



# OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am,  
11:30am

### Weekday:

Mon : 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Wed. 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Mass

6:30pm Mass

Fri.: 8:00am Mass

Sat. 9:00am Mass

Confessions—see inside

### Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place after  
8:00am Mass Tuesday until  
4:00pm and Thursday until  
8:00pm with Reposition.  
(See inside for this week).

### Rosary:

Mon. Tues., Wed. & Sat.:

8:25am, Thur. & Fri: 7:25am

### First Saturday Rosary:

Seven Sorrows  
sponsored by CDA  
after 9:00am Mass



The Church is open Monday -  
Sunday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

OLV Online Giving: go to  
[www.ourladyofvictory.com](http://www.ourladyofvictory.com)  
and click on the link  
<https://abundant.co/olvsc> to  
give online.

- Text Giving: Text OLVSC  
to 73256.

- Use the Abundant App,  
which you can download on  
your smartphone.

- Scan QR code

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able to give to  
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Twin Parish  
Mission, Debt  
Reduction,  
Christmas & Easter online.



August 2 & 3, 2025  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



Office Phone

Office Fax

Church Website:

Church E-mail:

School

Preschool

School/Preschool Website

Diocesan Website

OLV Prayer Network

814-237-7832

814-237-6709

[www.ourladyofvictory.com](http://www.ourladyofvictory.com)

[office@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:office@ourladyofvictory.com)

814-238-1592

814-238-6616

[www.olvcatholicschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicschool.org)

[www.ajdiocese.org](http://www.ajdiocese.org)

[prayer@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:prayer@ourladyofvictory.com)

Flocknote: Are you missing out on important announcements from Our Lady of Victory. This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you. If you are not getting flocknote emails, we may not have your email address on record at the Church. To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

**Parish Staff - (814) 237-7832**

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org  
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Pre-School Director, Anne Bord - (814) 238-6616

**Secretaries' Office Hours:** Mon.-Fri., 8:30 to Noon, 1-4pm.

**Bulletin Notice**

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than Monday, 9:00am.

**Baptism**

Sundays, 1:00pm, with arrangements having been made previously by contacting Diane.

**Marriage**

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice. Contact Betty, the Secretary.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Thursdays at 5:30pm - 6:00pm and Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am Mass with Reposition at 8:00pm.

**Collections July 27:** Envelopes \$24,969.00; Loose \$2,445.00; Online Giving \$3,445.00; Maintenance \$105.00; School \$290.00; Debt Reduction \$236.00; Twin Parish \$133.00; Candles \$291.00; Gabriel Project \$150.00; Peter's Pence \$250.00. Total: \$32,294.00.



**Wedding:** Congratulations to Megan Marie Robert & Matthew Douglas LeClair, who were married at OLV on July 26, 2025.

**The Marian Gift Shop** in the Activities Center is open Sundays from 10:00am to 11:15am or by appointment. Contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446 to shop other days or to volunteer to work one Sunday a month.



**Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

If you are interested, please email the Office of Christian Initiation of

Adults:  
[becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com).

**MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE**

**Monday, August 4**

8:00am † Thomas P Rourke by Denny & Sue Wichterman

**Tuesday, August 5**

8:00am - Ints. Ed & Carol Miller by Dave & Nancy Watson  
Adoration ends at 4:00pm

**Wednesday, August 6**

8:00am - † Pam Johns by OLV Rectory Office Staff

**Thursday, August 7**

8:00am - † Jerry Parker by Gail & Kris Oliver  
6:30pm - † Diane McKinnon by Iris Flynn  
*Confessions are at 5:30pm*  
*Adoration ends at 8:00pm*

**Friday, August 8**

8:00am - † Wynn Miller by Diane Parks

**Saturday, August 9**

9:00am - † Mary Ann Weakland by Malinowski Family  
5:00pm - † Peter Labosky by The Family

**Sunday, August 10**

7:30am - † Lorraine Teyssier by Nieces & Nephews  
9:30am - For All People of Parish  
11:30am - † Beverly English by husband, Frank

**Hospital Stay** - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. This facility does not notify us, so you or your family must call the church.



**Baptisms** - It is with great joy we welcome August Samuel Wissel-Keim, son of Nathan & Stephanie, and Alessandro Procopio, son of Michael & Andrea, to the OLV Parish Family.



