

November 23, 2025

CHRIST THE KING

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)



*Let us go rejoicing
to the house
of the
LORD.*

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

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*"...TODAY YOU
WILL BE WITH ME
IN PARADISE!"*

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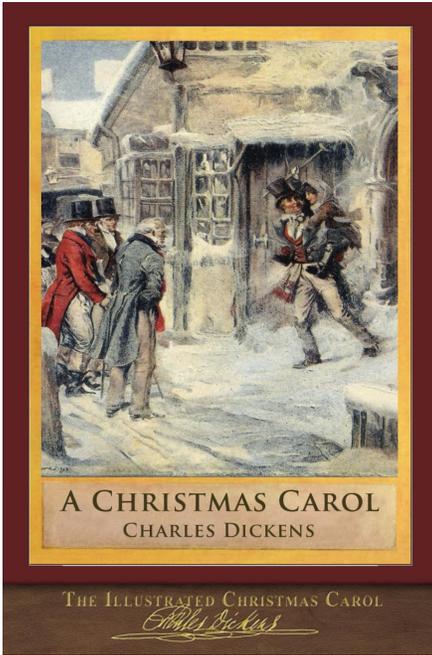
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Closed Holy Days & Holidays

BOOK OF THE MONTH

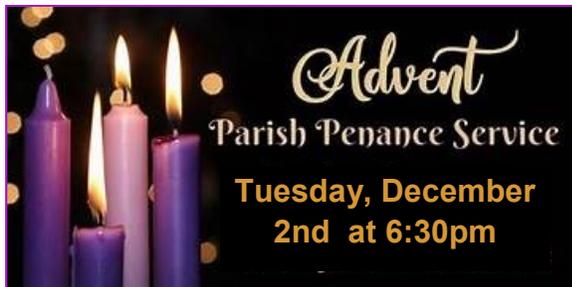
November & December

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, December 3rd** 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.

Sunday December 21st

+6-8pm



Las Posada is a celebration reenacting Joseph's search for an inn where Mary could give birth

to baby Jesus! It includes a procession, song, refreshments and lots of happy fun. La Posada is being held at Our Lady of the Visitation on **Sunday, December 21st beginning at 6:00pm.** Come and be a part of this wonderful tradition. This is a family activity. Please sign up in the back of church so we can prepare enough refreshments. Thank you!



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!

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

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

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.

Christmas Party

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday December 14th!

All members of the parish are invited to attend the annual Parish Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 14th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** in the church social hall. The event is an opportunity for all members of the parish community to gather for fellowship in anticipation of Christmas. The evening will include pizza and other snacks, crafts for the children, and a special visit from St. Nick. All children who attend will receive a gift and a have an opportunity to have their picture with Santa. Brings your cameras!

All are welcome! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per family. Donations can be made at the event. In order to allow for food preparations, please RSVP via the signup sheet in the back of the church, [please sign up by Sunday, December 7th.](#)

This parish event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & the Ladies Auxiliary.

Ladies, the time is now!
Make your reservation for
Advent By Candlelight;
Sunday, December 7th, 5pm. to 7. pm.

Advent
BY CANDLELIGHT

You are invited to an evening of friendship and preparation for the true meaning of Christmas!

All women are welcome to come and share good food and good conversation.

To sign up as a hostess or a participant contact: Mary Poffenbarger text/phone - 301-639-3297 email - missmary@lockfarm.net.

Don't miss this opportunity for an enriching evening out. If you have questions or need more information contact Mary.

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 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.

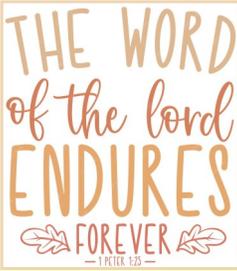
Catholic Charities' Evergreen House is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent. Donations can be dropped off at 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Questions? Contact tbenkovic@cchbg.org.

Youth Group News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday, December 13th 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 notice anything different in church today?

Fr. Ben is wearing white vestments, and the altar cloth is white too. The color white means we are celebrating a special feast day in the Church year. Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It is also the last Sunday of the Church year.

Before Jesus was born, the Jewish people were waiting for a new king to come. The Jewish people were not free and they were waiting for a powerful king who would rescue them from their suffering.

During his time on earth, Jesus preached and taught about God's kingdom. It didn't sound anything like what the Jewish people were expecting in a king.

Today's Gospel describes what happened while Jesus was dying on the cross. Jesus was in pain and the people watching also made fun of him. They couldn't believe that he would accept dying on a cross if he really was God's son or the king they were expecting.

Even though the Gospel passage stops there, we know what happened next. Jesus did die on the cross, but God raise him from the dead to new life. Jesus was not afraid to die because he trusted in God's promise of new life. Jesus showed us that love will always win over hate and that the kingdom of God is one where everyone is loved and valued.



Living our Faith: Think about the ways you can be like Jesus and be the person who treats others with kindness and respect.

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

Sunday December 21st
10AM in the Church!



Christmas Program

You won't want to miss it!



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.



For more information contact Mary Poffenbarger at missmary@lockfarm.net



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in memory of Joan Otruba



Please join us on Tuesday, December 23rd to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will begin at 9am (following the 8:30am daily Mass) Everyone is welcome! Please sign up in the lobby of the church.

<u>November 15-16, 2025 (in pew)</u>			
Weekend Collection:	\$4,688.00	Building Improvements:	\$48.00
Social Outreach:	\$37.00	Votives/Donut Hour:	\$77.95
TOTAL INCOME:		\$4,850.95	

		To give online, visit olvshippensburg.org click on online giving.	

Mass Intentions

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
Monday, Nov. 24	9:00pm	Private Intentions
Tuesday, Nov. 25	8:30am	In Memory of Mary Joan Trovato
Wednesday, Nov. 26	6:30pm	In Memory of Louis Molina
Thursday, Nov. 27	8:30am	Intentions of Mark Judge
Friday, Nov. 28	8:30am	NO DAILY MASS OR ADORATION
Saturday, Nov. 29	9:00am	Intentions of Elliott Kelley
Saturday, Nov. 29	5:00pm	In Memory of Robert & Bernice Masterson
Sunday, Nov. 30	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 30	11:00am	In Memory of Barb Doyle



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



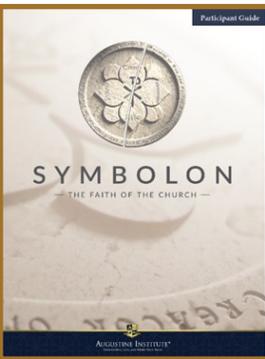
The next Knights of Columbus meeting is **Thursday, December 4th at 7pm** in the parish hall.

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

THERE WILL BE NO 8:30AM DAILY MASS ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH. THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AS WELL.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE



How to Become Catholic!

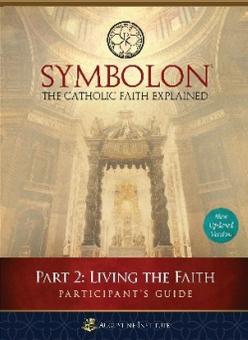
The OCIA Process and Discernment for Adults

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

Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 25th

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

NO MEETING ON WED. NOV. 26TH

Next Meeting – Wed. Dec. 3rd

For more info. contact Father Ben frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org

Coffee & Donut Hour



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

Mass on **Sunday, Nov. 23rd**. If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the lobby of the church.

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 TODAY** 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"

Monday December 8th

MASS TIMES:

8:30AM

6:30PM

9:00PM

IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY

