



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

Holy Day Times - see inside

Weekday Masses:

Mon.: 8:00am
Tues.: 8:00am
Wed: 8:00am
Thur.: 8:00am, 6:30pm
Friday: 8:00am,
9:00am (School Mass)
Saturday: 9:00am

Confessions -see inside

Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place after 8:00am Mass
Tuesdays until 4:00pm (Midnight on 11/30) and
Thursdays until 8:00pm with Reposition.

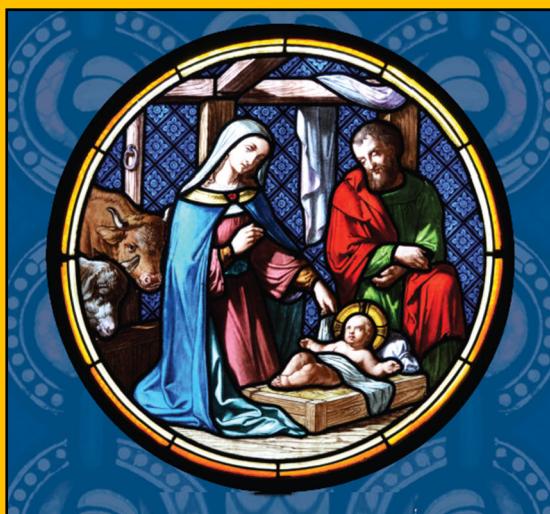
The Church is open Monday through Sunday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

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.

You are now able to give to School, Maintenance and Twin Parish Mission online.

December 4 & 5, 2021
Second Sunday in Advent



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

POSTER CONTEST



Knights of
Columbus®

Fr. Byron O'Hanlon Council 4678
State College, Pennsylvania

FAITH IN ACTION

FAMILY

Deadline to enter is December 16. Entries may be dropped off at the OLVCS Office, The OLV Church Office, or in the bin at the OLV Activities Center, adjacent to the Gift Shop doors.

Open to children ages 5-14. They will be judged in age groups 5-7, 8-10, 11-14 (age as of November 1, 2021)

Poster must reflect the theme Keep Christ in Christmas and be 11 by 17 in size.

Please visit kc4678.com/keep-christ-in-christmas for entry form and more information.

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

Mass Broadcast - The Sunday 9:30am Mass is broadcast on ESPN Radio, 1450 AM and 103.7 FM. Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus Father O'Hanlon Council 4678.

Parish Staff - 237-7832

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Michael Pleva mpleva@dioceseaj.org
Deacon David Lapinski dcfl@ourladyofvictory.com
Secretary, Betty Gummo
Secretary, Diane Lapinski
Interim Director of Religious Education, Anne Bord
Director of Development, Chris Kirkpatrick
Directors of RCIA, M. A. Spychalski & Bill Hanelly
Director of Music, Joe Malafarina
Interim Principal, Jim Hoy - 238-1592
Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - 238-6616

Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30-Noon, 1-4pm
(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 at 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays and Thursdays following 8:00am Mass. Tuesdays with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays 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.

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Activities Center.

Nov. 21 Collection: Envelope \$21,622.35; Loose \$1,899.00; Online \$2,039.70; School \$496.00; Maintenance \$25.00; Twin Parish \$25.00; Candles \$280.00; Donuts \$96.00; SVdP \$466.00; All Saints \$12.00; Gabriel Project \$505.00; Debt Reduction \$51.00; Catholic Charities \$1,386.00. Total \$28,903.05.

Nov. 28 Collection: \$15,041.00; Loose \$1,420.00. Online \$697.70. Total \$17,158.70.

Marian Gift Shop is open Sundays from 10:00am to noon. To schedule an appointment for another time, please call Lesa at 814-237-7832 and leave a message. **Volunteers** are needed to help our gift shop stay open. Please contact Lesa at 814-237-7832 if you would like to help.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., Dec. 6 Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

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

Tue., Dec. 7 Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

8:00am - Ints. Dan & Lisa Regan by Mary E. Regan
*Adoration ends at 6:30pm with Reposition
No confessions.*

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Tuesday, December 7

6:30pm Vigil Mass- †Faye Rhodes by Nancy Ronan

Wed., December 8

8:00am - Ints. Society of SVdP

10:00am (School Mass) - † Jonathan Lopez by Jennifer Lopez-Caro

Thurs., Dec. 9 Is 44:1:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

8:00am - Communion Service

Confessions 5:30pm to 6:00pm

Adoration ends at 8:00pm

6:30pm - † Ian Kirkpatrick by Jack & Kathy Hershbine.

