



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 NO MASS

See inside for Christmas

Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
6:30pm NO MASS

Fri.: 8:00am NO MASS
9:00am NO 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



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

December 21 & 22, 2024
4th Sunday of Advent



Our Jubilee Tent will be
opened next weekend
December 28/29.



The Mass Schedule
for Christmas can
be found inside.

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

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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. Not on 12/26.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am Mass with Reposition at 8:00pm. (No Adoration 12/24 & 12/26)

Collections: Dec. 8: Envelopes \$22,407.00; Loose \$2,012.00; Online Giving \$1,850.00; School \$75.00; Maintenance \$237.00; Twin Parish Mission \$180.00; Debt Reduction \$9.00; SVdP \$40.00; Retired Priest Medical \$2,688.00; Immaculate Conception \$2,674.00; Donuts \$37.00; Candles \$230.00; Total \$32,439.00.

Dec. 15: Bulletin was submitted before collection was counted.

The Marian Gift Shop in the OLV Activities Center will be closed December 23 through January 11. Please contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446 or rose@marboe.com if you need something from the store during that time.

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.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, December 23

8:00am - † Terry Roof by Margaret & Gareth

Tuesday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

8:00am - NO MASS

4:00pm - † Ryan Russell by
The Russell Family

6:30pm - † Stuart Wright by
The Yonushonis Family

9:00pm - † Gustavo A. & Mary S. Bottega
& Connie Randolph by Mr. & Mrs.
Maurice Berger

(No Adoration.)

Wednesday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

7:30am - † Charles Schneider by wife,
Laura

9:30am - † Beverly English by husband,
Frank

Thursday, December 26

8:00am - Communion Service

6:30pm - NO MASS

(No Confessions nor Adoration)

Friday, December 27

8:00am - Communion Service

Saturday, December 28

9:00am - † Betty Tornatore by Fred &
Marie Diserod

5:00pm - † Mary Ann Weakland by Mike &
Judy

Sunday, December 29

7:30am - † Roberto Fajardo by The Fajardo
Family

9:30am - † Dick Hauser by Dennis & Carol
Marince

11:30am - † Robert Davis by The Family

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



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.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm Mass in the Church (NO MASS IN SCHOOL GYM)

6:30pm Children's Nativity & Mass in the Church

9:00pm Mass in the Church

Carols before Mass at 8:15pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

7:30am & 9:30am NO 11:30am Mass



**Feast of Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday, December 31 - 6:30pm

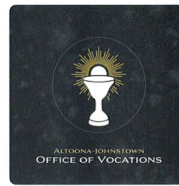
Wednesday, January 1 - 9:00am



Prayer Partner: Parishioners 50+ are encouraged to take one First Communion profile in the baptistery and pray for them during the time leading up to their First Communion in May. While not required, you

may give them a small gift for this special event in their life and leave it in the parish office.

Adult Catechesis: If you have not attended Adult Catechesis yet, the New Year is a great time to start. We will be starting a new program, Symbolon, on January 5. Adult Catechesis meets in the Activities Center Assembly Room on Sundays from 10:35-11:15. You are welcome to drop in any Sunday with no commitment.



Vocations Corner

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is starting a new initiative to increase vocations within our diocese. Currently, we do not have a single seminarian in formation in our diocese. With an aging priest population, we must act now to increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will be starting a series of events to foster vocations within our own Parish at OLV. These include:

Vocations Awareness Supper: The entire parish is welcome to attend a Vocations Awareness Supper on Sunday, January 12 from 6-8pm. The dinner is free to attend. We just ask that you sign up in the back of church on the sign-up sheet by January 5th so that we can purchase enough food. We will have a talk about vocations from the Diocesan Vocations Director Father Peter Crowe and a panel of experts to ask questions about vocations. Families are encouraged to attend. This will be an informal evening, and we would love to see all of the children!

Traveling Chalice and Good Shepherd Statue: We are asking parishioners to sign up for a week of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. To help remind you of this, you can sign up to take home a Good Shepherd Statue and Chalice to create a small altar in your home. We will supply a bag to transport the statue and chalice and prayers to be said throughout the week. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. You can take the statue home on Sunday after your normal Mass time and we ask that you return it by 4:00pm the following Saturday.

