

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Alleluia!



Rosary:
Tues.—Fri. 8:00am

Morning Prayer:
Wednesday...8:30am

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Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:00am—4:00pm
*Closed Holy Days
& Holidays*



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)

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)*

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

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Getting the Most Out of Easter!

What Does Jesus' Resurrection Have to do with Me?

The central claim of all of Christianity is that Jesus Christ was God become man, and He didn't just declare this before his disciples and the crowds, but He proved this was true by rising from the dead after three days in the tomb.

If this event happened around 2,000 years ago right outside of the city of Jerusalem, then the natural question for us right now in this moment would be as follows:

What does that one historical event have to do with me?!

My life is busy. My life is hard. No one else really knows what I go through on a regular basis, and they don't know what goes through my mind, my heart, and my thoughts. How could this one event 2,000 years ago change my life right here and now in Shippensburg in 2025, and in my particular situation?

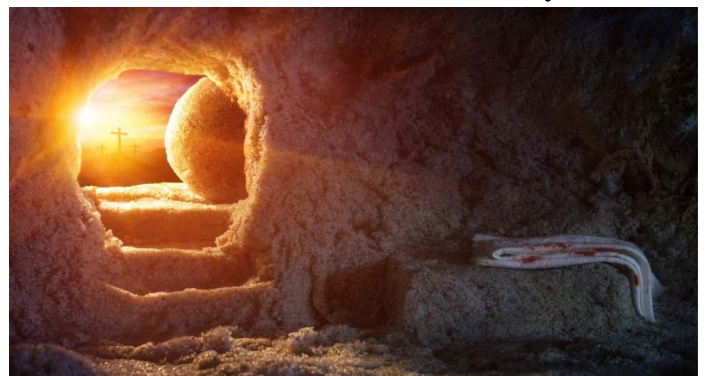
The fundamental message from Jesus Christ to his closest apostles and disciples was that their entire lives were now dedicated, and in fact, consecrated to be entirely devoted as [Witnesses of His Resurrection and His Life](#) to other people in their communities and around the world.

In other words, Jesus structured His Resurrection and what followed afterwards to change us in at least two main ways. **First**, that Jesus' Resurrection is meant to be an invitation from a Church, from individuals who are sent out from a Church, and that invitation comes to you today just like it came from the apostles and disciples to thousands and thousands of people days, weeks, months, and years after Jesus rose from the dead. Do you feel and hear that invitation to follow Jesus as His disciple? Do you realize that this invitation is an eternally new and transforming invitation for each person that applies to them every single day of their lives...to live the Gospel to the fullest?

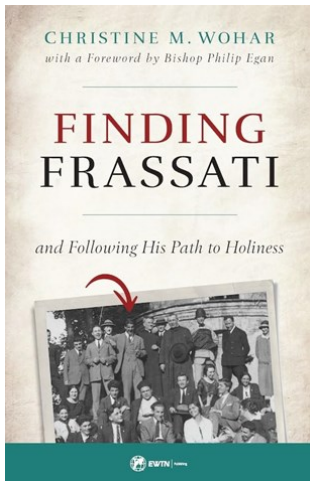
And **secondly**, every Christian throughout history is also then meant to become a witness themselves to Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead. How is God calling you to be a witness to others in both your words and your actions? Specifically, how can you witness Jesus' Resurrection to other people?

If you try to live out our Catholic Christian faith in those two ways, you will never have to worry about the title of this mini reflection - What does Jesus' Resurrection have to do with Me? Instead, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be always depending upon God's inexhaustible Mercy and forgiveness, you will be inspired by His grace, you will be transformed into His image by His Divine Life, and you will be sent out to witness all of this to other people. Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!! Amen.

- Fr. Ben Dunkelberger



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!

**Sunday
April 27th**

**3:00-4:00pm
in the church**



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Please join our Religious Education students on Sunday May 4th at 10am in the church for our May Crowning and a mini prayer service.



Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Orders forms are in the lobby of the church and must be returned to the parish by **Friday, April 25th**



**Sunday May 4—
Tuesday May 6**

**Homily on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday Evenings
at 7:00PM**

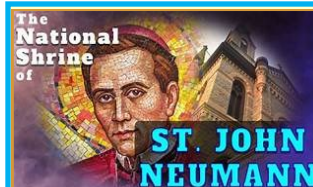
**Adoration Sunday from Noon- 7PM,
Monday & Tuesday from 9AM-7PM**



Dust off your thinking caps and get your teams together!!

**The second OLV Trivia
Night will be held on Friday April 25, 2025.**

Starting at 7 pm in the social all.
Bring your own snacks and drinks.



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.



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



SAVE THE DATE

47th Men's Retreat August 1 – 3

Mount St. Mary's University

Retreat Leader: Monsignor Charles Pope

Pastor: Holy Comforter – St. Cyprian Catholic Church, Washington, DC
More details to come!



The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

Happy Easter! Today is the most joyful day of the entire year for us. We celebrate Christ's resurrection. By his resurrection, Jesus overcame sin and death. We can look forward to everlasting life in heaven. This event is so great and so special that we celebrate for fifty days until Pentecost.

Did you notice anything different in church today?

We see the color white today. The church is filled with flowers. We are singing the Glory to God again and the Alleluia is sung again. We are blessed with holy water which is a sign of rebirth and renewal. We are new people in Christ, and we remember our baptism.

A new Easter candle, or pascal candle has been lit at the Easter Vigil. We light the Easter candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and is present with us. It will be lit at every Mass until Pentecost.

In today's Gospel, Mary is the first to see the empty tomb. Mary was shocked to see the tomb empty and Jesus gone. She ran to Peter and John to tell them. They all went to the tomb. When John enters the empty tomb, he believes that Jesus has risen.

It takes Jesus' closet friends some time to understand what happened. Like the disciples, we need time to understand, we continue to grow in our faith throughout our whole lives. When we take time to pray, come to Mass, serve others, and live as followers of Jesus, we grow closer to God.

Living our Faith: Enjoy this beautiful day God had given us by loving your family.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BIKING FOR BABIES RIDE FOR LIFE



Shippensburg PA Ride for Life
Saturday April 26, 2025



Join us! For more information and to register please visit <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events>.

The Biking for Babies Local Ride for Life will take place on Saturday April 26th starting at 8:30 am at the Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30.

If you don't have plans to ride, **VOLUNTEERING** for one of the following services is a wonderful way to be part of the action. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- Check in and general help at OLV
- Assisting with the morning light breakfast at OLV
- Hydration stations along the trail (three locations)
- Road crossing guards on the trail (four locations - may require use of a bicycle)

Please contact :

Greg Ernst - ernstgj67@gmail.com or 301-385-5222

Phil Mobley - pmmobleyb4b@gmail.com or 571-236-7580

Father Ben - frbdunkelberger@hbgdiocese.org for more info.





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.



Bring your friends!

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on **Saturday April 26th** from 6-8pm in the social hall.

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, April 22nd** 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, 8:00pm	April 19 In Memory of Freda Babel
Sunday, 8:00am	April 20 In Memory of the Stewart-Gelas Family
11:00am	People of the Parish
Monday, 9:00pm	April 21 Private Intentions
Tuesday, 8:30am	April 22 In Memory of Dorothy Graham
Wednesday, 6:30pm	April 23 Intentions of Katheryn Harrison
Thursday, 8:30am	April 24 Intentions of John & Andrea Thornton
Friday, 8:30am	April 25 Intentions of Brian & Jeanne Thoms
Saturday, 7:30am	April 26 Pro-Life Mass
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am	April 27 In Memory of Thomas Sutch
11:00am	In Memory of Richard Spisak



*The flowers placed at the
tabernacle are donated for
Hermila Perez*



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED EASTER FLOWERS THIS YEAR!

The envelopes and personal dedications are placed by the Tabernacle to be remembered at all Masses this Easter season.



The 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.



In the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings.



Please join us for our next coffee hour on **Sunday, April 27th** in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass. All are welcome!