

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)

Sunday, March 9, 2025

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.

— Romans 10:8

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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Daily Mass @ Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church



Daily Mass Schedule at OLV

(purple for morning Masses and blue for evening Masses)

Monday** – 9:00 pm

Tuesday – 8:30 am

Wednesday – 6:30 pm

Thursday – 8:30 am

Friday – 8:30 am

Saturday** – 9:00 am

*Is God calling you to attend
Daily Mass this Lent?*



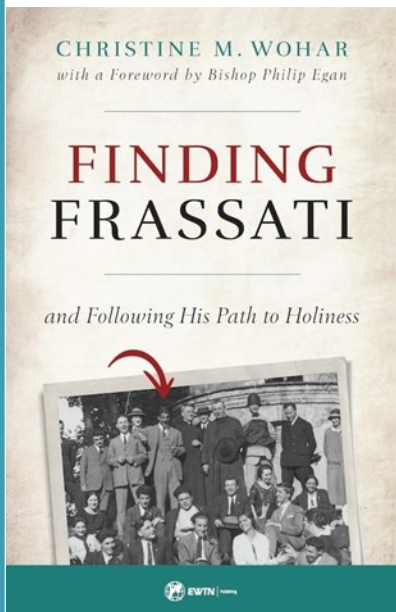
**Monday & Saturday daily Mass only during the semester during the Fall and Spring semesters (please check the Daily Mass schedule in the bulletin each week to double check if you have questions) – Please note: 1st Saturday Mass at 9 am will always occur

I want to personally invite you to consider attending a daily Mass sometime this Lenten season! We all know that many people who work during the day can't often attend daily Mass, however, we do have a 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday evenings and a 9:00 pm Mass on Monday evenings if that possibly works for your schedule. A daily Mass does not substitute for the Sunday obligation, but instead, it is such a powerful opportunity to receive Christ in the Eucharist, pray for the world, and be nourished and worship God in the midst of your normal day-to-day activities and responsibilities. Usually, a daily Mass only lasts around 30 minutes long. It is a great way to start the day OR end the day as well! Please consider attending a daily Mass this Lenten season if you can, and let's continue to pray for each other so that our Lent may be transformative for our parish, our families, our community, our Diocese, the Catholic Church, and the entire world.

*A powerful devotional practice for Catholics to be
strengthened by Christ in the Eucharist!*

Book of the Month

March and April 2025



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!

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Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings.

Gate admission for Regular is \$90.80; our price is \$44.95 (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/4/26.

*ADD-ON Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for \$19.06 each and *ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$26.00 pre-ordered or pay \$35.00 onsite

Tickets purchased in 2025 are valid for any 1 public operating day throughout the 2025 calendar year, but will not be valid past their expiration date. Refunds, extensions or upgrades will not be offered

Orders forms are in the lobby of the church and must be received at the parish by Friday, April 25, 2025. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 19, 2025.



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 in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

When we are actively Living Our Faith, we respond by being Pilgrims of Hope. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2025 DAC!

Donate today or learn more by visiting hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign

Our parish goal for 2025 is \$35,159.00

AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE

Interested
in Becoming
Catholic ?

Please join us for
the next RCIA meet-
ing on **Tuesday,**
March 11th from
7pm-8:15pm in the
social hall.

Becoming Catholic

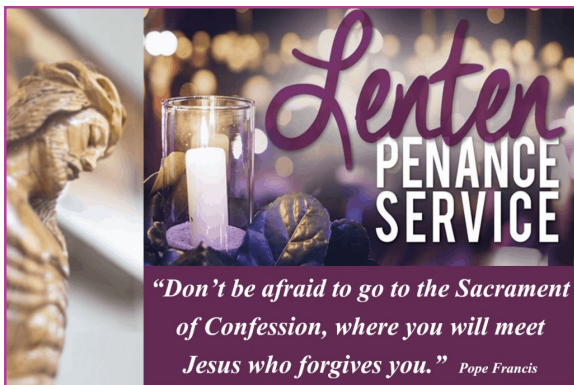
A Journey of Faith



BIKING FOR BABIES

The Diocese of Harrisburg is
pleased to share a new and excit-
ing fundraiser event to support our
local pregnancy resource cen-
ters. Biking for Babies will host a
local Ride for Life on the Cumber-

land 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](https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events).



*"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament
of Confession, where you will meet
Jesus who forgives you." Pope Francis*

LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 BEGINNING AT 6:30PM



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

Confessions During Lent



FRIDAYS
DURING
LENT AT
7:00PM

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.



**Today is the first Sunday of
Lent. What do you know about
Lent? What is missing from the
Mass during Lent?***

Lent is a time for us to focus on
strengthening our relationship with
God. We strive to make God the
center of our lives. Growing closer to
God involves prayer, fasting and
almsgiving.

What is prayer?

Prayer is talking and listening to God. When we spend with
God in prayer, we grow closer to God.

How might you pray and spend more time with God?

You can take time first thing in the morning thanking God
for another day and asking him to make you a happy and
giving person today. Pray before meals. Pray for all the
people God has put in your life today. At bedtime pray for
those who are sick, in need or have no place to live.

Fasting is giving something up in order to focus your atten-
tion on God. For example: if you give up soda, every time
you want a soda, remind yourself to focus on God and his
love for you.

Giving alms is an act of charity or love that helps someone
in need. It's not just giving money or things but also giving
our time and talents.

Living our Faith: Each day during lent pray to God, fast
from something you like and do something nice and kind
for others so you can grow closer to God.

***Did you know that the Gloria and the Alleluia are not
sung during Lent?**



Stations OF THE CROSS

Calling all young adults ages 18-39!

Please join Franklin County Young
Adult Catholics for Stations of the Cross
at OLV on March 14, 2025 at 7pm!



Please reach out to
Rachel Little with any questions
littlerach2011@gmail.com.



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.



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. **Bring your friends!**

Potluck Sunday

The next potluck will be **Sunday March 16th following the 11am Mass**. Please bring own place settings and a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Please join us for our next coffee hour on **Sunday March 9th** 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.

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, March 13th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.

TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU!

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 15th** in the social hall.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	March 8 Intentions of Marian Hoover People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	March 9 In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller In Memory of Tara Porter
Monday, 9:00pm	March 10 Private Intentions
Tuesday, 8:30am	March 11 In Memory of Tara Porter
Wednesday, 8:30am 6:00pm	March 12 In Memory of AJ Everetts Confirmation Mass
Thursday, 8:30am	March 13 Intentions of the Murrow Family
Friday, 8:30am	March 14 In Memory of Raymond James Kress
Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	March 15 In Memory of Rick Dellone People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	March 16 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family In Memory of Joseph Henry Miller Jr.



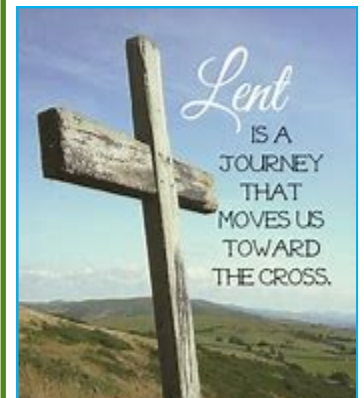
Please remember Leonard Joy in your charity of prayers. A Memorial Mass will be held for Leonard on Saturday, March 15th at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Visitation.



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

March 1-2, 2025 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$5,634.00
Building Improvements:	\$472.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$85.00
Social Outreach:	\$243.00
Easter Flowers:	\$20.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$55.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$31.05
Poor Missions:	\$150.00
Catholic Relief:	\$20.00
Propagation:	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,760.05



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