



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: 12/2--12/7

Mon : 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Mass
6:30pm Mass

Fri.: 8:00am Mass
9:00am 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.

Rosary:

Mon. Tues., Wed. & Sat.:
8:25am

Thur. & Fri: 7:25am

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

OLV Online Giving: go to
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



Reduction, Christmas &
Easter online.

You are now
able to give to
School,
Maintenance,
Twin Parish
Mission, Debt

November 30 & December 1, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent



This year, over 600
ornaments will adorn
our Parish Giving
Tree. Please take an
ornament, select a gift
and return it next
weekend. See inside
for all the details.

Office Phone

814-237-7832

Office Fax

814-237-6709

Church Website:

www.ourladyofvictory.com

Church E-mail:

office@ourladyofvictory.com

School

814-238-1592

Preschool

814-238-6616

School/Preschool Website

www.olvcatholicsschool.org

Diocesan Website

www.ajdiocese.org

OLV Prayer Network

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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Secretary, Diane Lapinski
Director of Religious Education, Gricelda Cespedes
Director of Development, Chris Kirkpatrick
Director of OCIA, Deacon David Lapinski
Director of Music, Joe Malafarina
Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592
Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - (814) 238-6616

Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4pm.

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: Nov. 17: Envelopes \$19,697.60; Loose \$2,414.00; Online \$2,150.00; School; \$910.00; Twin Parish Mission \$24.00; Maintenance \$170.00; Debt Reduction \$255.00; Donuts \$69.00; SVdP \$395.00; All Saints \$40.00; Gabriel Project \$130.00; World Missions \$150.00. Catholic Charities \$1,816.00. Total \$28,220.60.

Nov. 24 Collection totals were not available.

The Marian Gift Shop in the OLV Activities Center is open Sundays from 10:00-11:15am. Stop in for Advent candles, Advent calendars, and gift items. We have free Advent calendars to color for children. Contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446 or rose@marboe.com to shop other days by appointment.



Donut Volunteers are needed. We need more volunteers for the donut ministry after 9:30am Mass on Sunday mornings if we want to continue offering donuts every Sunday. People can split the pick up and clean up duties. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

New Lector Workbooks are available in the Sacristy. Please sign your name when you take one.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, December 2

8:00am - † Ron Moore by Dick & Kathy Anderson

Tuesday, December 3

8:00am - Communion Service
Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wednesday, December 4

8:00am - † Thomas W. Flynn by Iris Flynn

Thursday, December 5

8:00am - † Fr. Robert J. Kelly by Mary Beth Regan

8:30am - School Confessions

6:30pm - † Dolores Boehlke by Anne Bord

Friday, December 6

8:00am - † Shirley Valente by Tom & Karen Hauser & Family

9:00am - † Mary Ann Weakland by Mary & Eric Weidenhof

Saturday, December 7

9:00am - † Theresa Cawley by Rosemary & Tom Weber

5:00pm - † Kathy Sokol Liss by Ed & Annette Sokol

Sunday, December 8

7:30am - † Rosemary Schneider by Kathy & Pat Ward & Family

9:30am - † Marie Carmine Lieb by The Laskowski Family

11:30am - † Theresa Wong by The Wong & Kelly Family

Oplatki is available in the Gathering Space of the Church.

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.



Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming Catholic?

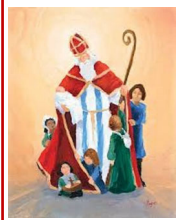
Are You an Adult Catholic Seeking Confirmation?

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

becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com.

Please contact us at the above email to let us know if you are interested.

Weekly sessions are held on **Thursdays**, at 7:00pm in the OLV Activities Center.



St. Nicholas Party!
Friday, December 6, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the OLVCS School Gym!

Open to all parishioners!

*Potluck Dinner
Games for Kids
Opportunity for Service Hours for
Middle and High School students*

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADAF2FA7FFC52-52995785-olvst>



CDA Holiday Craft & Bake Sale:

Join us for our Holiday Sale
Crafts—Gifts—Baked Goods— Toys!

Friday, December 6, 9:00am to 3:00pm
in the Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.

Saturday, December 7, 9:00am to 2:00pm in the
Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.

Sunday, December 8, 8:30am to 1:30pm in the
Activities Center Library only.

Table rentals available for December 6 & 7. Call Joy at 814-360-1801 or Pat at 814-466-6328 or patl4books@msn.com.

