



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 :1/8-1/13

Mon : 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.

9:00am Mass

6:30pm Mass

Fri.: 8:00am Mass

Sat. 9:00am Funeral Mass
for Matt Shaner

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
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Easter online.

January 6 & 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord



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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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.](mailto:becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com)

Please contact us at the above email to let us know
if you are interested.

Collections: December 25: Envelopes \$24,579.00;
Loose \$1,302.00; School \$293.00; Maintenance
\$220.00; Debt Reduction \$324.00; Gabriel Project
\$1,286.00; SVdP \$100.00; Retirement for Religious
\$150.00; Immaculate Conception \$50.00; Catholic
Charities \$2.00; Total \$28,306.00.

Christmas: \$57,768.00.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Terry Roof,
husband of Margaret, and Matthias R. "Matt" Shaner,
son of Lance & Ellen.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., January 8

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

Tues., January 9

**8:00am - Ints. Maryann Sherburne by
Ann Rigo
Adoration ends at 4:00pm.**

Wed., January 10

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

Thurs., January 11

8:00am - Communion Service

**9:00am - † Bonnie Mulauski by
Rose Campbell**

**6:30pm - † Jerry Taylor by Kathleen
Confessions at 5:30pm. Adoration ends at
8:00pm.**

Friday, January 12

**8:00am - Ints. John Rose by Deborah
Burwell**

Sat., January 13

**9:00am - † Matt Shaner Funeral
5:00pm - † Ron Berry by Sally Lima**

Sun., January 14

**7:30am - † John Blasko by Anne Leahey
9:30am - † Ryan Russell by The Shetler
Family
11:30am - † Tim Berrena by The Bubash
Family**

December 31: Envelopes \$20,375.00; Loose
\$1,574.00; School \$90.00; Maintenance
\$63.00; Twin Parish \$95.00; Candles \$265.00;
Debt Reduction \$161.00; Gabriel Project
\$1,610.00; SVdP \$1,005.00; Retirement for
Religious \$220.00; Immaculate Conception
\$22.00; Christmas Flowers \$230.00; Total
\$25,710.00.

Solemnity of Mary: \$2,668.00.



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 **MONDAY, January 8**. 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.



Blood Drive, sponsored by OLV Confirmation Track Students:

Help our Confirmation Track Students give life to others when you sign up to participate in their Blood Drive! The Blood Drive will be held Saturday, January 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 OLV confirmation and choose a time to donate. Thank you for your consideration and help support our CCD students! Spread the word!

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.

Formed.org: Watch “The Epiphany of Our Lord Year B: These Three Kings” presented by Jim Beckman of the Augustine Institute. To sign up for Formed, go to Formed.org/signup: enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. Formed also has an app and is also available on Apple TV and Roku.



Jesus and the EUCHARIST

A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR

EUCHARISTIC 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



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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PLEASE CONTACT

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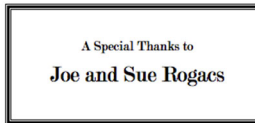
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OLV Preschool: Please visit our website <https://www.olvcatholicschool.org/domain/173> for program and registration information.



Save the Date: OLV Trivia Night on Saturday, February 17 in the OLV School Gym.

Mark your calendar now for the best night of the year – OLV Trivia Night. We'll have great food, drinks, raffles, auctions and (of course!) trivia! Tables and tickets will go on sale on Monday, January 8. All the details are posted at www.olvcatholicschool.org/trivia.

The proceeds of this year's event benefit the OLV Athletic Program.



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.



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!



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.

APPLY NOW: SJCA Girls Volleyball & SJCA Boys and Girls Soccer Coaches

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy (SJCA) is seeking qualified candidates for head and assistant coaches for their competitive Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, and Girls Soccer teams, which compete against teams both in PIAA District VI and the Tri Valley Association. Candidates must possess previous relevant coaching experience, along with demonstrated ability instructing players in fundamental skills, strategy, physical training, and also guiding and mentoring them to be driven and responsible student-athletes and citizens. More information can be found at www.stjoeacad.org/employment and/or contact Dr. Justin Rodkey, SJCA Director of Athletics, at jrodkey@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)

Confirmation Group Service Project: Students in grades 9-11 need to be asking people ages 17 and up to sign up ahead of time for our Confirmation Track Student Blood Drive. Donors can go to recrossblood.org to sign up. Search for OLVconfirmation. The day of the blood drive is Saturday, Jan. 20.

7th & 8th Grade will host Mass on Sunday, January 21 at 11:30am. If your child would like to serve as a reader, general intercession reader or gift bearer, please contact Ms. Bord: directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com

No CCD on Sunday, January 28 due to Catholic Schools Week.

11th Grade Confirmation: January classes are Sunday, January 7 at 1:15pm and Sunday, January 21 at 1:15pm. Blood Drive Service project with 9 & 10 grades, Saturday, January 20.



OLV Youth Groups

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) - The HS Youth Group meets weekly 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.



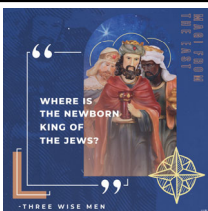
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Happy New Year from SVdP! After a break for the holidays, the Thrift Store reopens Tuesday, January 2nd. Come and shop with us and save on these great deals:

- 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.



Step Into the Light: Reflection

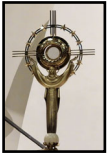
How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2



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 **CSI Custom Countertops**, 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.

Ushers at our parish serve a variety of functions from helping with the collection and greeting those who join us for Mass to assisting parishioners with finding a seat and answering questions. At times, they assist with other projects as well. If you are looking for a way to help serve and be involved at Mass, please consider becoming an Usher. If you are willing and interested, you can contact Kerry Schwindenhammer (814-574-9149) for more information.



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!



Living Stations

ALL PARISH (public, private & home educated) high school and middle school students are invited to join the cast or crew of Living Stations. Come to an introductory meeting, on Sat. Jan. 13, from 7:00pm-8:30pm to learn more about how you can participate. Parents must attend this first meeting. Lots of service hours are available for participation!

Costume Distribution & Fittings/Props Setup
Sat, Jan 27, 6:00-9:00PM (Activities Center)

Rehearsals:

All Saturdays, 6:00pm-9:00pm in Feb. & March except Feb. 17. Rehearsal for that week will be Fri. 16. All rehearsals will be in the OLV school gym. Dress Rehearsals: Fri, March 15 & Sat, March 16 from 6:00pm-9:00pm in the OLV school gym

Performances (in OLV school gym)

*Fri, March 22 - Matinee **ONLY** for St. Joe's & OLVCS students starting at 12:45pm.

*Sat, March 23 7:30 pm - open to the public

*Wed, March 27 7:30 pm - open to the public

Contact the Living Stations Coordinator with any questions:

Mrs. Clement: sueseitzclement@hotmail.com



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.