



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 : 1/1-1/6

Mon : 8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.

9:00am Mass

6:30pm Mass

Fri.: 8:00am Mass

6:00pm Holy Hour

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.

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 30 & 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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.olvcatholicschool.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
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Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592
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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.

Dec. 17: Envelopes \$25,333.00; Loose \$2,231.00;
Online \$1,995.58; School \$914.00; Maintenance
\$15.00; Twin Parish \$35.00; Candles \$253.00;
Donuts \$53.00; Debt Reduction \$304.00; Gabriel
Project \$800.00; SVdP \$50.00; Retirement for
Religious \$157.00; Immaculate Conception \$91.00;
Christmas Flowers \$1,521.00; Catholic Charities
\$20.00; Total \$33,772.58.

December 24 & Christmas Collections: Bulletin
submitted before the collections were counted.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., January 1

8:00am - † David Churner by Pauline Myers

10:00am - † Anna McGrail by The Family

Tues., January 2

8:00am - Ints. Lee & Carroll Gouty by

Steve & Roberta Milillo

Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wed., January 3

8:00am - † Joan Stangl by Kathy Stabile
& Family

Thurs., January 4

8:00am - Communion Service

9:00am - † Kevin Dare by The Family

6:30pm - † Mem. Mathew Kurian by
Christopher Scott

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

Friday, January 5

8:00am - † Louis Berrena by Laura
Schneider

6:00pm - Eucharistic Holy Hour

Sat., January 6

9:00am - † Jose Antonio Rodriques by
Cespedes Family

5:00pm - † Julia Golonoski by Frank
English

Sun., January 7

7:30am - † Florence Kasubick by Lori &
Stan Serefin

9:30am - Wava Grove by Freda Crummey
& Family

11:30am - † Tammy O'Brien by Yvonne
Wimmer



New Year's: The Church office will be
closed on Monday, January 1 in
observance of New Year's. The office
will reopen for regular hours on Tues-
day, January 2.



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

Sunday, Dec. 31- **No Vigil Mass**

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



MARCH for LIFE

March For Life Bus Trip—

Friday, January 19, 2024
(Space Limited)

Our Lady of Victory is taking reservations for the 2024 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 19. Our pick-up location will be at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA. The cost is Youth 18 and younger \$10; PSU Students and Adults \$15; and Family \$30. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory, (March for Life in memo line), 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. If you would like to attend, please contact the OLV Parish Office to make a reservation. Waivers and payment are due by **January 5**. For any additional questions please call Chris Kirkpatrick, OLV Office at 814-237-7832 or email chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com. The Penn State Students for Life have been invited to carry the Banner and lead the March for Life this year. Hopefully we will all be able to follow them at the front of the March.

Exodus 90: Men of OLV: It's time to start ruling our passions. Our culture today has no shortage of "modern Pharaohs" that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these Pharaohs, who can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life. It's a way out. We start January 1, 2024.

Find out more at MenofExodus.com or email Chris Smith at cssmith2@gmail.com.

The Marian Gift Shop is open on Sundays, 10:00am to 11:30am, however the Gift Shop will be closed on Sunday, December 31. To schedule an appointment for another time, please call Lesa at 814-237-7832 and leave a message.

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



Mark Your Calendars for the next First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour:

Friday, January 5, 6:00pm to 7:00pm in OLV Church. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00pm with private adoration and some musical meditation, followed by Evening prayer and Benediction.

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.



Jesus and the EUCHARIST

A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Monday evenings at 7PM
Gardiner Social Hall
February 5 – March 18



Refreshments will be served. Make this part of your Lenten spiritual journey!



eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist



OLV Catholic School

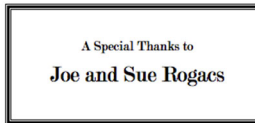
**Give Your Child A
Complete Education**

(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.



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.

SAINT JOSEPH'S BASKETBALL CLINIC

SATURDAYS IN JANUARY, 9 - 10AM

- Boys in Grades 1 - 6
- Improve Skills
- Gain Confidence
- Have Fun

ONLY \$35
FOR FOUR SESSIONS
IF REGISTERED BY DEC. 31



REGISTER AT WWW.STJOEACAD.ORG

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. Takes place **All Saturdays in January** (Jan 6, 13, 20, and 27), **9am to 10:00am** in the SJCA gymnasium. **Only \$35 if signed up by December 31.** More info and registration at <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/boys-basketball-clinic/>



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Saint Joe's is now enrolling for Fall 2024 - To schedule a tour, Meet and Greet with students and faculty, find out more about the affordability of tuition, and to see Saint Joe's "in action," please email Principal Anna Rupprecht at arupprecht@sjcacademy.org.

Turn your personal or business PA. Income Taxes into OLV Scholarships: WE NEED YOUR HELP: Many families and their children need tuition assistance to attend Our Lady of Victory Catholic Preschool thru Middle School. *Individuals/households* with an annual income of \$115,000 or PA personal income tax liability of \$3,500+ annually qualify to participate in the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program**. *Businesses* that qualify to get their taxes back are C-Corporations and owners of Subchapter S-Corporations, LLCs, LPs, LLPs and Partnerships. If you are in the position to help by directing your PA Income tax through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit EITC program to OLV please contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832 ext. 404.