**OLV Parish Picnic:  
Sunday, August 17**

4pm to 7pm at  
OLV School Gym and Grounds

You bring: yourselves, lawn chairs, picnic blanket (if you wish to sit outdoors) and a dish according to your last name:

A-N: Side Dish (like salads, fresh or cooked veggies, chips, dips, cheese, mac & cheese, etc...)

O-Z: Dessert

However, If you have a specialty that you enjoy making for picnics, please feel free to bring it and share what you love to make with your fellow parishioners! Please use a disposable serving dish and serving utensil.

Hot dogs, sloppy joes, pulled pork BBQ, water, soft drinks and tableware will be provided by the parish.

If you would like to volunteer in any way to help with the picnic (setting up, cooking, shopping, games, music or other entertainment, cleaning up) please call Chris Kirkpatrick at the OLV office, (814 -237-7832), ext. 421.

Schedule of Activities: Hot Food available from 4pm to 5:30pm; Bingo 6:00pm; Organized Games (outside) 5:00pm.

**Religious Education: Attention rising 9th Graders (including St. Joseph's students):**

**-Sunday, September 7, Mandatory Session:**

Parents/Students—Meet in the Church at 6:00pm. This session will “kick-off” the Confirmation process. After introductory remarks, the students will break off into groups and hear a Vocation Talk in the Activities Center. Meanwhile, a Parent Orientation will be presented in the Church. At the orientation, the Smiths will explain “Theology of the Body” and Deacon Dave will explain the Confirmation process.

- **Saturday Sept. 13, 10:00am to 11:30am-** Holy Hour/Confession w/ Bishop Mark in the Church. Lunch to follow.

See the Religious Education section for more information.

**Audio Recordings** of the Sunday Gospel Reading and Homily can be sent to you, by way of TEXT messaging, for shut-ins or general home listening. Simply TEXT a name (first name or alias is sufficient) and a TEN DIGIT cell-phone number to (717) 504 1091 to be added to the list of recipients.

**Hearing Difficulties:** For those suffering a hearing loss, there are hearing assist devices available – simply check one out of the sacristy (rear of the Church), before Mass.



MISSIONARY SISTERS  
of the Holy Rosary

**Missionary Co-op:** This weekend we welcome Sister Ifeoma Onwudinjo, from the Missionary

Sisters of the Holy Rosary. The community was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with the women of Nigeria, West Africa. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community working in nine countries of Africa, and in Brazil. They serve in all forms of education, medical work, pastoral work, community development and agriculture and assisting trafficked women, internally displaced families and the homeless. They are a strictly missionary group with no institutions in the United States or Canada, so therefore rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the society for the propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people here to support their sisters on mission. The Sisters ask for your prayers of support as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. You will be remembered in their daily prayer. If you would like to read more about them, their website is:

[www.mshr.org](http://www.mshr.org).

**Welcome Home!** We are missing your loved ones and friends at Mass! During this final Jubilee Year, we are encouraged to reach out to those in our lives who have stopped practicing the Catholic faith or who have never been Catholic but might be open to it.

We have compiled some suggestions for doing this here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oUlr\\_RZWYwZYMgwvi6lac\\_GPejL2u2I0/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oUlr_RZWYwZYMgwvi6lac_GPejL2u2I0/view?usp=drive_link).

The link can be found on our website, [www.ourladyofvictory.com](http://www.ourladyofvictory.com). Please email us at [WelcomeHome@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:WelcomeHome@ourladyofvictory.com) to let us know if you are seeking to accompany someone in your life on a journey (back) toward the Catholic faith.



**Welcome Fr. Mariusz Karbowski,**

a priest from Poland, who is in the USA for an intensive English language study course at Penn State this August. He will be helping out at Daily Masses and on the weekend through August 9.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We are looking for volunteers to assist with the care and cleaning of the Altar Server's Albs and Cleaning of the Church Pews. For the Albs - duties include washing and repairing as needed. Duties for the Cleaning the Church Pews include monthly (or as needed) dusting of the Pews. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Pam Doebler at 703-896-0071 or [doebpam@yahoo.com](mailto:doebpam@yahoo.com).





## Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

**Enrollment Now Open**

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is a Middle States accredited school, providing quality education for children in preschool through 8th grade.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School provides opportunities for students to excel in academics, athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities. The environment, rooted in love, faith, dignity, and integrity, enables students to reach their potential as leaders and learn the skills they need to succeed at OLVCS and beyond.

