

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 - TBA

Weekday Masses:

Mon.: 8:00am
Tues.: 8:00am
Wed: 8:00am not 11/25
Thur.: 8:00am, 6:30pm
Friday: 8:00am,
9:00am (School Mass)
Saturday: 9:00am

Confessions -see inside

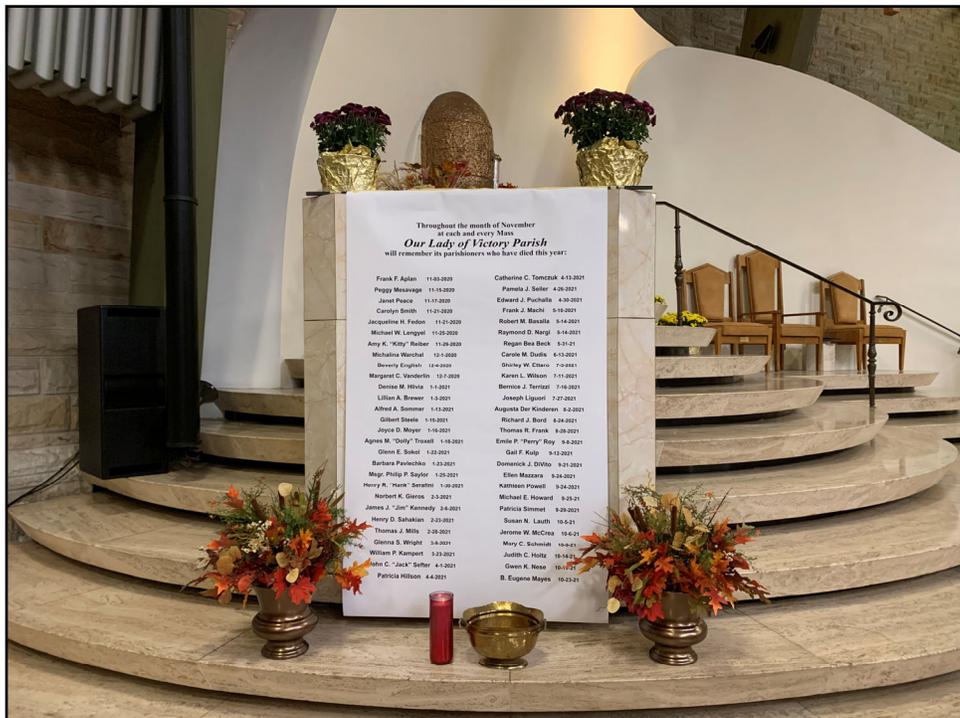
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament takes place after 8:00am Mass Tuesdays until 4:00pm and Thursdays until 8:00pm with Reposition.

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.

November 20 & 21, 2021 Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Throughout the month of November
at each and every Mass
Our Lady of Victory Parish
will remember its parishioners who have died this year:

Frank F. Aglin 11-03-2021	Catherine C. Tomczak 4-13-2021
Peggy Mawardi 11-10-2020	Patricia J. Selter 4-20-2021
Jane Peace 11-17-2020	Edward J. Puchalla 4-30-2021
Carolyn Smith 11-21-2020	Frank J. Machi 5-10-2021
Jacqueline M. Fidler 11-21-2020	Robert M. Bascich 5-10-2021
Michael W. Lengyel 11-25-2020	Raymond D. Nangi 5-14-2021
Amy K. "Kitty" Raiber 11-29-2020	Rogan Bea Beck 5-21-21
Michelle Hunschal 12-1-2020	Carol M. Ouellet 5-23-2021
Beverly English 12-4-2020	Stacey M. Clavo 7-04-21
Margaret C. Vanderlin 12-7-2020	Karen L. Wilson 7-11-2021
Dennis M. Hissel 11-1-2021	Bernice J. Terrasi 7-10-2021
Lillian A. Brewer 1-3-2021	Joseph Liguori 7-27-2021
Alfred A. Sommer 1-13-2021	Augusta Der Kinderen 8-2-2021
Gilbert Stearns 1-16-2021	Richard J. Brack 8-24-2021
Joyce D. Meyer 1-16-2021	Thomas M. Franz 8-28-2021
Agnes M. "Dolly" Traxel 1-18-2021	Ernie P. "Perry" Roy 8-8-2021
Clara E. Sobel 1-22-2021	Geil F. Kulp 8-12-2021
Barbara Paruchala 1-23-2021	Domenick J. D'Alto 9-12-2021
Mgr. Philip P. Saylor 1-25-2021	Eileen Mazzara 9-24-2021
Henry M. "Hank" Serrano 1-26-2021	Kathleen Powell 9-24-2021
Norman K. Giovin 2-10-2021	Michael E. Howard 9-28-21
James J. "Jim" Kennedy 3-4-2021	Patricia Strimling 9-29-2021
Henry D. Sabakian 2-23-2021	Susan N. Lauth 10-5-21
Thomas J. Mita 2-28-2021	Jeremy W. McCrea 10-6-21
Glenn S. Whigal 3-8-2021	Mary C. Schwaner 10-6-21
William P. Kampert 3-20-2021	Judith C. Holtz 10-14-21
John C. "Jack" Selter 4-1-2021	Garen K. Hesse 10-17-21
Patricia Wilson 4-4-2021	B. Eugenia Mayes 10-23-21

On Thanksgiving, we will only have a Mass at 9:00am. There will not be Adoration nor Confessions on Thanksgiving.

