



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm,
7:30am 9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday : 12/11-12/16

Mon.: 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
9:00am School Mass
6:30pm Mass Vigil

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.
Adoration ends at Noon on
Tuesday, Dec. 12.

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



You are now
able to give to
School,
Maintenance,
Twin Parish
Mission, Debt
Reduction, Christmas &
Easter online.

December 9 & 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent



Office Phone

Church Website:

Church E-mail:

School

Preschool

School/Preschool Website

Diocesan Website

OLV Prayer Network

814-237-7832

www.ourladyofvictory.com

office@ourladyofvictory.com

814-238-1592

814-238-6616

www.olvcatholicschool.org

www.ajdiocese.org

prayer@ourladyofvictory.com

Flocknote: Are you signed up for **Flocknote**? If not, you may be 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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Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592
Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - (814) 238-6616

Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4pm
(Please try to correspond by phone, email or regular mail)

Bulletin Notice

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than Monday, 4:00pm.

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,
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. Ends at Noon on Dec. 12.



**Are You or Someone You Know
Interested in Becoming a 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.

Dec. 3: Envelopes \$31,049.00; Loose \$1,911.00;
Online \$1,590.58; School \$65.00; Maintenance
\$724.00; Twin Parish \$110.00; Candles \$279.00;
Donuts \$81.00; Debt Reduction \$98.00; Gabriel
Project \$1,525.00; SVdP \$55.00; Catholic Charities
\$90.00. Total \$37,577.58.

Baptisms: It is with great joy we welcome Mackenzie
Sue Gallagher, daughter of Frank & Kaitlyn, to the
OLV Parish Family.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., December 11

**8:00am - Ints. Barbara Impellitteri by
Lisanne Temeles**

Tues., December 12

**8:00am - † Tom Zsilavec by Mary & Eric
Adoration ends at NOON**

Wed., December 13

**8:00am - † Gerhard Ehrenspeck by
Teresa Stone**

Thurs., December 14

8:00am - Communion Service

9:00am - † Kevin Dare by The Family

**6:30pm - † Bonnie Mulauski by
Doc & Katie Rumsey**

**Confessions at 5:30pm. Adoration ends at
8:00pm.**

Friday, December 15

**8:00am - † Charlotte Simpson by
her Mother**

Sat., December 16

**9:00am - † Alfred Sommer by
Bea Sommer**

**5:00pm - † John Francis Kenney by
Ed & Bobbi Kenney**

Sun., December 17

**7:30am - Ints. Ron & Mary Ann Weakland
by Karen Bord**

**9:30am - † Joan Stangl by Eric & Mary
Weidenhof**

**11:30am - Ints. Thanksgiving for Kate
Murphy's Recovery by The Family**

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.



Thank You for your support for the Parish Giving Tree. Please return your gifts this weekend. If your request was for a gift card, please place it in the envelope on which the ornament is attached and seal the envelope, no other packaging is requested/required for gift cards. Please put all gift cards in the bin that is under the tree. If you have a gift request (not a gift card) and it is in a wrapped package or gift bag, **securely** attach the gift request ornament to the package with lots of tape. The ornament is the **only** way we have to identify the recipient. Gifts may be placed under the tree. This can be done before or after Saturday Mass at 5 pm and all three Sunday morning Masses this weekend (December 9/10). If you bring your gift card back during the week or when the office is closed, please put it in the mail slot outside the church office. If you need to bring your gift on a weekday, please leave it in the church office during office hours. If you forgot to bring your gift this weekend, please try to drop it off during the week at the church office as soon as possible. We plan to deliver the gifts before the end of the this week. If you have any questions, please call or text Mary Hershey, 814- 441-2511 or Pam Scott, 814-360-3214.



Time to Sing in the Season! - OLV Sanctuary Choir is preparing for the coming of the Christ child! We are rehearsing 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 in the Activities Center. 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.



Queen of Peace Rosary Makers meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Dec. 12) after the 8:00am Mass/Comm. Service, in the OLV Activities Center Library.

Advent Penance Services:

- St. John the Evangelist, Bellefonte: Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 3:00pm
- **Our Lady of Victory Penance Service, Monday, Dec. 18 at 6:00pm** (last chance for confessions at OLV before Christmas).
- Good Shepherd, Port Matilda, Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00pm
- Queen of Archangels, Clarence, Wed., Dec. 20 at 6:30pm.



The Annual Children's Living Nativity will be held at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Rehearsal: Friday, Dec. 21 from 6:45pm-7:30pm at Our Lady of Victory Church. Performers **MUST** attend the rehearsal to participate.

Final date to sign up: Dec. 20th

Living Nativity Cast

Joseph: 3rd Grade & Older

Mary: 3rd Grade & Older

Angels: 3rd Grade & Older

The Three Kings (Gift Bearers): 2nd Grade & Older

Shepherds: K-5th Grade

Sheep: K-5th Grade

Donkeys: 3rd Grade & Older

Mass Parts (6th Grade and Older): First

Reading * Second Reading * Petition Readers

We could use parent helpers who have their clearances. Please contact Ms. Bord if you are interested in your child having a role or can volunteer as a parent helper:
directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com



*****Early Bulletin Submissions for December.**

Please send any announcements by the dates listed below.