Friday, Dec. 10 Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

8:00am † Charles & Theresa Pagano by Marie Bonner

Sat., Dec. 11 Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 1i7-9a,10-13

9:00am - Ints. All Priests

9:30am - 10:00am Confessions

5:00pm - † John Vendetti by Theresa & Family

Sun., Dec. 12 Zep 3:14-18a/Phil4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

7:30am - † Julia Dodds by Husband

9:30am - † Frank Machi by Karen Bord

11:30am - † Beverly English by Frank English

Donut Ministry Volunteers Needed: Are you looking for an easy and fun way to serve the parish community? Consider volunteering to help with the donut ministry. Responsibilities include periodically picking up the donuts and/or clean up. This is a great activity to do as a family! It's also an enjoyable way to help while your children attend CCD. For more details, please email Mary Spak at maryspak@gmail.com.

New Lector Workbooks are available in the Sacristy. Lectors are asked to stop by and pick one up for the new liturgical year. Please sign your name when you take one.

Announcement From Fr. George

The Bishop has assigned our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Mike Pleva, to be the Administrator of SS. Peter and Paul in Philipsburg starting after Thanksgiving. Fr. Mike is a gifted young man, and it is a testimony to his talent that he would receive such an assignment at a young age. We will not be losing him altogether, as he will still maintain a presence at OLV. However, he will be making SS Peter and Paul his first priority.

Because of this change, we will have to make some adjustments to the schedule:

- We will no longer have 7AM Mass Monday and Wednesday
- We will no longer have Tuesday night 6:30PM Mass and Confessions.
- Also, on Tuesdays, Adoration will end at 4PM.

We will be gaining some help from a priest who is living in State College, Fr. Callistus Ojike (SMMM). Fr. Callistus is in our country studying Law at Penn State. He will be helping as much as he can in addition to his full time studies. I am sure he will love the people here at OLV.

Advent Events:

Parish Penance Service, Monday Dec 13 at 6PM in the Church.

There will be a variety of local priests to facilitate a large group.

Please note - This is a "no-frills" event. Come at 6PM, and we will commence with the sacrament of reconciliation!

Kids Christmas Party- Open to whole parish. Sat Dec 18, from 6-7 PM in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.

This event **replaces** CCD the next day. No CCD Class Dec. 19. Parents can stay! We will decorate a kid's tree for the Church, sing and eat, and wait for Santa!

 **C. D. A. Craft and Bake Sale** will take place after 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 4, and on Sunday, Dec. 5, 8:30am to 1:30pm, OLV crafts, toys and bake sale will be available.

Oplatki is available in the Gathering Space of the Church. Donation envelopes are available if you wish to give a donation.

Fr. Brian Saylor to lead OLV In the Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage:

Our Lady of Victory IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL GREECE AND THE GREEK ISLES PILGRIMAGE: Eleven Days: May 24 – June 3, 2022, including 3-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. Visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki. \$4099 air/land tour price from New York.

For brochures with full details, contact Chris Kirkpatrick, Director of Development, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 814-237-7832 ext. 404 or email chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com.



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 8:00pm. Just show up and join us! If you have any questions, contact Music Director Joe Malfarina at the OLV Office 814-237-7832, x 423 or email joem@ourladyofvictory.com.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic Adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring His divine image." - Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays**, 8:30am and ending with Reposition at 4pm and **Thursdays**, 8:30am and ending 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 email Janine at Janine.surovec@gmail.com to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.

Attention Men of the Parish! Young or old:

Exodus 90 talk/social: All are invited to an inspirational talk and fellowship social or "tailgate" on Monday Dec 20th from 7-8:30 PM. It will take place in the social hall. This is presented by a group promoting "Exodus 90", a plan to deepen men's spirituality in the parish. Please come and hear about it. The program will start after the new year. Fathers - bring your sons. This is a great event to get you ready for Christmas!

Catholic CDs: CDs have been restocked and are available at the display in the Gathering Space.

Queen of Peace Rosary Makers meets on the second Tuesday of the month after the 8:00am Mass in the Library of the Activities Center. For more information, call 814-238-8782.



Give Your Child A Complete Education

OLV Catholic School



(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 or email kolarikc@olvcs.org to schedule a tour. Apply online at www.olvcatholicschool.org.

OLV Preschool Open Enrollment: Check out our wonderful preschool age programs at <https://www.olvcatholicschool.org/>

Call 814.238.6616 or reach out to Jen Rogan at roganj@olvcs.org
if you have questions regarding registration.

