, 5:00pm** **April 26** People of the Parish
- Sunday, 8:00am** **April 27** In Memory of Thomas Sutch
- 11:00am** In Memory of Richard Spisak
- Monday, 9:00pm** **April 28** Private Intentions
- Tuesday, 8:30am** **April 29** In Memory of Steven Thoms
- Wednesday, 6:30pm** **April 30** Intentions of the Hubert Family
- Thursday, 8:30am** **May 1** Intentions of Bill & Bernadette Brandner
- Friday, 8:30am** **May 2** In Memory of Paul Fitzsimmons
- Saturday, 9:00am** **May 3** Intentions of Lauren Bonitz Stump
- 5:00pm** Intentions of Georgette Rice
- Sunday, 8:00am** **May 4** People of the Parish
- 11:00am** In Memory of Tara Porter



The flowers placed at the tabernacle in memory of the Stewart - Gelas Family



Jess Reinsfelder is stepping back from a sort-of dual team with Kim Bundy (working closely with Father Ben and many other volunteers) to make the youth group possible here at OLV. We want to thank Jessica for all of her time, energy, creativity, and service to the youth of our parish in this way!

Kim is certainly staying very involved, but we are currently looking for volunteers to help with some of the tasks that Jessica maintained while serving the youth group.

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!"