- Bulletin for December 24, due to the office by Thursday, December 14.
- Bulletin for December 31, due to the office by Thursday, December 21.



OLV Christmas Masses: (All Masses are in the Church only)

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24

4:00pm

6:30pm Children's Nativity & Mass

9:00pm Mass (in the Church) Carols before Mass at 8:30pm

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

7:30am & 9:30am (no 11:30am Mass)

Solemnity of Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Sunday, Dec. 31- No Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1 8:00am & 10:00am



OLV Catholic School

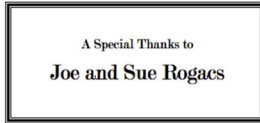
Give Your Child A Complete Education

(Pre-K through Middle School) offers:

Academic Excellence Self-Discipline Passion for Charity
Catholic Values Leadership

New Student Enrollment is Now Open. Call 814-238-1592 to schedule a tour. Apply online at www.olvcatholicsschool.org.





OLV Preschool: Please visit our website <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/domain/173> for program and registration information.

Part Time Middle School Math Teacher: Beginning January 2; two periods each day. (long term substitute until the end of the year) Elementary or Math certification desired. Join the OLVCS faculty & Staff in a friendly, warm and supportive environment. All interested candidates contact Samantha Weakland weaklands@olvcs.org or 814.238.1592.

Sign Up NOW for Junior WolfPack Clinic: All boys in grades 1 - 6 are invited to join in the Saint Joseph's Junior WolfPack Basketball Clinic. **All Saturdays in January** (Jan 6, 13, 20, and 27), **9 - 10 AM** in the SJCA gymnasium. **Only \$35 if signed up by December 31st.** More info and registration at <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/boys-basketball-clinic/>



It's easy to earn cash for OLVCS by shopping at Weis. Next time you are getting groceries at Weis, just have the cashier scan your Weis card AND this code: That's it! Now a percentage of your purchase price will go to OLVCS! Please tell others--friends, neighbors, and relatives--to do the same...and THANK YOU!



Collecting Box Tops has always been a great way to earn money for our school and now it is even easier! Just download the BoxTops for Education APP on your phone and select Our Lady of Victory School. Once the app is up and running, you can scan your receipts easily or send copies of digital receipts. We could really use your support so download the App today and start scanning. Visit <https://boxtops4education.com> for more information.

Visit the Benner Pike Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December 9th, 9AM-9PM, and a portion of your purchases with the included voucher will go toward Saint Joseph's!

If purchasing online, you can use the Bookfair ID Number: **12704359** to support as well!

Barnes & Noble Benner Pike Location
365 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801





Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

NEW! 12/9 Barnes and Noble Fundraiser for SJCA: SJCA is partnering with the Benner Pike Barnes & Noble to raise money

for the school during peak holiday shopping season. On Saturday, December 9, from 9AM-9PM, visit the State College Benner Pike location and use our code **#12704359** so that Saint Joe's can reap a portion of the profits from the entire day's sales! In-store shopping is valid on Saturday Dec 9, all day. Our online shopping is valid from 12/9-12/14 when you use the code. So, even out-of-town family and friends can use the code to check gifts off their Christmas list and benefit Saint Joe's at the same time!

End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving 2023

During this season of giving, please remember Our Lady of Victory. Your financial support is essential in helping us as we experience the rising costs in utilities and other areas of our ministries.

Ease your tax burden while benefitting Our Lady of Victory

Over 70 ½: Take advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA: If you are over age 70½, you may transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 from your IRAs to OLV. The gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) each year AND does not count as income to you! When the transfer is processed directly to OLV, you do not pay taxes on the distribution. Contact your IRA Trustee or Financial Advisor for paperwork to process this distribution directly to OLV.

Please contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832 with any questions.

Religious Education News (CCD)

Protecting God's Children Lessons: A program for children presented by Lesson Leaders, each lesson includes an age-appropriate video component along with engaging learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. These lessons will be taught to our CCD students, **THIS WEEK** on **Dec. 10th**. Please check your email for more information on these lessons.

Fifth and Sixth Grade will host Mass on Dec. 17 at 11:30am.

11th Grade Confirmation: There are **NO** classes scheduled in December. Next class is January 7 at 1:15pm.

CCD Christmas Break: There will be no CCD on December 24 and 31 due to the Christmas break



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8) meets weekly on Tuesdays in the Activities Center Library from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Contact Cecilia at middleschoolyg@gmail.com with any questions.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, in the basement (Youth Room) of the Activities Center. Young people are encouraged to attend the 6:30 PM Mass beforehand if they can. Join us for fun and fellowship! Contact Nick at highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com with any questions.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

- **December: 50% famed artwork sale** (last year's arts fest pieces now here),
 - **Christmas sweater extravaganza** (mostly nice, but maybe a few ugly ones)
 - **Christmas holiday items, décor, cards and more!**
 - **"That Special Gift" table** with fabulous items in all price levels.
 - **Beanie Babies now HALF PRICE**—such good gifts for children of all ages.
 - **Hand-crocheted, hand-knitted and fleece** shawls, afghans, hats, dish cloths, potholders and children's sweaters.
 - **Winter coats**, hats, scarves, and gloves in excellent condition.
- Available now is an incredible collection of **Pampered Chef** pieces—**NEW** in original packages
- **Penn State Vintage Football Game Day Buttons**, dating from 1987 to 2009; wonderful memories for a tiny price.