St. Joseph Icon: There will be an icon of St. Joseph, commissioned by the Knights of Columbus, in the sanctuary this week. With the icon, the Knights intend to increase devotion to St. Joseph and pray through him for the courage to stand for and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. The 6:30pm Mass readings on Thursday, December 5 will reflect this devotion to St. Joseph. The Knights hope you will join them in this devotion and at the evening Mass on December 5.



Parish Giving Tree: The Parish Giving Tree is in the Gathering Space decorated with over 600 gift requests. If you decide to participate, take an ornament (or 2) off of the tree. If your request is for a gift card, purchase the gift card then please put the gift card right in the envelope on which the ornament is attached. Seal the envelope. If you choose an ornament with a gift request, purchase and wrap the gift being sure to firmly attach the ornament on the wrapped gift. The ornament is necessary to help the gift find its way to the recipient. Next weekend, there will be one plastic bin for gift card envelopes under the tree. Wrapped gifts are to be placed under the tree next weekend. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY GIFT CARDS UNDER THE TREE ON A WEEKDAY** or on a weekend if the bin is not under the tree. Just drop the gift cards at the office or slide them down the mail slot if the office is not open. During the week, please leave your wrapped gift in the church office during regular office hours. We need to deliver the gifts to the various agencies in early December. Through your generosity this Christmas season, we hope to help Housing Transitions Centre House Homeless Shelter, Strawberry Fields, The Arc of Centre County, Out of the Cold Homeless Shelter, residents of Hearthside and other families who could use our support. May God bless you for your kindness. If you have any questions, call or text Mary Hershey, 814-441-2511 or Deb Reese, 814-574-6075.



Time to Sing in the Season! - OLV Sanctuary Choir is preparing for the coming of the Christ child! We are rehearsing Advent and Christmas music! It may be time to examine your schedule and make some time. Remember that "he who sings, prays twice". Take the time to pray twice...and have fun doing it! Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Just show up and join us! If you have any questions, contact Music Director Joe Malafarina at the OLV Office 814-237-7832, x 423 or email joem@ourladyofvictory.com.

Formed.org: Watch **Adventus**, a Spiritual Journey for your Advent through salvation history to Christmas. To sign up for Formed, go to 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.



Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass times are Monday, Dec. 9 at 8:00am, 10:00am (School Mass) and 6:30pm.



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 | www.olvcatholicsschool.org/admission



A Special Thanks to
Joe and Sue Rogacs

OLV Preschool: Thank you for your support of our preschool program! You can find current information on our page of the OLVCS website: <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/Domain/13>. Please contact us for availability and questions.



WHAT IS #iGIVECATHOLIC?

Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #iGiveCatholic is a bishop/diocesan led initiative. The U.S. Catholic Church's Giving



Day kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. As the first-ever giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving. The goal of the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is to rally our Catholic community in support of the organizations that shape our souls: Our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries.

Secure, tax-deductible donations to Our Lady of Victory Parish can be made at <https://aj.igivecatholic.org/organizations/our-lady-of-victory-catholic-church-and-school> through #GivingTuesday. Donations can be made through December 3 at 11:59pm. Offline gifts of cash or checks can be mailed to 820 Westerly Parkway or dropped in the collection baskets. Envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space of the Church. Support our parish and school on Giving Tuesday!



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 at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832 ext. 404.



St. Joseph's Catholic Academy High School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. To schedule a tour and find out more about the affordability of tuition, please email Principal Anna Rupprecht at arupprecht@stacademy.org. More information can be found at www.stjoeacad.org.



Both Middle School and High School Youth groups will meet Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Middle School Youth Group will meet in the Activities Center Library and the High School Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room in the Activities Center Basement. We hope to see you there!

Middle School and High School Youth groups: For any questions, please contact:

Savannah Anez - Middle School Youth Group leader - middleschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com

Francis Baggett - High School Youth Group leader - highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com

Religious Education News

Classes run each Sunday for students in grades from K-10, 10:30am - 11:20am in the school auditorium (Kindergarten runs in the Activities Center basement). More information can be found on the OLV Religious Education website's home page at <https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/home>. **No classes on Sunday, Dec .1.**

Upcoming Discipleship Opportunity for Grades 9-11

- **Paul J. Kim Retreat, Sunday, Feb. 2.** See details elsewhere in the bulletin.

11th Grade Confirmation Class: Next class is **Sunday, December 8**, 1:15pm-2:30pm in the Church.