814-238-1592 | [principal@olvcs.org](mailto:principal@olvcs.org) | [www.olvatholicsschool.org/admission](http://www.olvatholicsschool.org/admission)



### OLVCS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, August 10th at 10:30 AM**

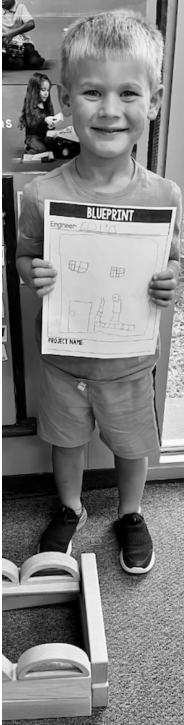
Join us for a tour and learn more about our programs!

**OLV Preschool** will be holding an Open House for all new and returning families, as well as any interested parishioners, after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, August 10. Come, tour the building and meet our staff members. See how Faith, Fun and Learning come together. We hope to see you there! All are welcome to attend!



### Digging It OLV Volleyball Camp for Girls

Twenty-eight girls entering grades 5 - 7 from 8 different area schools came together this week for volleyball fun. The camp was directed by Mrs. Samantha Weakland and OLV volleyball team members served as student coaches. The camp focused on volleyball skill development and fun. Go Crusaders!





## WE ARE HIRING

### PRESCHOOL TEACHER

### PRESCHOOL TEACHER AIDE

To apply, send an email to  
Ms. Anne Bord,  
OLV Preschool Director  
[preschooladministrator@olvcs.org](mailto:preschooladministrator@olvcs.org)

### 4th/5th GRADE TEACHER

To apply, send an email to  
Mrs. Samantha Weakland,  
Principal  
[weaklands@olvcs.org](mailto:weaklands@olvcs.org)

## Can you picture yourself at Saint Joe's?

*We Can!*



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- Work in a faith-centered learning environment

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## WIFFLE BALL HOMERUN DERBY



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**Gold Bracket:** Boys & Girls, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and up  
**Silver Bracket:** Boys & Girls, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and lower  
**Challenger Bracket:** Boys & Girls with physical and intellectual challenges; All Grades  
\*Grade level as of Fall 2025

**SATURDAY AUG 23**  
**CHECK IN 10:15 AM, START 11:00 AM**

\$10 per Participant  
[www.stjoeacad.org](http://www.stjoeacad.org)



**Turn your personal or business PA. Income Taxes into OLV Scholarships:** We Need Your Help! Many families and their children need tuition assistance to attend Our Lady of Victory Catholic Preschool thru Middle School. Individuals/households with an annual income of \$115,000 or PA personal income tax liability of \$3,500+ annually qualify to participate in the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program**. Businesses that qualify to get their taxes back are C-Corporations and owners of Subchapter S-Corporations, LLCs, LPs, LLPs and Partnerships. If you are in the position to help by directing your PA Income tax through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit EITC program to OLV, contact Chris Kirkpatrick: 814-237-7832, ext. 421 or [chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com).



## Religious Education News

**K-9th CCD Registration for the 2025/2026 school year is now available on the Religious Education website: <https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/>**

- Classes start 9/14/25 and meet Sundays from 10:30am to 11:20am.
- Registration is free for all students until August 11th. After this date, a late fee of \$50 will be charged per student.
- Students in 2nd and 9th grade need copies of their baptismal certificates to register since these are Sacrament years.

**Attention all rising 9th grade students** (including SJCA students): Please mark your calendars for the following Confirmation preparation requirements. Please check out the website <https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/high-school-religious-educationconfirmation> for information about Confirmation and the link to the forms needed.

**Sunday, September 7** at 6:00pm in the church: Vocations Talk and Information Session (Discipleship Event); At least one parent must attend.

**Saturday, September 13** at 10:30am in the church: Adoration with Bishop Mark (including Confessions and followed by lunch; this is a Discipleship Event)

**Online Retreat (with Sponsors):** Sun 9/28, Wed 10/1, Sun 10/5, Wed 10/8, Sun 10/12

**Students in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade who are not yet confirmed**, please contact Susan Ishmael at [directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com)



**Please consider becoming a catechist, catechist aide, or guest catechist for the 2025-2026 school year.** We need a First Grade catechist and several aides to work with our CCD students on Sunday mornings in our program for grades K-9. Course outlines and materials will be provided to guide you, and the most important thing you can do for our kids is share how much your faith means to you!! You must have diocesan clearances to work with the students, so please consider volunteering now so that all paperwork is in order for the start of classes in September. Email [directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com) if interested.



