



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.

Immaculate Conception

Thu. 6:30pm Mass Vigil

Fri.: 8:00am Mass

10:00am School Mass

Sat. 9:00am Mass

5:00pm 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
Dec. 7.)

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 2 & 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent



**Friday, December 8 is Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Mass times are Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30pm (Vigil) and on
Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:00am and 10:00am (School Mass).**

Office Phone

814-237-7832

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 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
Deacon David Lapinski dclfl@ourladyofvictory.com
Secretary, Betty Gummo
Secretary, Diane Lapinski
Director of Religious Education, Anne Bord
Director of Development, Chris Kirkpatrick
Director of OCIA, Mary Ann Spychalski
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
(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.



**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.

Nov. 19 Collection: Envelopes \$17,553.00; Loose
\$1,778.00; Online \$1335.58; School \$1,279.00;
Maintenance \$35.00; Twin Parish \$131.00; Candles
\$382.00; Donuts \$58.00; Debt Reduction \$70.00;
Gabriel Project \$100.00; All Saints \$45.00; I.H.S.
\$10.00; SVdP \$1,615.00; Catholic Charities
\$1,244.00. Total \$25,635.58.

Nov. 26: Envelopes \$15,637.00; Loose \$1,730.00;
Online \$3,234.58; School \$182.00; Maintenance
\$41.00; Twin Parish \$101.00; Candles \$147.00;
Donuts \$69.00; Debt Reduction \$220.00; Gabriel
Project \$90.00; SVdP \$603.00; Catholic Charities
\$477.00. Total \$22,531.58.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., December 4

**8:00am - † Ronald M. Tilsner by
Deborah Burwell**

Tues., December 5

**8:00am - † Laura Thorne by Aunt Mary
Adoration ends at 4:00pm.**

Wed., December 6

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

Thurs., December 7

8:00am - Communion Service

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7 (Vigil)

**6:30pm - Ints. Ron Weakland by Sally
Lima**

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

Friday, December 8

**8:00am - † Richard Bord by Karen Bord
10:00am - † Mary Ann Adomnik by
The Szwed Family**

Sat., December 9

**9:00am - † Joseph Bonner by Marie
Bonner**

5:00pm - † John McTaggart by The Family

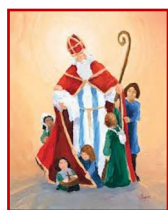
Sun., December 10

**7:30am - † Stanley & Doris Myers by
The Family**

**9:30am - † Mrs. Rothschild by Karen & Joe
Aman & Family**

**11:30am - † Jacqueline Bridges by
Deborah Burwell**

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.



St. Nicholas Party!

All parishioners are invited to attend the St. Nicholas Party on the feast of St. Nicholas, Wed., Dec. 6!

The party will run from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall. Find the SignUp Genius link to sign up for the party on our parish website: <https://www.ourladyofvictory.com/home>.



CDA Holiday Craft & Bake Sale:

Join us for our Holiday Sale!!

Sunday, December 3, 8:30am to 1:30pm in the Activities Center Library only.



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 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.

Baptisms: It is with great joy we welcome Ryder Francis Horn, son of Brian & Melissa, Kevin Patrick Connolly Smith, son of Matthew & Kristen, and Christopher Andrew Swidwa, son of Kenneth & Kathy, to the OLV Parish Family.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Gerald Dodds, who died this past week.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Friday, December 8, and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm, and on Friday, December 8 at 8:00am and 10:00am (School Mass).

Formed.org: Prepare your heart for Christmas with two Advent Series of daily reflections and activities for the whole family. Sign into Formed.org and click on EXPLORE MORE.

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.

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

Also, Lectors & Commentators, please sign in when you read for Mass. The binder is in the Sacristy.



Parish Giving Tree: The Parish Giving Tree is in the Gathering Space decorated with 500 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. Please turn your gifts in by the end of Sunday, December 10 so that we may deliver them that week. Through your generosity this Christmas season, we hope to help 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 Pam Scott, 814-360-3214.