Office Phone
Church Website:
Church E-mail:
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School/Preschool Website
Diocesan Website
OLV Prayer Network

814-237-7832
www.ourladyofvictory.com
office@ourladyofvictory.com
814-238-1592
814-238-6616
www.olvcatholicschool.org
www.ajdiocese.org
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
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Deacon David Lapinski dclf@ourladyofvictory.com
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Secretary, Diane Lapinski
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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. 14 Collection: Envelopes \$19,514.00; Loose \$2,265.00; Online Giving \$2,409.70; Maintenance \$42.00; School \$295.00; Twin Parish Mission \$509.00; Debt Reduction \$42.00; Donuts \$32.00; Candles \$74.00; All Saints \$65.00; Gabriel Project \$100.00. Saint Vincent de Paul \$670.00. Total \$26,017.70.

Marian Gift Shop - The Gift Shop is open on 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., Nov. 22 Dn 1:1-6,8-20.Lk 21:1-4

7:00am - NO MASS

8:00am - † Bruce Mack by John & Mary Anne Cahir

Tue., Nov. 23 Dr 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

8:00am - † Michael Quigley by Nancy Ronan

No Adoration and No Confessions

6:30pm - NO MASS

Wed., Nov. 24 Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17k228Lk 21-12-19

7:00am - NO MASS

8:00am - † Frederick Warren by Bonnie Frederick

Thurs., Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day

Dr 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

9:00am - † Matthew Weakland by The Family

No Adoration & No Evening Mass

6:30pm - NO MASS.

Friday, Nov. 26 Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

8:00am - † Kenneth Adams by Teresa Schmitt & Elizabeth Adams

9:00am - NO SCHOOL MASS

Sat., Nov. 27 Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

9:00am - † Frank Machi by Phyllis Austin

9:30am - 10:00am Confessions

5:00pm - † Anthony & Louise Klara by John & Ann Klara

Sun., Nov. 28 Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4-2/Lk 21:25-28

7:30am - Intentions of All Priests

9:30am - † Henry Kellar by Dennis & Sandy Craig

11:30am - † Florence Peters by Freda Crummey

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.

Flocknote: Are you signed up for Flocknote? This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

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 will take the place of CCD the next day. No CCD Class Dec. 19. We will come back after New Year's.

C. D. A. Craft and Bake Sale - Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 4 & 5! More details in next week's bulletin.

Oplatki is available in the Church office during office hours.

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 Malafarina 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.

Formed.org pick of the week: November 21:

Listen: *Science, the Origin of the Universe, & God* by Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, expert in physics, philosophy, and theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.

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.

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

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



Give Your Child A Complete Education

OLV Catholic School

(Pre-K through Middle School) offers:

- Academic Excellence
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- 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.olvcatholicsschool.org.



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



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. We achieve this one unit at a

time, with personalized thank you notes in each care package, along with sunscreen, hand cream, lip balm, and other surprises.

OLVCS is collecting to 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 Solder'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.



9th Annual Boalsburg Turkey Trot 5K - Join the fun on Thanksgiving Day (November 25, 2021) at 9:00am at this 5K run/walk. The event benefits the Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Cross Country/Track and Field Teams and the Friends of the PA Military Museum. For more information go to boalsburgturkeytrot.com.

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

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, Altotting, Markt! 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.

Homeschooling: Homeschooling families (grades K-10) have been contacted with instructions for picking up materials. We will not offer virtual classes this year. Instructions for completing grade level classes for those using parish materials can be found under "Individual Class Websites" at re.ourladyofvictory.com. Those using other materials should contact Anne Bord.

11th Grade Confirmation Class:

- Sunday, December 5, 1:15pm to 2:30pm, in the Church is a regular class.
- Sunday, December 12, 1:15pm to 2:30pm, in the Church and it is a **mandatory** class for **ALL 11th Grade** students, including CCD, St. Joseph's Catholic Academy and Homeschooled.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group (Gr. 6-8): will meet on Tuesday, December 7, 7 to 8pm.

Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) will meet on Tuesday, November 23, 7 to 8pm.