First Communion Parent Meetings: ALL students making their First Confession and Communion this year (Public, OLVCS & homeschool) need to attend all meetings

- **First Reconciliation Meeting** (student & at least one parent), Session Two - **1/12/25** during CCD time, 10:30am-11:20am.
- **First Reconciliation Retreat** (student & at least one parent) **Saturday, January 25**, 10:00am—11:30am
- **First Reconciliation: CCD 1/30/25 @ 7:00pm & OLVCS: 1/31/25 @ 9:00am**

Dear CCD Parents: I want to announce a change in staffing here at OLV that affects our CCD program. Ms. Anne Bord has accepted a position as Assistant Principal at our school effective Dec. 1, 2024. To replace her, I have asked Gricelda Cespedes to become the Director. You may know Gricelda as our CCD 2nd grade teacher. I very much appreciate Gricelda accepting this position. All of the communication tools will remain the same. I want to thank Anne Bord for all the hard work and excellence she brought to our program! - Fr. George



Mark your calendars!

Paul J. Kim is coming to OLV on Sunday, February 2!

- **First Talk:** Confirmation is not Graduation from the Catholic Church (in the Church, **students only**), Student Arrival: 4:00pm (at the Church, students only) There will be a dinner for teens only from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall following the first talk.
- **Second Talk:** is open to the public 6:30pm-8:00pm (in the Church - students & any interested adults) - Meant to Live for More

Paul J. Kim is an international Catholic speaker, musician, and comedian. His presentations have impacted people of all ages in 48 states and 16 countries over the past decade, leading them to life-changing encounters with Christ. He's the author of "A Catholic Guide to Adulthood" online course, the founder of the Triumph Men's Conference, he's released two music albums, and his videos have accumulated millions of views. His background includes work as a marriage and family therapist, and religious formation with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. In his free time he enjoys long walks on the beach, talking to strangers in random accents, and Taco Tuesdays. He resides in the Austin, TX area with his beautiful wife & five children.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

December Specials!

- 50% off framed wall art
- \$5 Christmas Sweaters. Check out our large selection of Holiday Décor & Apparel.
- Cold weather is here. We have lots of warm Winter Coats, Vests, Blazers & Snow/Ski Apparel.
- Beautiful Leather Coats are featured in our Boutique.
- **Scrapbook BOGO Sale:** All scrapbook supplies now Buy One, Get One Free!
- **That Special Gift:** The Thrift Store has a number of excellent gift items (many brand new) that are featured at prices that are a fraction of retail or even online prices for similar pieces. Stocking Stuffers are also included, smaller items perfect for child - or adult stockings.
- Penn State Sports apparel at discount prices.

Please consider volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Visit the Store at 1300 Benner Pike, open Monday thru Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm, and speak to the Day Manager if you would like more information about volunteering.



Toys for Tots Bins are located at the entrances of the Church. Donate a new, unwrapped toy by Friday, December 13.



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 4pm), and **Thursdays**, 10:00am 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! Please call or email the church office at office@ourladyofvictory.com to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.

Children's Holy Hour, Tuesdays, 10:30am to 11:30am during Adoration. This gives the children of the parish the opportunity to come to adore our Lord. If you are looking for a very quiet hour of Adoration, it would be best to look to come another time.



Update - W.O.G. has a new 5-week study called Moments with Mary. This is a study to draw you closer to Mary – Our Blessed

Mother. It includes gathering once a week for 6 weeks to discuss what you have learned and watch a video. You have daily homework which includes a 5-minute video from Johnnette for you to reflect on and some questions to answer. This will take about 20-30 minutes daily. We would like to know how much interest there is in doing this either for Advent or the first of the year. Please check out the information on the website @ www.womenofgrace.com for this and lots of other "free" information to help you on this journey of faith. We DO NOT walk alone. Please check all the FREE information available for you. Contact Karen Kearney at kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588 with inquiries. You are a beloved daughter of God. God needs YOU! God loves YOU!!

Sunday Homilies via Cell Phone and Now Online - Sunday homilies are available on an audio recording via cellphone or online. To receive an audio recording, text a NAME and a 10-digit CELL NUMBER to (717) 504-1091. To listen online, go to www.ourladyofvictory.com and click on Welcome to OLV, then click on Mass and Confession, and click on Sunday Gospel and Homily underneath it.



Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Hope The first Advent candle symbolizes hope. Every 25 years the Church celebrates a special Holy Year called the Jubilee Year. This Jubilee will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024. The theme of the Jubilee Year is HOPE. It is a time for us to realize that "hope does not disappoint" when it is rooted in the knowledge that God has committed himself to us in Emmanuel, "God with us."