Watch the Our Lady of Victory Catholic School Facebook Page for weekly happenings.

Our Lady of Victory Kindergarten Information Night!: Tuesday, December 7 from 5-6PM at OLVCS.

Meet our teachers, learn about our program and see first hand what makes our school so special.

Please register from our website, www.olvcatholicschool.org or email kolarikc@olvcs.org or call 814-883-8615.

Hope to see you there! If you are unable to attend and would like a tour, [email kolarikc@olvcs.org](mailto:kolarikc@olvcs.org).



OLVCS Middle School students will assemble care packages for **A Soldier's Hands**, a nonprofit organization that sends care packages to our soldiers deployed. The mission of A Soldier's Hands is to send hand care products inside a care package to every single serviceman and woman who is deployed defending our freedom.

OLVCS is collecting the following items in support of A Soldier's Hands: Tissue, curling ribbon, Handmade Cards of thanks to include in the packages, Retired American Flags - each care package includes a star from a retired American Flag, Candy (Great use for your leftover Halloween Candy! Hard candy is preferred), Monetary donation to help cover the cost of shipping. Currently, A Soldier's Hands is working to create 50,000 care packages to send to our troops stationed in Germany. Donations can be dropped off at the OLVCS office until December 21. Also, if you have a friend or family member currently stationed overseas in the military, please let us know. Thank you for your support.



Immediate Opening for Part-Time Biology Teacher at Saint Joseph's. Join the welcoming faculty and students at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy as a part-time Biology Teacher. To learn more contact Ms. Jennifer Mallett at jmallett@sjcademy.org or 814-808-6118. Submit your online application now at the Diocese Office of Education website at <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment/>

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Celebrates 10 Years! As we look forward to our next 10, 25 and even 50 years, we will remain grounded in our pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership and service – the timeless values that students of today require for future success! If you would like to learn more about what Saint Joseph's has to offer, please contact Head of School, Ms. Jennifer Mallett at jmallett@stjoeacad.org

Formed Pick of the Week: Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message. As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas, December 12, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mary's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

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

Fr. Mike Pleva to lead OLV Alpine Europe/Passion Play Pilgrimage...Deadline has been extended!

Our Lady of Victory ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE FEATURING THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU: 11 Days: September 7 – 17, 2022. Visiting Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Altötting, Marktl Am Inn, Munich and Rothenburg. \$4199 air/land tour price from New York.

After the 2022 Passion Play performances, the Passion will not be performed again until 2030. Don't miss out!!! Tickets are limited, so reserve your space as soon as possible.

For brochures with full details, contact Chris Kirkpatrick, Director of Development, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 814-237-7832 ext. 404 or email chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com. **SPACE IS LIMITED-SIGN UP TODAY!!**

Religious Education News (CCD)

 **Religious Education Registration** for 2021-2022 is now available at the following link: <https://olv2021registration.paperform.co>. We look forward to seeing everyone in person this Fall. Classes for grades K-10 have begun. They take place on Sundays, 10:30am to 11:20am. See below for information on 11th grade religious education.

Update: Face Masks are mandatory for Religious Education classes. If any parent would like to homeschool their child for Religious Education, they may contact Anne Bord at borda@olvcs.org to update enrollment information or select "homeschool" when registering.

11th Grade Confirmation Class: There are **NO** CCD Classes on December 5 and December 12. These classes will be rescheduled after the holidays. The next regular class is on January 9. The next mandatory class is January 23.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group (Gr. 6-8) & Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) will not meet until the new year.



Our Parish Giving Tree is back for 2021. The generous spirit of Our Lady of Victory parishioners supported our community in an extraordinary way last Christmas, by providing gift cards to several hundred community members. This year, the tree is back with over six hundred gift requests. The use of gift cards was so appreciated last year for the ability of recipients to obtain special items as well as necessities, that you will find many of our tree requests this year are for gift cards. However, there are also many requests for specific items. If you decide to participate, take an ornament (or 2) off of the tree and purchase the gift request. If you purchase a gift card, you need to put the gift card in an envelope, in a Christmas card or one of the sleeves provided by the various stores. Be sure to firmly attach the ornament with the request on the gift card envelope or on the wrapped gift. You can never use too much tape! The ornament is used to help the gift find its way to the recipient. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY GIFT CARDS UNDER THE TREE ON A WEEKDAY or on a weekend if the bins are 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. Wrapped gifts can be left under the tree before or after the weekend Masses only. There will be 5 plastic bins with the identifying ornament tags under the tree next weekend, December 11, 12, specifically for gift cards. Please place your gift card in the bin that matches your ornament. Other wrapped gifts that are not gift cards, may be left under the tree. We hope to deliver the gifts to the various agencies the week after December 12. Sharing your heart and generosity this year, we hope to help Housing Transitions, St. Vincent de Paul, Strawberry Fields, The Arc of Centre County, Out of the Cold, Hearthsides and other families who could use our support. May God bless you for your kindness. If you have any questions, contact Mary Hershey, 814-441-2511 or Pam Scott, 814-360-3214.

Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store can help you celebrate Christmas with amazing decorations at rock bottom prices—plus we have a wide variety of items in excellent condition or new that would be great gifts for everyone on your list. We even have some higher priced items—like two fabulous fur coats, a sculpture valued at \$750, and antique microbead evening bag that sold on eBay for \$2,500, and more—all available at a fraction of their value. The members of the Society and our volunteers are so grateful for those of you who shop at the Thrift Store and all of you who give us the incredible donations that support our mission to help our friends in need in the community.

Since the Thrift Store is staffed entirely by volunteers, all proceeds go to help those in need in our community. We are currently very much in need of 1)donations volunteers for Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 1:00pm-4:00pm, and Wednesday mornings, 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please call even if you can only give an hour or two at a time. To join our Family of Volunteers, call 814-867-3131 and leave a message for the store manager, or stop by the store during open hours (Monday-Saturday 10 AM-4 PM) and speak with the day manager on duty.

Food Banks Need Your Help: The local food banks need more donations than ever this Christmas. There is a box under the steps near the Children's Chapel. Please be generous!

#iGiveCatholic - To date, the total donated is \$13,080 with 54 donors. Thank you and God Bless to all who participated in #iGiveCatholic.

OLV Christmas Schedule

Confession Schedule:

Penance Service, Monday, December 13 at 6:00pm

Saturday, December 18 at 9:30am

Thursday, December 23 at 5:30pm **"Last Chance for confessions!"**

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24

4:00 PM Mass in the School Gym and the Church

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

9:00 PM Mass in the Church

(carols before Mass at 8:30 PM)

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25

7:30 AM & 9:30 AM (NO 5:00PM Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 25 – NO Vigil Mass at 5 PM

Sunday, December 26 at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary – New Year's Masses

Friday, December 31 at 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Saturday, January 1 at 9:00 AM

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1 at 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 2 at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **Kevin P. Labosky, D.M.D.**, this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services.

Are you interested in advertising in the OLV Bulletin? Check out the local businesses that advertise in our bulletin. If you wish to advertise your business, contact Cindy Schaefer at J.S. Paluch at 1-800-945-6629 or schaeferc@jspaluch.com.



THE
GABRIEL
PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life Movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. Its goal is to help pregnant women with all their practical needs, as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. If you are in need of the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511.

So far this year Gabriel Project has assisted 46 mothers and their babies. The Gabriel Project has from 6-12 diaper pickups per week. Donations of newborn clothing (especially boys in sizes 0-3 months) and newborn sizes in diapers (newborn and size 1), onesies, etc., are especially needed. Items can be placed in the wooden bin in the back of the Church, marked Gabriel Project. Checks can be made payable to Our Lady of Victory, and put Gabriel Project on the subject line. Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs or car seats. Thank you very much for your support for these families, especially with prayer.

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM during this Advent! The WAOB family of stations offers special programming and Advent 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 2022 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.

Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle - *NO MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 DUE TO VIGIL MASS AT 6:30 PM
Do you have a special devotion to Mary and the Rosary? Are you interested in learning about how you can bring extraordinary graces to the world through her Immaculate Heart? The Flame of Love is a devotion given to us by Mary for our moment in history. Our new prayer cenacle meets on Tuesday evenings for prayer at 6:30 in the Sanctuary, and discussion at 7pm in the Activities Center. We will explore the spiritual diary of Elizabeth Kindleman, the first recipient of the Flame of Love. All are welcome. Please contact Amy Arrowsmith (amy.arrowsmith@gmail.com) if interested. Additional information can be found in the back of the church or at flameoflove.us.



Help us Build our Scholarship Fund... One Brick at a Time!

Give the gift of a Catholic Education.

Our Lady Scholarship Fund is a
needs-based scholarship.



Purchase a Personalized Brick!

