

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

THE TEMPLE OF GOD
WHICH YOU ARE
IS HOLY

November 9, 2025

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, & 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)

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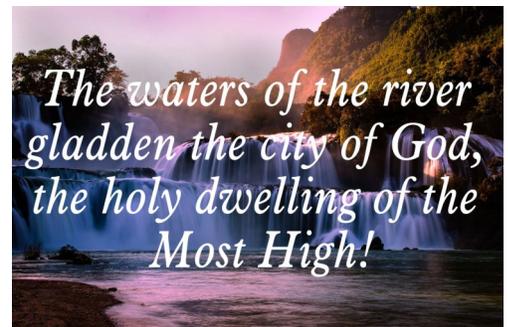
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1st Fri. of the Month 7:30—8:20am

Fridays 9:00—7:00pm

Wednesdays 5:30-6:20pm

Morning Prayer:

Wednesdays—8:30am

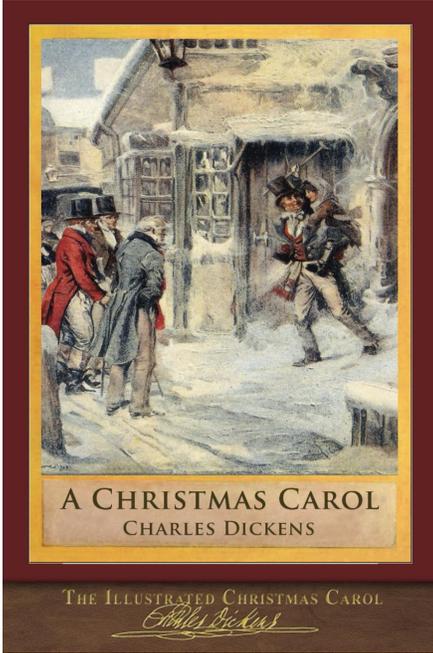
Rosary:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday—8:00am

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.

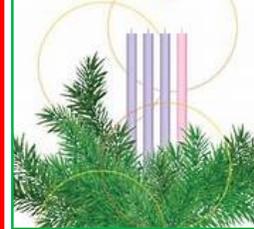
Thanksgiving Dinner



**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.

2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Shippensburg

Parish Goal for 2025:	\$35,159.00
Gifts Received:	\$45,473.25
Outstanding Pledges:	\$450.00
Shortfall Payments:	
Over/(under)goal in cash:	\$10,314.25
% toward goal cash rec	129.34%
Average per donor:	\$445.82
Number of Donors:	102
Registered Households:	446
Percentage of Participation:	22.87%



Choir Rehearsal

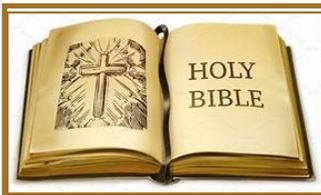
The next Choir practice will be **Wednesday, November 12th** from 7:30pm-8:30pm



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 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 or 717-657-4804, ext. 322. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Social Teaching Symposium

Learn more: www.hbgdiocese.org/csts



January 31, 2026
Diocesan Center

Featured Topics:

- Dignity of the human person
- Immigration
- Option for the poor & vulnerable
- Multicultural welcoming
- Prison ministry
- Political advocacy
- Healthcare
- Human trafficking
- Care for creation
- Faithful citizenship



Registration opens early December!

Sponsored by the Office for Life & Dignity



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.

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

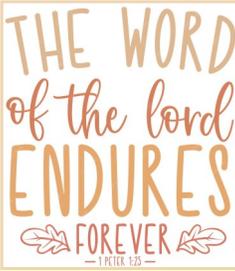
DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE:

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. Keynote 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



Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the 4th annual trunk or treat event. The decorations, costumes and pumpkins were all great and the event was enjoyed by all. Start planning for next year's event.

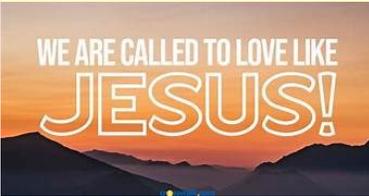


The Word of God Alive: Discussing the Readings with your children

In today's second reading, St. Paul has a message for the people of the town of Corinth, As Paul traveled from town to town, he wrote letters to the places he had been before to help those communities continue to understand the message of Jesus and to encourage them when they needed it.

When we talk about the building of our parish, we spell *church* with a lowercase "c". It is important to have a beautiful place to come to sing and pray and worship God, but without the people to do that, the place is just a building. When we talk about *Church* as the people of God, we use a capital "C". Even if our parish didn't have a church building, we would still be a parish community, a Church.

Each one of us a part of the Church. Each one of us is called by Jesus to continue his work here on earth to tell people about God's love for them and to do good things for others.



Living our Faith: As you leave our church building today, remember that you are part of the Church that Jesus started. Remember to treat others like Jesus

would, because you are God's Church in Shippensburg.



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 Rosa Trigueros



All men 18 & older are invited to attend! The next meeting is Sat. **November 15th** 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. 9th**. 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.

November 1-2, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,815.87	Building Improvements:	\$315.00
Social Outreach:	\$130.00	Parish Youth Education:	\$110.00
Votives/Donut Hour:	\$82.00	All Souls:	\$407.00
All Saints:	\$312.00	World Mission:	\$70.00
TOTAL INCOME:		\$6,241.87	

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 8	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 9	8:00am	In Memory of Sarah Hubert
Sunday, Nov. 9	11:00am	In Memory of James Doyle
Monday, Nov. 10	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Nov. 11	8:30am	In Memory of Crystal Mullins
Wednesday, Nov. 12	6:30pm	In Memory of Sharon Deihl
Thursday, Nov. 13	8:30am	Intentions of Jill Smeltzer
Friday, Nov. 14	8:30am	In Memory of Ron (Jim) Chronister
Saturday, Nov. 15	9:00am	In Memory of Sister Laurentia
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



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



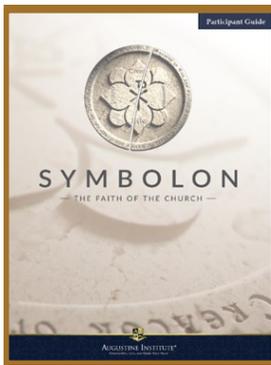
The next Knights of Columbus meeting is **Thursday, December 4th at 7pm** in the parish hall.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is **Wednesday, December 3rd at 2pm** in the parish hall.

For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbbonitz@gmail.com.



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.



How to Become Catholic!

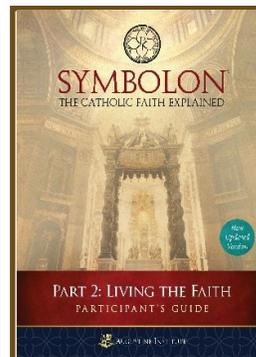
The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

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

Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 11th

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. 12th

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 14th from 4pm-6pm

Parish

Christmas Party

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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!