### **Middle School and High School Youth groups:**

For questions, please contact:

Francis Baggett at:

[highschoolyq@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:highschoolyq@ourladyofvictory.com)

**Check this location for special summer events!!**



### **Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: August Specials**

\* Christmas In July has been extended - All items 50% off

\* Watch for exciting specials coming soon.

We are looking for Volunteers to join our family. If you are interested in learning more, please stop by the Thrift Store or call 814-867-3131. **Donations** are accepted Monday – Thursday, 10:00am – 3:30pm and Friday and Saturday, 10:00am – 1:00pm ONLY.

The Thrift Store is open Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.

## **Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown 2025 Women's Conference**

*Strength in Christ  
Joy in the Mass*

Join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual DAJ Women's Conference hosted at Mount Aloysius College at the Bertschi Center on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
9:00am-4:00pm

We encourage the women of our diocese to take time for some faith-filled nourishment this fall by coming to enjoy Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, Confessions with our local priests, and talks by our featured speaker with a guided prayer session. As well as light refreshments and lunch served. Fill up your spiritual cup with time for reflection, prayer, and fellowship with the women of our diocese.

We're so excited to have with us this year's speaker, Megan Hjelmstad. She is an author, speaker, mentor, wife, mom, and veteran. She is coming to us from Denver, CO and has family here in PA. Come and enjoy as Megan speaks on the joy found in mess of life.

Check-in Begins at 7:30am  
Mass with Bishop Mark at 9:00am  
more information to follow

To register please scan the QR code or go to [ajdiocese.org/giving](http://ajdiocese.org/giving) or check with your local parish for a registration form

For questions please call Brittany Boland at the office of Stewardship & Development - 814-695-5579



**Sponsor of the Week:** Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **MAYES MEMORIALS**, this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services. If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Mike McAleer, from LPI, our bulletin printer at (412) 855-8013 or [mmcaleer@4lpi.com](mailto:mmcaleer@4lpi.com).

**Outdoor Mass for Graduating Seniors:** Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal celebrant at a special outdoor Mass for graduating seniors at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 3, at 7:00pm. All young people entering or returning to college, and those entering the workforce or military service, are invited to this Liturgy, along with their families. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing for these young people, and there will be ample opportunity for him to meet with them after Mass.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays**, 8:30am (and ends with Reposition at 4:00pm and **Thursdays**, following the 8:00am Mass and ends with Reposition at 8:00pm. Please consider spending time with Him, If you cannot commit to every week at a specified time, please consider volunteering to be a substitute for Adorers who cannot attend during their scheduled time. Morning adorers are needed (especially between 11:00am and noon)! Please call or email the church office at [office@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:office@ourladyofvictory.com) to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.

**Holy Hour for Vocations** - During Adoration on Thursday nights from 7-8 pm, we will be praying for an increase of vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. There are holy cards and prayer sheets in the back of the church to assist those wishing to dedicate their holy hour to this intention.



**Gabriel Project:** The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs, as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. Twelve new moms have been helped this year, including a set of twins born at 31 weeks.

There is a great need for baby hygiene products, as well as baby laundry products (ALL FREE detergent), newborn clothes (up to 6 months) and newborn items such as onesies (especially baby girls, sleepers, baby wipes, shampoo, etc., Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs, or baby formula. Thank you very much for your support for these families. For more info about the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511. For monetary donations, please place them in the Sunday collection, or mail them to Betty Gummo, c/o Our Lady of Victory Church, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. A check made out to "OLV/ The Gabriel Project (a 501c3 non-profit) can be used as a tax deduction.

If you are in need of Gabriel Project services, please call 814-867-5511 or 1-800-910-0191.

**Crochet** meets on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Activities Center Library at 6:30pm.



**Stay tuned into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM!**

Although many of our schedules are about to change with the arrival of fall, you can still catch our programming by radio or streaming. When traveling outside our broadcasting area, you may "listen live" via the station link [@www.waob.org](http://www.waob.org). On the production side, we have four recording slots available each month. Our equipment is portable and our devotions are scripted, so we just need your prayerful voices! If your family or group would like to record a prayer in August or September, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or [voiceofdivinemeracy@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofdivinemeracy@gmail.com). Remember, just \$100/day keeps our Catholic voice on the air. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. We receive no direct funding from the local parishes or diocese, so your faithful support is vital to our evangelization effort.