- 4" x 8" Brick Paver.....\$100
- 8" x 8" Bluestone Paver.....\$250
- 12" x 12" Bluestone Paver....\$500

Engraved Bricks will be placed in the walkway in front of the school.

Every child is a unique and precious gift from God. With your support, no child will be denied a Catholic education due to financial circumstances.

Our school encourages positive values, a strong sense of community, growth in one's faith, and excellence in academics.

Brick Ideas!

- Celebrate Special Events: Baptism, First Communion, Birthday, Graduation, Wedding & Christmas
- Honor a teacher, student, friend, or family member
- Memorialize a loved one



Personalized Brick Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Select Paver Size

- 4" x 8" Brick, \$100
- 8" x 8" Paver, \$250
- 12" x 12" Paver, \$500

Print Message to be Engraved

Message: Up to 2 lines, 15 characters per line. Spaces count as characters.

4"x8" Line #1 _____

Paver Line #2 _____

Message: Up to 4 lines, 15 characters per line. Spaces count as characters.

8"x8" Line #1 _____

Paver Line #2 _____

Line #3 _____

Line #4 _____

Message: Up to 5 lines, 15 characters per line. Spaces count as characters.

12"x12" Line #1 _____

Paver Line #2 _____

Line #3 _____

Line #4 _____

Line #5 _____

Complete a form for each brick order.

Make checks payable to OLVCS and mail to:

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

800 Westerly Parkway

State College, PA 16801

You may also place your order online at olvcatholicschool.org

Call 814-883-8615 if you have questions.

“Knights Notes”:

Please check www.kc4678.com for Calendar of Events.
Council Meetings - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30pm.
OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall,
820 Westerly Parkway
Knights Programs *“Keep Christ in Christmas”* Poster
Contest: Ages 5-14. More information can be found at:
kc4678.com/keep-christ-in-christmas.

Due December 16.

Questions: programs@kc4678.com

Knights Scholarship & Grants Programs:

Scholarships: Knights children who are Seniors in High School are eligible. State program \$3000 winner in the Diocese. Local Council offers two \$500 scholarships (children or grandchildren) of Local Council Member. Webpage: <https://www.kc4678.com/scholarships>

Grants: PA K of C offer \$1000 grants awarded first come first served - 3rd Degree Knights children in Catholic School (Gr 1-12) for tuition. For information/application, contact Jason Foytack at Jasonfoytack@gmail.com

Knights sponsored - “Into the Breach” - Program on

Catholic masculinity and fatherhood

Men ages 20-50. Wed. nights thru Dec. 15,
7-8:30pm - OLV Activities Center Assembly Room
Please sign up at amazzara@aol.com or call 814-571-2956 for more information

Blood Donations: Check Red Cross site for local opportunities: (<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?Zip=Sponsor=16801>)

Knights Facts:

You have probably thought about becoming a Knight. Why not do it?
Become a Knight—we do great stuff—locally and around the world!
Ask a Knight of Columbus or send an email of inquiry to info@kc4678.com.

We simply want Catholic Men who want to be a part of brotherhood!

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

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

Toys for Tots bins are located at the entrances of the Church. Please donate a new, unwrapped toy.

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Thursday at 8:30am, and 7:15am on Friday, and Saturday, before the 9:00am Mass.



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias 2020 - 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: _____



I. H. S. Wishing Well Bell Ringing -

This year we will be ringing bells at Meyers Dairy on Tuesday, Dec. 14 and Thursday, Dec. 16 from 9am to 8pm. We still have a few openings. Please sign up this weekend in the Gathering Space after Mass.

Bellefonte Knights of Columbus Cash BINGO:

Monday, December 13, at St. John's Catholic School, 116 East Bishop Street Bellefonte. Paying out \$850 each evening. Doors will open to the public for food and Games of Chance at 6PM, and the first BINGO will begin at 7PM. \$20 for 20 Games. Walk-ins welcome! Smoke Free Facility. We will have plenty of homemade baked goods and items for dinner. Benefits the Knights of Columbus.

Conclusion of *Patris corde: With a Father's Heart*

The Special Year of St. Joseph will come to close on December 8, 2021, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for Saint Joseph, this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtue and his zeal. Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God. The saints help all the faithful to “strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life”. Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice. Jesus told us: “Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart (Mt 11:29). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same. We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

Let us now make our prayer to him: Hail Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 8 December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 2020, the eighth of my Pontificate. Franciscus

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, 2020, 6. Dec. 8, 2020; 2021), Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.



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