



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am,
11:30am

Weekday:

Mon : 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am 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



Reduction, Christmas &
Easter online.

You are now
able to give to
School,
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Twin Parish
Mission, Debt

January 4 & 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord



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814-237-7832

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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>.

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Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4pm.

Bulletin Notice

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than Monday, 9:00am.

Baptism

Sundays, 1:00pm, with arrangements having been made previously by contacting Diane.

Marriage

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice. Contact Betty, the Secretary.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursdays at 5:30pm - 6:00pm and Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

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: Dec. 22: Envelopes \$25,998.00; Loose \$3,062.00; Online Giving \$2,317.32; School \$193.00; Maintenance \$25.00; Twin Parish Mission \$55.00; Debt Reduction \$515.00; SVdP \$35.00; Retired Priest Medical \$50.00; Immaculate Conception \$136.00; Gabriel Project \$509.00; Christmas Flowers \$682.00; Donuts \$63.00; Candles \$1,190.00; Total \$34,830.32.

Dec. 29: Bulletin was submitted before collection was counted.

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.

Formed.org: Watch: The Epiphany of Our Lord, Year C, Gifts for the King with Edward Sri.

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.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, January 6

8:00am - † Richard Hauser by Steve & Roberta Milillo

Tuesday, January 7

8:00am - † Margaret Segerson Hinkle by Leslie Smith

Adoration ends at 4:00pm

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am - † Judy Holtz by husband, John

Thursday, January 9

8:00am - † Antonio Crespi by Catalina & Andres Cespedes

6:30pm - † Elizabeth & George Straka by John & Donna Casey

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

Friday, January 10

8:00am - † John E. Flynn by wife, Iris

9:00am - † John McQueary by OLVCS Faculty & Staff

Saturday, January 11

9:00am - † Robert Davis by The Family

5:00pm - † Louis Mazza Family by The Family

Sunday, January 12

7:30am - † Nancy Ann Faris by Mary Pat Dolan

9:30am - † Marie Carmine Lieb by Dave & Sharon Lieb & Family

11:30am - † Dolores Boehlke by Steve & Roberta Milillo

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



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.



**March for Life Bus Trip—
Friday, January 24, 2025**

(Space Limited) Our Lady of Victory is now taking reservations for the 2025 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 24. Our pick-up location will be at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870. The donation 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 10th. For any additional questions please call Chris Kirkpatrick, OLV Office at 814-237-7832 or email chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com.

Itinerary:

6:00AM Passengers arrive at Good Shepherd, 867 Grays Woods Blvd., Port Matilda (please park in first parking lot on the right side)

6:30AM – Bus leaves from Good Shepherd Catholic Church (NOTE: On our way down to DC, we will be stopping for a restroom break).

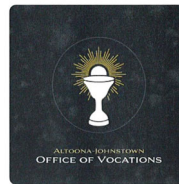
11AM-11:30AM – Arrive at the Washington DC Mall at the Rally location. 12noon Rally begins with speakers. March runs from 1PM-3PM – Route goes from Constitution Ave., up Capitol Hill to Supreme Court. (Buses will park in the RFK Stadium Parking Lot).

3:30-4:30PM – Buses will pick up everyone along JEFFERSON DRIVE between 4th and 7th Street behind the Air and Space Museum. [WE WILL WALK TOGETHER TO MEET BUS]

6:00-7:00PM – Stop at the Valley Mall Food Court for dinner in Hagerstown, MD: 17635 Valley Mall Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740 [Bring money for food.

10:00PM – Return Home to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Port Matilda.

NOTE: Please bring your own Snacks and Water and money for a Bus Driver Tip.



Vocations Corner

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

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

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

Vocations Youth Night on February 6 has been postponed until the Spring.

Sunday Homilies via Cell Phone and Now Online: Most Sundays, an OLV parishioner is recording the homily at the 11:30am Mass and sharing it with parishioners via text messaging. If you or a shut-in, would like to receive these audio recordings via cell-phone, simply text a NAME and a 10-digit CELL NUMBER to (717) 504-1091 to be added to the list of recipients.

To listen online, go to www.ourladyofvictory.com and click on Welcome to OLV, then click on Mass and Confession, and click on Sunday Gospel and Homily underneath it.



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.

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MARCH 1ST

2025

DATE



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7:30

PM
Doors open at 6:30PM

Trivia Night 2025

Mark Your Calendars Now!

OLVCS Trivia Night

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm, and the trivia fun kicks off at 7:30pm

Location: OLVCS School Gym

- Don't miss out on the best night of the year, complete with great food, prizes and of course, trivia!
- Trivia Night benefits OLVCS Extracurricular Programs!
- Ticket details coming soon!
- Let the countdown to trivia excitement begin!



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, contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832 ext. 404.



St. Joseph's Catholic Academy High School is accepting applications. 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.stjoecad.org.



SJCA Pink Out
@SJCAcad



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Saint Joseph Catholic Academy Girls Basketball 1st Annual PINK OUT benefit- ting: The Mount Nittany Health Foundation: January 30, 2025**PINK OUT GAME**SJCA Gym

We are proud to be sponsoring our 1st Annual PINK OUT game and youth clinic where proceeds benefit our Breast Cancer Fund at Mount Nittany Health. We are asking if you will join our team with a monetary donation or a raffle item, in an effort to raise money for the Breast Cancer Fund which supports all breast cancer care services at Mount Nittany Health, including: treatment, educational outreach, equipment, and patient comfort items.