Vocations Youth Night: We invite young men in Grades 6-12 to attend a Vocations Youth Night on Thursday, February 6 starting at 5:30pm with Mass. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. We will have several priests to talk about vocations and finish up the evening with Adoration and Benediction at 8:00pm. More details on how to sign up for this event to follow.

Crochet Class: There will be NO crochet classes during December, but we will start meeting again on the first Monday in January (Jan 6th) at 6:30pm in the Activities Center Library and ongoing on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. See you then!



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.



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.

End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving 2024

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: The store will be closed from Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1. Please have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

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, (the store is closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1) and speak to the Day Manager if you would like more information about volunteering.

The November 2024 Report of Assistance for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40. In November, the Our Lady of Victory Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul received 98 requests and directly assisted 171 individuals, including 123 adults and 48 children. We helped 33 households secure or maintain housing and provided utility assistance for 16 other households. We provided transportation assistance for 20 others and helped with the personal/physical needs of 27 others. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists Centre County residents with basic needs on a case-by-case basis. Your support allows us to accomplish the work that God has given us to do. New Volunteers and Vincentians are always welcome. Call (814) 867-3131 for more information.



Bishop Mark to Open Jubilee 2025 Celebration with Special Mass

With the theme Pilgrims of Hope, the Catholic Church universal is poised to begin its observance of the Jubilee Year 2025 – a celebration that occurs every quarter century – on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. The Holy Father decreed that Masses should be celebrated at Cathedrals around the world on Sunday, December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family, as a solemn opening of the Jubilee Year on the local levels. Here in Altoona-Johnstown, Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass on that day at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are invited to attend.

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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on Sunday, December 22 & 29.

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, January 12**, 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**



The CCD program is in need of more **guest teachers**. Even if you can only help once in awhile, that would take the pressure off our regular guest teachers. Please contact directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com and let us know if you are willing to serve as a guest teacher or guest aide. Both are needed.



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

Rehearsal: Sunday, December 22, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Our Lady of Victory Church. Performers **MUST** attend the rehearsal to participate.



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



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.



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**, following the 8:00am and ends with Reposition at 8:00pm. Note: There is no Adoration on December 24 or December 26. 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!!

Job Opening: Good Shepherd Church in Port Matilda, PA has an immediate need for a Facility Manager. This position will be Flex Time averaging 30 hours per week and is benefits-eligible. The schedule will include some early morning, evening and weekend time, based on specific needs. The Facility Manager oversees and guarantees the safety and functionality of the facility. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact the Parish Office at 814-238-2110 or email [jkovacik@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jkovacic@dioceseaj.org).



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

Enjoy special programming beginning on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm continuing throughout the octave season. God Bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution to support our spiritual work of mercy.

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 this Christmas.



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.



Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Love

The fourth Advent candle symbolizes Love. Our renewed sense of hope that accompanies the Jubilee Year results in a commitment to love one another. The Jubilee Year offers the opportunity to be “ambassadors of hope” through loving service. Join in the efforts to serve the poor offered by your parish. See what outreach ministries such as Catholic Charities has to offer. “God so loved the world that he sent his only Son,” share that love in return.



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

"Knights Notes" :

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

Council Meetings- Only 4th Wednesday in January,

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 - Meetings during the Holidays:

Meetings during the holidays will ONLY be Jan. 22.

Knights - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes: " The most important part of Christmas are the first six letters."

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.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **BOALSBURG Apothecary**, 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.



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: _____

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.

Formed.org: Watch: The Story of the Nativity: The truth of Christmas from the Old Testament to the birth of our Savior.

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.

Zoom Rosary: All parishioners, and especially those who are homebound, are invited to join a Zoom rosary group. We meet remotely via Zoom at 4:00pm every Sunday to pray the rosary, and we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet also about once per month. Please contact Roseanne McManus at RMCManus1@yahoo.com for the Zoom link or with any questions.

Hearing Assist Boxes are available in the Sacristy.

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 olvwvwp1@gmail.com or call Jane Knappenberger at (925) 708-0126.