

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)

“Sir, leave it
for this year
also, and I shall
cultivate the
grounds around
it and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit
in the future.
If not you can
cut it down.”

Luke 13:8, 9

The Vine Dresser and
the Fig Tree
by James Tissot, circa 1890s



3RD SUNDAY OF

LENT

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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:*

*Mon. 8:30pm- 8:50pm &
every Sat. 8-8:50am)*



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The Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

The stations of the cross has deep historical meaning and practice in the history of Christianity. Early Christians visited the holy sites in Jerusalem where Jesus underwent his passion, and when Christianity finally became legal to practice in the early 4th century some shrines were built up at different moments along the way of the cross that Jesus walked and endured.

The Franciscans would revitalize this practice in the mid to late 1300s in the Holy Land. This devotional practice did not become fully organized, uniform, and widespread outside of Jerusalem until the 1500s and into the 1600s around Europe. Catholic Churches were allowed and encouraged to put the traditional 14 stations of the Cross in their church buildings starting in the middle of the 1700s. Nowadays, there are so many beautiful images and artistic representations of what Christ suffered for our sake and out of love for us 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem. There are also many various booklets and devotionals to help you pray with the stations and reflect on Jesus love for you, which becomes present to us in our prayer and in the Sacraments!

May we ask God this Lenten season to help us rediscover our love for Jesus on the Cross so that we can open our hearts to receive that love, and also unite ourselves to Jesus on the Cross today and every day of our lives.

*V: We adore You, O Christ, and we
praise You. (Genuflect).*

*R: Because, by Your holy cross, You
have redeemed the world.*



Please spend some time praying with our outdoor Stations of the Cross, which are located on a beautiful nature trail that borders the rail-trail at the edge of our property!

(This is an Eagle Scout project by Patrick Reed!)



7:00 pm every Friday
during Lent

The Image for the 12th Station of the Cross
here at Our Lady of the Visitation

Jesus Dies on the Cross



The Location for the Stations of the Cross
here at OLV, which is on the wall that is
along the ramps to the upstairs seating



Book of the Month

March and April 2025

CHRISTINE M. WOHar
with a Foreword by Bishop Philip Egan

FINDING FRASSATI

and Following His Path to Holiness



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!



Were you married in 1975?

Celebrate your Golden Jubilee with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, June 22nd at Good Shepherd Church.

Please contact your parish office with your name and address if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year by March 28th.



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 \$12,009.00

Thank you to all who have supported this Campaign

Donate today or learn more by visiting hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign or you may mail your gift to:

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Parish Bus Trip

Saturday, July 12th

Watch for more details in the bulletin!




The
**3 o'clock
PRAYER**
*The hour of
Great Mercy*

Sunday
April 27th
3:00-4:00pm
**in the
church.**



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.



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

Confessions During Lent



Holy Week Schedule

WEDNESDAY— April 16th
Tenebrae Service: 7:00 p.m.


HOLY THURSDAY—April 17
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18
The Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY— April 19
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20
Mass: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



**FRIDAYS
DURING
LENT AT
7:00PM**

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

Third Sunday of Lent
"God gives us another chance"




'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.'" Luke 13: 6-9

**Have you ever hurt a friend or a family member?
Did you say you were sorry?**

Everyone needs time to grow and learn. The fig tree was given a second chance so that with water, sunshine and special care, it would grow fruit. The man in the Gospel is like God: patient, loving and merciful. God always offers us a second chance. He will encourage us and support us as we try to do our best. God will call us back when we sin. He gives us time to repent, to change our hearts and minds. Your family and the Church will help you grow and bear good fruit.

Living our Faith: Go out and show your love for God by doing good things for other.



The Diocese of Harrisburg is pleased to share a new and exciting fundraiser event to support our local pregnancy resource centers. Biking for Babies will host a local Ride for Life on the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail on **Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church, Shippensburg, at 7:30 am.** The Biking for Babies program will follow Mass. Join us! For more information and to register please visit <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events>.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights of Columbus meeting is Thursday, April 3rd 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, April 2nd 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 March 29th from 6-8pm** in the social hall.



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.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

**Interested
in Becoming
Catholic ?**

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on

Tuesday, March 25th from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall.



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



Please join us for our next coffee hour on **Sunday March 23rd** in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.



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.



**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. March 29th in the social hall.



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,

9:00am

5:00pm

Sunday,

8:00am

11:00am

March 22

In Memory of Jean Roseman

In Memory of Ron Gilson

March 23

People of the Parish

In Memory of Kalman Csoppu Sr.

March 24

Private Intentions

March 25

Intentions of Ron Miller

March 26

In Memory of Chad Brenstensky

March 27

In Memory of Danielle Brenstensky

March 28

In Memory of Berthold Wendeln

March 29

Intentions of Mary Black

In Memory of P.J. "Patricia" McGuigan

March 30

People of the Parish

In Memory of Dolores Stern



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.harrisburgdiocesancw.com and click on Retreat to access a Registration Form on line.



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, March 26th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.

March 15-16, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,222.93
Building Improvements:	\$85.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$90.00
Social Outreach:	\$30.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$50.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$70.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$4,547.93



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 olvshippens-burg.weshareonline.org