Religious Education News (CCD)

CCD Christmas Break: There will be no CCD on December 31 due to the Christmas break. Classes resume on Sunday, January 7.

11th Grade Confirmation: The next class is January 7 at 1:15pm.



OLV Youth Groups will not meet on January 2.

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) - Starting in January, the HS Youth Group will meet on Thursdays 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: Happy New Year from SVdP! After a break for the holidays, the Thrift Store reopens Tuesday, January 2nd. Come and shop with us and save on these great deals:

- Feature #1: Large inventory of **Vera Bradley** handbags and accessories
- Feature #2: **Ski apparel** and accessories

- Also available: Wide selection of **winter coats/vests** in leather, suede, fur and more, plus scarves, hats and gloves

- All **Christmas** apparel and décor now **50% off**

Here's a great idea for a New Year's resolution—volunteer at our Thrift Store! You'll not only be serving our Lord by helping those in need, but you will also truly enjoy working with our Family of Volunteers. We especially need folks to accept donations—an easy and interesting job. If you can give a couple of hours a week, stop by at 1300 Benner Pike and speak to the Day Manager. The Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday 10 AM-4 PM.

Formed.org: Watch "The Birth of the Messiah: Mary and the Mystery of Christmas" with Dr. Brant Pitre.

To sign up for Formed, go to [Formed.org/signup](https://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.



Gospel Meditation: - December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too. - Father John Muir



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 and help support our CCD students!



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. 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.

State College Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer Route Drivers as we have had added routes with the increased community need. If you have your own car and are able to deliver meals to homebound clients any weekday between 10:30 and Noon please apply through our website by hitting the "Volunteer" tab: SCMOW.2stayconnected.com or call Bobbie Salvaterra at 814-441-7618. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **MID-STATE Orthodontics** 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.

Respect for Life Prayer Service and Walk will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14 at noon at St. Matthew's, Tyrone. Prayer service is at noon, followed by 1.25 walk to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe. A luncheon will be served after the March. For more information, contact Jack Wagner at jjwagner@gmail.com.



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.



Make a New Year's resolution to tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM!

We once again extend our gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, Father O'Hanlon Council #4678, as well as our other sustaining donors. Offer a prayer for the mission of Knights whenever you hear a sacred music selection. Just as importantly, please pray for our local priests and deacons, and Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy during their top-of-the-hour station ID's. 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. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout the winter.

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" :

Thank you to all who have supported the Knights throughout this year. We've had a successful dinner for Fr. Antony's parish providing them with over \$6k and more recently the Gabriel Project received over \$7k with your gifts. The Keep Christ in Christmas posters contest was a success with over 80 students participating. For 2024 there will be a breakfast on Jan 7th in Bellefonte for Fr. Ralph's Holy Name of Mary Academy. While in February we will have a spaghetti dinner supporting Catholic Education here in State College. If you are interested in helping us, we'd love to have you as a Brother Knight – please become a member in 2024 for more info please email: info@kc4678.com. On the web: K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

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

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

Blood Donations: Check: redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801

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

Baby Bottle Campaign Recap: The Father O'Hanlon council of the Knights of Columbus thanks everyone who participated in the Gabriel Project Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donations totaled \$7,892! The council also made a donation to bring the total raised for the Gabriel Project to \$8,892! Your generosity and prayers will help many babies and mothers in need.



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!



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
WELCOMES



*Johnnette
Williams*

SPEAKER, AUTHOR &
EWTN HOST

Friday, Feb. 16, 2024

Stations of the Cross - 6:30 pm

Parish-Wide Talk

(Free of charge)

7:00 - 8:00 pm

*Concluding with Confession
& Adoration*

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024

Catholic Women's Conference

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mass followed by Conference

Registration: \$30

*Includes a light breakfast
& lunch*



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MELANIE.YONUSHONIS@GMAIL.COM

[HTTPS://FBAGWVH.PAPERFORM.CO](https://fbagwvh.paperform.co)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

WALK-INS WELCOME!



Benefit Breakfast: There will be a breakfast benefitting Fr. Ralph Mensah's Holy Name of Mary Academy in Ghana on Sunday, January 7 from 8:30am-Noon. It will be held at St. John's Catholic School, 116 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte and the cost is \$10 for dine-in or carry out. The menu includes: Cheesy scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, bacon, toast, and water, juice and coffee. This is a joint venture between the Bellefonte and State College Knights. Fr. Ralph will be present and he'll share how our support continues to change lives.

Healing Mass: There will be a healing Mass at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg, PA on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00pm. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm.

Food Bank Sunday is January 7. Items needed are Ready to serve soups (Progreso, Campbell's CHUNKY, etc.), tomato product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.), canned fruit, snack items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars). Gluten-free items, ground coffee, condiments, oil (canola, olive, vegetable). Non-food items: laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, liquid hand soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, bar soap, and body wash. We do NOT NEED baby food.