



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 : See inside

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Mass
6:30pm Mass

Fri.: 8:00am Mass
9:00am Mass

Sat. 9:00am Mass

Confessions—see inside

Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place after
8:00am Mass Tuesday until
4:00pm and Thursday until
8:00pm with Reposition.

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
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Twin Parish
Mission, Debt
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Easter online.

December 7 & 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent



The Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
is celebrated on Monday,
December 9 this year.
It is a Holy Day of
Obligation.

Mass Times are 8:00am,
10:00am (School Mass, &
6:30pm.

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

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org
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Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - (814) 238-6616

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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am Mass with Reposition at 8:00pm.

Collections: Nov. 24: Envelopes \$25,521.80; Loose \$1,910.00; Online \$2,905.00; School; \$285.00; Twin Parish Mission \$75.00; Maintenance \$40.00; Debt Reduction \$259.00; Donuts \$77.00; SVdP \$651.00; All Saints \$50.00; Catholic Charities \$151.00. Total \$31,924.30.

Dec. 1: Envelopes \$28,325.30; Loose \$2,541.00; Online \$1,310.00; School; \$72.00; Twin Parish Mission \$256.00; Maintenance \$655.00; Debt Reduction \$73.00; SVdP \$162.00; Catholic Charities \$77.00. Total \$33,471.30.

The Marian Gift Shop in the OLV Activities Center is open Sundays from 10:00-11:15am. Stop in for Advent candles, Advent calendars, and gift items. We have free Advent calendars to color for children. Contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446 or rose@marboe.com to shop other days by appointment.

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 9 Immaculate Conception
8:00am - † Viola Malizia by The Avedesian Family

10:00am (School Mass) - † Theresa Cusatis by The Family

6:30pm - Mary Ann Weakland by Ken & Millie Demaree

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am - † Jeanne Brault by Joe & Sue Rogacs

Adoration ends at 2:00pm.

Wednesday, December 11

8:00am - † Nancy Wasielewski by Kristy Witmer

Thursday, December 12

8:00am - † Gerald Francis Marzen by Chad Gerard Marzen

6:30pm - **NO EVENING MASS**
(Adoration ends at 4:00pm and there are NO confessions).

Friday, December 13

8:00am - † Betty Tornatore by Fred & Marie Diserod

Saturday, December 14

9:00am - † Rosemary Schneider by Kathy & Pat Ward

5:00pm - † Robert Marciniak by Mary Beth & Dan Regan

Sunday, December 15

7:30am - † John Cahir by Kay Machi

9:30am - † Dr. Romeo Lo by Alan, Sandra & Robert Panlilio

11:30am - † Dolores Boehlke by Marty & Sheryl Marcinko



Baptisms: It is with great joy we welcome Rafael Braga Guimares, son of Pedro & Tamara; Olorunferanmi Kajotoni Kinrin, son of Olorunfemi & Chinelo; Gabriella Nicole Ramirez, daughter of Lorenzo & Nicole, and Henry Coleman Wiedemer, son of Michael & Nicole to the OLV Parish Family.



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.



Mass for the Immaculate Conception

will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass times are Monday, Dec. 9 at 8:00am, 10:00am (School Mass) and 6:30pm.



Early Bulletin Submissions:

Please send any announcements for the bulletin by the dates listed below:

Bulletin for December 21 & 22:

Due by Thursday, December 12.

Bulletin for December 27 & 28:

Due Wednesday, December 18.

Bulletin for January 4 & 5:

Due Friday, December 20.



Queen of Peace Rosary Makers meet the second Tuesday of the month (December 10) in the Activities Center

Library after the 8:00am Mass. New members are most welcome! This year the Rosary Makers made over 3,000 mission rosaries and provided free to OLV, India, Central America, Franciscans, Maryland, St Paul's in MI, Cameroon, Blue Army and others. For additional information, please contact Pam Doeblar at 703-896-0071 or Rita Robert at 814-238-2613.



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.

Oplatki is available in the Gathering Space of the Church.



Parish Giving Tree: Thank you for your support for the Parish Giving Tree. Please return your gifts this weekend. If your request was for a gift card, please place it in the envelope on which the ornament is attached and seal the envelope, no other packaging is requested/required for gift cards. Please put all gift cards in the bin that is under the tree. If you have a gift request (not a gift card) and it is in a wrapped package or gift bag, securely attach the gift request ornament to the package with lots of tape. The ornament is the only way we have to identify the recipient. Gifts may be placed under the tree. This can be done before or after Saturday Mass at 5 pm and all three Sunday morning Masses this weekend (December 7/8). If you bring your gift card back during the week or when the office is closed, please put it in the mail slot outside the church office. If you need to bring your gift on a weekday, please leave it in the church office during office hours. If you forgot to bring your gift this weekend, please try to drop it off during the week at the church office as soon as possible. We plan to deliver the gifts before the end of the this week. If you have any questions, please call or text Mary Hershey, 814-441-2511 or Deb Reese, 814-574-6075.