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



OLV Catholic School

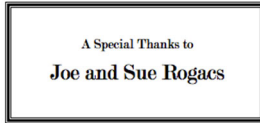
Give Your Child A Complete Education

(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.





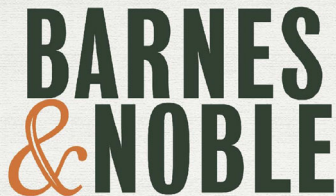
OLV Preschool: Please visit our website <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/domain/173> for program and registration information.

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.

 **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!



12/9 Saint Joe's Second Annual Frosty Fest: Join us on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 12:00-5:00 PM in the Student Life Center at SJCA for our second annual Frosty Fest. This event is for the whole family and is open to the community. With crafts and snacks sponsored by a variety of student organizations, it's winter fun for the whole family! This fundraiser will also support the mission of Saint Joe's all year round. \$5 per person includes entry and all attractions: Pictures with Santa, bounce house, face painting, Christmas crafts and games, live music, Hot Cocoa Hut, and more! Food trucks (Idou Coffee and Rebelz Cuisine) will be there to serve lunch and dinner!



with  **Saint Joseph's CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

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



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)

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

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 on **Dec. 10th**. Please check your email for more information on these lessons.

11th Grade Confirmation: Next class. **Sunday, December 10** at 1:15pm. This is for all CCD students, though homeschoolers and SJCA students are welcome to attend.



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, Christmas sweater extravaganza and lots of Christmas decor!** The Thrift Store has “**That Special Gift**” table with fabulous Christmas gifts; there are items in all price levels, including some that cost a little more, which are perfect for that person on your Christmas list who has been with you through thick and thin. Surprise them with a uniquely wonderful gift. There are still a few WONDERFUL large collections of beautiful hand-crocheted and hand-knitted shawls, afghans, hats, dish cloths, potholders, and children's sweaters—perfect for everyone on your gift list; loads of Christmas holiday items; and winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. The Thrift Store has just received an incredible donation of **Pampered Chef** pieces—**NEW** in the original packages. These items, which will be in the Store starting Thursday, December 7th, are sure to make someone's Christmas **Very Merry**. **Penn State fans, the Thrift Store has a treasure trove of vintage Penn State Football game day buttons, dating from 1987 and up to 2008 that make great Christmas Gifts. These will sell quickly, so stop by soon to get yours.** Our store is located at 1300 Benner Pike, open Monday-Saturday, 10:00AM-4:00PM. Come join our SVdP family of volunteers, you will enjoy our camaraderie while working to help those in need in our community. If you can give an hour or two any time during the week, please visit the Thrift Store at 1300 Benner Pike and speak to the Day Manager or leave a message at 814-867-3131.

The October 2023 Report of Assistance for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul “We are here on this earth to accomplish the will of Providence.” These are words from Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In October, the Our Lady of Victory Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul received 105 requests and directly assisted 145 individuals, including 107 adults and 38 children. We helped 22 households secure or maintain housing and provided utility assistance for 16 other households. We provided transportation assistance for 15 others and helped with the personal/physical needs of 40 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.

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.

*****Early Bulletin Submissions for December.** Please send any announcements by the dates listed below.

Bulletin for December 10, due to the office by Monday, December 4.

Bulletin for December 17, due to the office by Friday, December 8.

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

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



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 Thursday, December 7. 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 **P.J.Harrigan's**, 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.

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

Catholic CDs: Have you checked out the CD rack in the back of the Church?



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.

Boy Scout Wreaths will be available for pick up after Masses this weekend. Also, there are still some wreaths available for sale.



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 are adding an evening class starting Wednesday November 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!

Toys for Tots Bins can be found at the entrances of the Church. Please donate a new unwrapped toy by **December 8.**

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: _____