The PINK OUT game will be played Thursday, January 30, 2025, and we plan to pack the gym. Everyone will be in pink!

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 below.

11th Grade Confirmation Class: Next class is **Sunday, January 12**, 1:15pm-2:30pm in the Church.

First Communion Parent Meetings: ALL students making their First Confession and Communion this year (Public, OLVCS & homeschool) need to attend all meetings

- **First Reconciliation Meeting and Retreat** (student & at least one parent), Session Two - **1/12/25** during CCD time, 10:30am-11:20am. **Will be combined on the same day.**
- **First Reconciliation: CCD 1/30/25 @ 7:00pm & OLVCS: 1/31/25 @ 9:00am**



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



Both Middle School and High School Youth groups will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Middle School Youth Group will meet in the Activities Center Library and the High School Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room in the Activities Center Basement. We hope to see you there!

Middle School and High School Youth groups: For any questions, please contact:

Savannah Anez - Middle School Youth Group leader - middleschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com

Francis Baggett - High School Youth Group leader - highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com



Mark your calendars!

Paul J. Kim is coming to OLV on Sunday, February 2!

- **First Talk:** Confirmation is not Graduation from the Catholic Church (in the Church, **students only**), Student Arrival: 4:00pm (at the Church, students only) There will be a dinner for teens only from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner

Social Hall following the first talk.

- **Second Talk:** is open to the public 6:30pm-8:00pm (in the Church - students & any interested adults) - Meant to Live for More

Paul J. Kim is an international Catholic speaker, musician, and comedian. His presentations have impacted people of all ages in 48 states and 16 countries over the past decade, leading them to life-changing encounters with Christ. He's the author of "A Catholic Guide to Adulthood" online course, the founder of the Triumph Men's Conference, he's released two music albums, and his videos have accumulated millions of views. His background includes work as a marriage and family therapist, and religious formation with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. In his free time he enjoys long walks on the beach, talking to strangers in random accents, and Taco Tuesdays. He resides in the Austin, TX area with his beautiful wife & five children.



The Epiphany of the Lord: As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today's Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself, like using a star for the magi. Our Lord speaks to each of us daily, but we must be alert to 'hear' and 'see' Him our lives. To become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us, we must strengthen our spiritual 'senses' by spending time with the Lord in prayer.

When we establish a regular, intentional, time for prayer daily, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the signs He places before us to draw us into a closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays**, 8:30am (and ends with Reposition at 4pm and **Thursdays**, following the 8:00am and ends with Reposition at 8:00pm. 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. Please check out the information on the website at 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!!

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.



Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM in 2025!

We would like to express our gratitude to all of those who supported our ministry in 2024 with recordings, financial contributions, prayers, and listenership.

Donation letters will be sent to our year-end supporters and our sustaining pledge donors by January 31. If you do not receive the summary or require a duplicate from an earlier one-time gift, please contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com. 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.



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.

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



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

"Knights Notes" :

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

Council Meetings- Only 4th Wednesday in January,

7:00pm. OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon

Room (basement) at 820 Westerly Parkway

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

Knights - Meetings during the Holidays:

Meetings during the holidays will ONLY be Jan. 22.

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

Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a

Knight or send an email to info@kc4678.com.

COME AND SEE!

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

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

Baby Bottle Campaign: The Father O'Hanlon Council of the Knights of Columbus thanks everyone who participated in the Gabriel Project Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donations totaled \$7,277! The council also made a donation to bring the total raised for the Gabriel Project to \$8,277! Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated and will help many babies and mothers in need. Praise to God!

Women's Bible Study: Do you desire to grow in your faith while in a supportive community of other women? If so, come join the OLV Women's Bible Study Program! These Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion. Two studies are being offered this year: (1) Opening Your Heart: which applies Biblical teaching to everyday life; (2) The Path of Love: which explores the Stations of the Cross. New participants are always welcome! Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings (via zoom) and Friday mornings in the Activity Center of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church from mid-September through April. Childcare is provided for Friday morning participants. For more information, please email us at olvwwp1@gmail.com or call Jane Knappenberger at (925) 708-0126.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **AD SALES EXECUTIVES** 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

January Specials:

- 50% off framed wall art
- Brand New Work Boots & Footwear at reduced prices.

- Fabulous Furs Blow Out Sale! All Priced to sell! Never underestimate the luxury and warmth of a fur or fake fur coat—conquer the cold of January with a lovely, warm, cuddly coat from the many available at SVdP at incredibly reasonable prices.

- Cold weather here. We have lots of warm Winter Coats, Vests, Blazers & Snow/Ski Apparel.

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.

Queen of Peace Rosary Makers meet the second Tuesday of the month (January 14) after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Activities Center Library. New members are most welcome! In 2024 the Rosary Makers made over 3,500 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 Doeblor at 703-896-0071 or Rita Robert at 814-238-2613.



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Blessed Madonna

#2521 will hold their meeting on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00pm.

Social begins at 6:30pm. We will be making Jared Boxes before the meeting. All women are welcome to attend.

Crochet Class: We will start meet on the first Monday in January (Jan 6th) at 6:30pm in the Activities Center Library and ongoing on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. See you then!

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

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.