**Think you know all there is to know about Mary? Guess again.**

Join us at our Women of Grace gatherings! ! Our 6-week "**Mary through the eyes of the Mystics**" study will start on 8/12-9/16, Tuesdays, 4:00pm to 6:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm (if enough interest) in the OLV Activities Center. Please contact Karen Kearney at [kearneyt1@comcast.net](mailto:kearneyt1@comcast.net) or 814-883-4588.

**If enough interest, we will hold an evening class, but we need to know ASAP.**

**Full of Grace** - The WOG Foundational Study, will start in the fall for 9 weeks, dates to be announced soon. Go to [www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com) where you will find many free ways to grow your faith on-line or in person with Women of Grace. Join us and learn why "*The hour....has come... the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why...women impregnated with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling.*" The closing Message "To Women" from the Second Vatican Council.

**Loggia Night** is an evening of brotherhood, prayer, and great food. It will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica on Sunday, August 10. The evening will kick off with outdoor Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by a casual dinner on the loggia (the back porch of the basilica). It'll be a relaxed gathering to connect with Catholic men and talk about life, faith, and where God might be calling you. Fr. Peter Crowe, Fr. John Byrnes, Fr. Alan Thomas, and Fr. Brian Norris will all be in attendance.

This event is open to young Catholic men ages 18 and up who want to grow in community and faith. Feel free to invite a friend.





## Father O'Hanlon Council #4678 State College Knights of Columbus

### **"Knights Notes" :**

**Calendar of Events:** Please check [www.kc4678.com](http://www.kc4678.com)

**Council Meetings**— 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00pm.

OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon Room

(basement) at 820 Westerly Parkway

**Blood Donations:** Check: [redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801)

**Knights - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes:** "What kind of car would Jesus drive? A Christler."

**Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a**

**Knight or send an email to [info@kc4678.com](mailto:info@kc4678.com).**

**COME AND SEE!**

**On the Web:**

K of C webpage: [www.kc4678.com](http://www.kc4678.com)

K of C Facebook: [www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678](http://www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678)

**Holy Hour for Blessed Michael McGivney:** The Knights will honor Blessed Michael McGivney on Wednesday, August 13, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will take place.

### **Pilgrimage to Poland and Slovakia with Father Jozef and Deacon Jack June 30-July 13, 2026**

Visit Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Wieliczka, Czestochowa, Kalwaria, Niepokolanów, Vienna, Bratislava, Brezno, Levoca and Košice with Father Jozef and Deacon Jack as they tour Father Jozef's homeland and hometown in Slovakia. If you have an interest in joining us,



please sign up on our parish website or use the QR code and when final details are available, we will contact you. <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/>



**Christ the King Parish**, 123 Good Street, Houtzdale, PA, will be welcoming best-selling author and nationally-known speaker, Fr. Larry Richards on Monday, August 4 at 6:00pm. There is no cost to attend. For more information, call 814-378-7653.

**Heart of Faith** taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Thursdays, 6:00–8:30pm (6 Weeks) beginning August 14 via ZOOM. The cost of this class is \$35.00 and can only be paid by check and it MUST be turned in with the Registration Form. **One book is required and the title can be found on the registration form and it can be purchased on Amazon.** To register, please visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry) or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or [jgramling@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jgramling@dioceseaj.org). Registration deadline is August 7.

**Formed.org:** Watch: "Are Work and Prayer Connected?". Join Fr. Nathan Cromley as he answers some of the most pressing questions about work. To sign up for Formed, go to [Formed.org/signup](http://Formed.org/signup): enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. Formed also has an app and is available on Apple TV and Roku.

### **Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City December 8–13, 2025**

Embark on a journey during the 2025 Jubilee Year with the Olivas family from OLV. This pilgrimage offers a profound opportunity for meditation, prayer, sacrifice, and spiritual growth. Participants will have the chance to obtain many plenary indulgences. Cost: \$1,299 per person (land only). For more details and to register, please visit the site <https://arealpilgrimage.wixsite.com/a-real-pilgrimage>. For more information, please contact Xhonane at 814-229-6271 or email [xolivas@yahoo.com](mailto:xolivas@yahoo.com).



### **Annual Anniversary Masses:**

Bishop Mark Barchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 28 in JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00pm. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families.

The deadline to register for either Mass is Sunday, September 12. Please contact OLV office if you wish to attend.

### **Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?**

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on October 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the U.S. Hotel Tavern in Hollidaysburg. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is September 2.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, will hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Fridays, August 8 & 22, 4:00pm to 6:30pm. Menu includes spaghetti, marina sauce, meatballs, salad, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. Take out available.