Tune Into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM during this "Advent"!

The WAOB family of stations offers special programming and homilies by a number of our nation's bishops during this time of preparation. This Advent, embrace the entire liturgical season! 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. Your donations are especially appreciated in December since several of our 2025 expenses are now due. God bless you for prayerfully considering this special request to support our spiritual work of mercy. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers during the Advent season.



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.

This year, the Gabriel Project has provided 40 mothers with basic needs. 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, 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.

Join Us for a Fiat Fitness Project Rosary Workout

on Saturday, December 14, at 7:30am in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall. This workout is done while praying the rosary, and each exercise reflects on the mystery we are praying in a unique way, so that your movement corresponds to the moments of Jesus & Mary's lives and offers you a new lens through which you can pray & "offer it up!" The workout will go from 7:30-8:00 am, with a healthy snack & social time to follow, before the 9am mass. No equipment is necessary, but please bring a water bottle! The rosary workout is for all fitness levels, and all are welcome. Please RSVP to Meredith Yonushonis at meredith.yonushonis@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Father O'Hanlon Council #4678

State College Knights of Columbus

"Knights Notes" :

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

Council Meetings- Only 2nd Wed. in Dec., and 4th Wed.

in Jan. 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

Knights Scholarships: Deadline is December 12.

Knights St. Joseph Icon: Through Friday, Dec. 6 - be on the lookout for the St. Joseph Icon and a Holy Hour

Knights - Meetings during the Holidays:

Meetings during the holidays will ONLY be Dec. 11 & Jan. 22.

Knights - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes: " God didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitos come close."

Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a

Knight or send an email to info@kc4678.com.

COME AND SEE!

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

K of C Facebook: www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678

Book of Revelation Bible Study: The Book of Revelation is perhaps the most mysterious and misunderstood book of the Bible. Do you want to understand this book better and have the opportunity to discuss it with other Catholics? If so, please join our upcoming study: "Revelation: The Kingdom Is Yet to Come," using materials from Ascension Press. We will meet at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings in January – March (location TBD). Make this part of your Lenten journey! Please contact Roseanne McManus at RMCMANUS1@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

Women's Bible Study: Do you desire to grow in your faith while in a supportive community of other women? If so, come join the OLV Women's Bible Study Program! These Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion. Two studies are being offered this year: (1) Opening Your Heart: which applies Biblical teaching to everyday life; (2) The Path of Love: which explores the Stations of the Cross. New participants are always welcome! Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings (via zoom) and Friday mornings in the Activity Center of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church from mid-September through April. Childcare is provided for Friday morning participants. For more information, please email us at olvwwp1@gmail.com or call Jane Knappenberger at (925) 708-0126.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Program: The Knights of Columbus award scholarships to High School Senior children of Knights of Columbus members. The state program awards \$4000 to a winner in the Diocese. Our local council also offers one \$1000 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a member of the local council 4678. Forms must be completed and returned to Jason Foytack by **December 12, 2024**. The Knights are also awarding \$1000 grants to children of Knights members in Catholic school grades 1-12. Info. and applications can be found at www.kc4678.com/scholarships, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact Jason Foytack at 814-360-6799 or jasonfoytack@gmail.com.

Christmas Gloria: The State College Choral Society is presenting Christmas Gloria! on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3:00 pm in the State College Area High School Performance Hall. Come and enjoy this traditional Christmas concert with repertoire by Rutter, Lauridsen and Monteverdi. Special guests include Centre Brass, State High Chamber Singers and Treble Makers, and Park Forest Middle School Sylvan Singers. This is our gift to the community....no ticket required!! Bring the entire family to enjoy the carol sing-a-long. We ask that all attending bring a non-perishable food item(s) to be donated to a local food bank. More information is available at www.scchoralsociety.org.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **PENNSYLVANIA Army National Guard**, 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.

A Great Way to Honor Mary, The Mother of Our Lord as We Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of

Guadalupe: Good Shepherd Parish (867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, Port Matilda, PA 16870) sincerely invites you to join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave us our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and calls us to surrender our lives to Him. The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on Thursday, December 12. It will begin at 4:30pm with the praying of the Holy Rosary, then at 5:00pm the music and singing will be offered by a professional band from Baltimore, MD called "Mariachi Esmeralda". The band will also lead the congregation in singing during the Mass, presided by Bishop Mark, that will begin at 5:30pm. After the celebration of the Eucharist a reception will take place in the Parish (Agape) Hall.