Our Parish Giving Tree is back for 2021. You are invited to join fellow parishioners in preparing the tags and helping to hang them on the Parish Giving Tree next Sunday afternoon, November 28. We will meet in the Gathering Space of the Church at 2:00pm and the more who come to help, the sooner we will be finished. Please bring a stapler along if you have one. We expect to label and then hang about 500 ornament tags. Please take a few minutes to help with this important parish project. If you have any questions, call Mary Hershey, 814-441-2511.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul October 2021 Report of Assistance "We are here on this earth to accomplish the will of Providence." Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In October, SVdP OLV Conference received 53 requests and directly assisted 70 individuals, including 44 adults and 26 children. We helped 5 households secure or maintain housing and provided utility payments for 4 others. We assisted 4 people with medical/dental expenses, provided transportation assistance for 8 others and helped with the personal/ physical needs for 17 others. Five virtual home visits were conducted. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists Centre County residents with basic needs on a case-by-case basis. Your support allows us to accomplish the work that God has given us to do. New Volunteers and Vincentians are always welcome. Call (814) 867-3131 for more information.

Skip the High Prices at Regular Stores and Do Your Christmas Shopping at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store! In addition to decorations for the holidays at incredibly low prices, we have great gifts for everyone on your list: books - best sellers and more in perfect condition; clothing - many brand names also in perfect condition; jewelry in a wide range of prices; and vintage items that would be perfect for many of your family or friends.

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.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **ONE PARISH, My.OneParish.com** this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services.



#iGIVECATHOLIC

www.iGiveCatholic.org



WHAT IS #iGIVECATHOLIC? Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #iGiveCatholic is a bishop/diocesan led initiative. The U.S. Catholic Church's Giving Day kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. As the first-ever giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving.

The goal of the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is to rally our Catholic community in support of the organizations that shape our souls: Our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries.

Secure, tax-deductible donations to Our Lady of Victory Parish can be made at <https://aj.igivecatholic.org/organizations/our-lady-of-victory-catholic-church-and-school> during the Advanced Giving Day Phase beginning at 12:00 AM on November 15, continuing right into #GivingTuesday, November 30, and ending at 11:59 PM.

Offline gifts of cash or checks can be mailed to 820 Westerly Parkway or dropped in the collection baskets.

We have a day for giving thanks, on Thanksgiving. We have two days for purchasing gifts for loved ones – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. And now we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back out of gratitude for all we have received. On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, individuals and organizations around the world will come together for one common purpose: To celebrate generosity, live generously and to give.

For Catholics, generosity and giving have a profound meaning. As we reflect with grateful hearts on how blessed we are, we naturally want to give back to God from our deep sense of gratitude. Compelled to action by our grateful compassion, we unite on this #iGiveCatholic giving day, sharing what we have to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, and preserve our Catholic heritage for future generations.



Thanksgiving Prayer - *Prayer for Thanksgiving Dinner*

Heavenly Father, we have so much to be thankful for: the food that adorns this table, the family who surround it, and most of all, for your love, which embraces us in all we do.

As you continually bless us, Lord, with your gifts and your love, help us to remember those who do not yet share all the good things that we enjoy. Help us make a renewed effort to show your love in our daily lives by sharing your gifts with those in need.

We thank you Lord, for bringing us together in your presence, and ask your blessing on us all, and on the Thanksgiving dinner we are about to enjoy. Amen.

"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 amazara@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?ZipSponsor=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



Wishing Well Bell Ringing - Once again, OLV will participate in the Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well Bell Ringing Campaign. All money raised by the bell ringers will be used to assist local families who are experiencing heating, utility, rental, and prescription emergencies. Can you help to bring Christ's love and comfort to His people of Centre County by volunteering one or two hours of your time? This year we will be ringing bells at Meyers Dairy on Tuesday, Dec. 14 and Thursday, Dec. 16 from 9am to 8pm. Please check your calendars and be ready to sign up to help. We will be in the Gathering Space after Masses on Nov 27 and Nov 28 for you to sign up and volunteer.

Saint Joseph Patris Corde, 7. A Father in the Shadows

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Only when love is chaste, it is truly love. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him.

The logic of love is always the logic of freedom and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus. Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.

St. Joseph, A Father in the Shadows, A Most Chaste Father, pray for us.

(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.

Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle - 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? Join us as we learn about a new devotion, Mary's Flame of Love. We explore the spiritual diary of Elizabeth Kindeman, the first recipient of the Flame of Love, and pray a Flame of Love Holy Hour together. All are welcome. Please contact Amy Arrowsmith at (amy.arrowsmith@gmail.com) for more information.

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM during this "Ordinary Time"!

The Church's calendar may be in the final week of ordinary time, but our timely programming and prayers will accompany you during these extraordinary days. If your family or group would like to record a devotion during Advent, please contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemeracy@gmail.com. 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. Remember, we receive no direct funding from the local parishes or diocese, so your faithful support is vital to our evangelization effort.

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