All these gifts are sure to make someone's Christmas **Very Merry**. Our store is located at 1300 Benner Pike, open Monday-Saturday, 10:00AM-4:00PM—however we will close for Christmas from December 23 through January 1.

Troops of Saint George: While this photo may look like a deer hunting party for 10 year-olds, it is not. We are the State College chapter of the Troops of Saint George, a collection of fathers and sons seeking to build virtue, honor, and fraternity on our way to heaven. We recently spent a Sunday afternoon hiking and bouldering while practicing Catholic fellowship at the Three Sisters Nature Area in Miller Township. The Troops of Saint George apostolate aims to use the outdoors as our canvas and the sacraments as our path to light the way for the formation of Holy Catholic men and boys. Come join us. Please see our website for more information <https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org/troop/troop-325/> or email Chris Smith at cssmith2@gmail.com to get involved.



The Marian Gift Shop is open on Sundays, 10:00am to 11:30am. To schedule an appointment for another time, please call Lesa at 814-237-7832 and leave a message.



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. Adoration will end at **Noon** on Tuesday, Dec. 12. 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. 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.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **Alpha Bravo Remodeling**, 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 at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to mmcaleer@4lpi.com.



Blood Drive: Help our Confirmation Track Students give life to others when you sign up to participate in their Blood Drive! It will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9:00am-2:00pm in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.

Register ahead of time for speedy check-in: redcrossblood.org. Search for OLVconfirmation and choose a time to donate. Thank you for your consideration!



Christmas Poster Contest:

The Knights of Columbus is running a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for children in grades K-8. Please see our parish website www.ourladyofvictory.com for more details on how to participate. Entries are due to the Church office no later than Friday, Dec. 15, for consideration.

Formed.org: Prepare your heart for Christmas. Sign into FORMED and click on the Advent tab.

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 also available on Apple TV and Roku.



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. There is a need of 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 information 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.



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 2024 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.

The Rosary is prayed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 8:25am, Thursday & Friday at 7:25am and Saturday, at 8:25am.



Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City March 2-7, 2024. Please join

Xhonane Olivas and her family in a pilgrimage to Mexico City, which is designed to give you an experience that will offer opportunities for meditation, prayer, sacrifice, and spiritual growth. We start with preparation so that when you get there, you can see Our Lady's image through Saint Juan Diego's eyes! We pray that this pilgrimage will be a **life-changing experience** for you! For information on costs and other details, please visit <https://arealpilgrimageolg.blogspot.com/p/pilgrimage-to-basilica-of-our-lady-of.html>



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

"Knights Notes" :

Please check www.kc4678.com for Calendar of Events.

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

OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon Room (basement)
at 820 Westerly Parkway

Knights Meetings: December:

We will only meet on 2nd Wednesday of December due to Christmas. Our meeting will be Dec. 13.

Hope to see you there!

Blood Donations: December 12, OLV Activities Center,
12:30pm to 6:00pm. Check: redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801

Knights Dad Joke:

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday? "It's Christmas, Eve."

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

7th Annual Catholic Conference for Women

FEBRUARY 17, 2024 | 9AM TO 4PM

MASS FOLLOWED BY CONFERENCE

\$30 ADMISSION (INCLUDES LUNCH)



Featuring Speaker & Author
Johnnette Williams
EWTN TV & Radio Host and
President and Founder of
Women of Grace ®

*Our Lady of Victory
Catholic Church
820 Westerly Parkway
State College, PA 16801*

**ALSO - FREE PARISH-WIDE EVENT
EVENING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2024
STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 6:30 PM
TALK BY JOHNNETTE WILLIAMS | 7-8 PM**

To register, please use the QR
code.



Women of Grace® Study

Program – Update: We have started our Monday afternoon from noon to 2:00pm in the

OLV Activities Center and we have added an evening class that started Wednesday, Nov. 29, that will end on February 7, right before Ash Wednesday and Johnnette is here to speak to the Parish. If you are still interested in the evening W.O.G. class, please contact Karen Kearney as soon as possible at kearneyt1@comcast.net or call 814-883-4588, so she can get the materials that you will need. We will transform the world one woman at a time. Join us and see who God created you "For Such A Time as This". God needs YOU!

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

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Program: Again this year the Knights of Columbus will be awarding 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 12th 2023. The Knights are also awarding \$1000 grants to children of Knights members in Catholic school grades 1-12. To receive a grant or scholarship application, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact Jason Foytack at 814-360-6799 or email jasonfoytack@gmail.com.

Oplatki is available in the Gathering Space.



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias 2023 - Donations for poinsettias in memory of loved ones can be made during this Advent season by filling out the form below and dropping it off in the mail slot or the collection basket. Memorials will be published in the bulletin after the holidays.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: _____