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. 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.

Formed.org: Watch: "What is the Immaculate Conception?" This dogma of the Catholic faith promulgated by Pope Pius IX in 1954 speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to us that at that moment Mary was filled with God's sanctifying grace.

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.

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



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.



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 Adulting" 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.



Local Advent Penance Services:

Sunday, December 8 - St. John the Evangelist, Bellefonte at 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 17 - Good Shepherd Port Matilda at 7:00pm

Friday, December 20 - Our Lady of Victory at 6:00pm (This is the last chance for confessions at OLV before Christmas).

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>.

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, December 8**, 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 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.

Last date to sign up is Friday, December 20.

Living Nativity Cast

Joseph, Mary, Angels, The Three Kings, Shepherds, Sheep, Donkeys

Mass Parts (6th Grade and Older): First Reading * Second Reading * Petition Readers

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



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



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

December Specials!

- 50% off framed wall art
- \$5 Christmas Sweaters. Check out our large selection of Holiday Décor & Apparel.
- Cold weather is here. We have lots of warm Winter Coats, Vests, Blazers & Snow/Ski Apparel.
- Beautiful Leather Coats are featured in our Boutique.
- **Scrapbook BOGO Sale:** All scrapbook supplies now Buy One, Get One Free!
- **That Special Gift:** The Thrift Store has a number of excellent gift items (many brand new) that are featured at prices that are a fraction of retail or even online prices for similar pieces. **Stocking Stuffers** are also included, smaller items perfect for child - or adult stockings.

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, and speak to the Day Manager if you would like more information about volunteering.



Toys for Tots Bins are located at the entrances of the Church. Donate a new, unwrapped toy by Friday, December 13.



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—Note: ends at 2:00pm on Tuesday, Dec. 10), 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. **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!!



Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Peace:

The **second** Advent candle symbolizes peace. The Jubilee Year is meant to be a time of Sabbath rest, reconciliation, and peace. Pope Francis encourages us during this time to be reconciled to God and one another. The Jubilee Year allows us to do this through opportunities for sacramental confession and the gaining of indulgences (“eased purgation from sin”) offered throughout the year. May you come to know the Jubilee “Prince of Peace.”



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 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 during the Advent season.



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.

Join Us for a Fiat Fitness Project Rosary Workout

on Saturday, December 14, at 7:30am in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall. This workout is done while praying the rosary, and each exercise reflects on the mystery we are praying in a unique way, so that your movement corresponds to the moments of Jesus & Mary's lives and offers you a new lens through which you can pray & “offer it up!” The workout will go from 7:30-8:00 am, with a healthy snack & social time to follow, before the 9am mass. No equipment is necessary, but please bring a water bottle! The rosary workout is for all fitness levels, and all are welcome. Please RSVP to Meredith Yonushonis at meredith.yonushonis@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Father O'Hanlon Council #4678

State College Knights of Columbus

"Knights Notes" :

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

Council Meetings- Only 2nd Wed. in Dec., and 4th Wed.

in Jan. 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 Scholarships: Deadline is December 12.

Knights - Meetings during the Holidays:

Meetings during the holidays will ONLY be Dec. 11 & Jan. 22.

Knights - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes: " God didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitos come close."

Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a

Knights 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 **CSI Custom Stone Interiors, Inc.**, 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: _____

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Program: The Knights of Columbus award 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 12, 2024**. The Knights are also awarding \$1000 grants to children of Knights members in Catholic school grades 1-12. Info. and applications can be found at www.kc4678.com/scholarships, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact Jason Foytack at 814-360-6799 or jasonfoytack@gmail.com.

A Great Way to Honor Mary, The Mother of Our Lord as We Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of

Guadalupe: Good Shepherd Parish (867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, Port Matilda, PA 16870) sincerely invites you to join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave us our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and calls us to surrender our lives to Him. The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on Thursday, December 12. It will begin at 4:30pm with the praying of the Holy Rosary, then at 5:00pm the music and singing will be offered by a professional band from Baltimore, MD called "Mariachi Esmeralda". The band will also lead the congregation in singing during the Mass, presided by Bishop Mark, that will begin at 5:30pm. After the celebration of the Eucharist a reception will take place in the Parish (Agape) Hall.

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.