



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm,
7:30am 9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Masses: 9/25-9/30

Mon.: 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.

9:00am Mass

6:30pm NO MASS

Fri.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.

Sat. 9:00am Mass

5:00pm 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. (No Adoration on
Thursday, September 28).

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
Reduction, Christmas &
Easter online.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

September 23 & 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OLV's Eucharistic Procession with OLVCS students on September 14.

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>.

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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 (not Sept. 28), 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. (No Adoration on Thursday, Sept. 28).



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 Thursdays at 7. Please contact us at the above email to let us know if you are interested.

Sept. 17 Collection: Envelopes \$18,011.00; Loose \$2,219.00; Online \$1,995.58; Maintenance \$56.00; School \$1,255.00; Twin Parish \$601.00; Candles \$219.00; Gabriel Project \$485.00; Debt Reduction \$53.00; SVDP \$5.00, SJCA Scholarship \$50.00. Total \$24,949.58.

Marian Gift Shop is open Sundays from 10:00am to 11:30am. To schedule an appointment for another time, please call Lesa at 814-237-7832 and leave a message.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., September 25

8:00am - Ints. Peg Gavenonis by Jackie Gaven

Tues., September 26

8:00am - † Janet Azeles by Bonnie Frederick
Adoration ends at 4:00pm

Wed., September 27

8:00am - † Helen & Joseph Slavinskis by The Family

Thurs., September 28

8:00am - Communion Service

9:00am - † Linda Whitehill by OLVCS Faculty & Staff

6:30pm - NO MASS

Adoration ends at 4:00pm. No Confessions.

Friday, September 29

8:00am - Communion Service

Sat., September 30

9:00am - † Andrea Dolak by John & Darla Foley

5:00pm - † Peggy Barone by Barone Family

Sun., October 1

7:30am - Ints. Frank & Irene Buhl by Mary Ellen & Martin

9:30am - † Paula Shelow by Terry & Sharon Stec

11:30am - (CDA Anniversary Mass)

† Mike Brigandi by Centre Vue Peeps

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.

Wedding: Congratulations to Juliet Elizabeth Wotherspoon & Ryan Gerard Rudalavage, who were married at OLV on September 16.



Spaghetti Dinner: The Knights of Columbus will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, October 4, from 5:30 to 7:00pm at Gardiner Social Hall in the OLV Activities Center. All proceeds will go to help rebuild Father Antony's Primary School in India. Father Antony will be attending the dinner. The spaghetti, sauce, and meatballs will be provided by Delgrosso's and the rolls are being provided by Gemelli's. The dinner will also include salad, cake, and drinks. The price is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children 12 and under. Presale of tickets will take place after each Mass on the weekends of September 23 & 30 in the Gathering Space. Donations will also be accepted at this time.

Baptisms: It is with great joy we welcome Joseph Victor Glantz, son of Nicholas & Andrea, Gabriel Christopher Mason, son of Gregory & Elizabeth, and Elsie Diane Stormer, daughter of Joseph & Tori, to the OLV Parish Family.

Craft-Making Sessions: We will be holding craft-making sessions Saturday, September 30, and October 7, 14 & 28 at 10:00am in the Activities Center in preparation for the OLV Bazaar on November 4. No experience is necessary as we will have projects to work on at the sessions, although we always appreciate ideas on what to make for the Bazaar. If you have scissors you prefer using, bring them along. Some of our projects include beaded ornaments, sheep made from Styrofoam and, girls hair ties and trees made with yarn, plus others that come up along the way! We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Lutz at 814-466-6328 or Joy Stauffer at 814-360-1801.



Our Lady of Victory Bazaar - Saturday, November 4, 2023
8:30am to 4:00pm at the OLV School Gym (Raffle winners drawn at 3:30pm)



THEME BASKET REQUEST:

We are once again inviting all parishioners and groups to be involved in the yearly OLV Bazaar by making a **Theme Basket**. We are asking that the baskets be a minimum retail value of \$50.00. Baskets can be dropped off at the rectory office starting the week of October 22. Please put your basket in a clear basket bag with the THEME BASKET TAG on the outside. The Baskets will be on display and tickets will be sold during the **OLV Bazaar on Saturday, November 4** in the OLV School Gym. Empty baskets to be filled are under the steps in the Church. If you have any large unused baskets, please leave them under the steps in the Church for others to use. If you have any questions, please call Steve or Deb McGregor at (814) 880-8900. THEME BASKET tags are available in the Gathering Space.

Listed are a few ideas for Theme Baskets:

- Antiques & Collectibles • American Girl Collectibles • Baby items • Basket for Men and Women
- Basket of Cheer • Bath and Body items • Beach and Swimming Pool items • Bingo items • Breakfast Foods
- Candles • Car items • Casserole or Crock Pot with cookbook recipes • Chips, Candies, etc.
- Comfort Drinks (teas, coffee, hot chocolate, etc.) • Cultural & Ethnic crafts and food from around the world
- Date Night Restaurant Gift Cards • Family Game Night with board games, puzzles, popcorn, etc.
- Family Night Out or Date Night • Fun Baskets filled with toys for little boys and girls • Gardening accessories
- Gas Can & Gift Card • Gift Cards • Gift wraps for seasons and occasions • Hair & Beauty products
- Handmade items (quilts, doilies, blankets, towels, etc.) • Holiday (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- Hunting and Out Doors Activities • Kids Crafts and Book and Toys • Kitchen and Dining items • Lottery Tickets
- Money Gift Baskets • Paper products • Pet Foods & Items • Picnic items • Raffle and Lottery Tickets
- Railroad and Hobby Memorabilia • School Theme • Set of Pots and Pans • Small Appliances
- Small Electrical Appliances • Sports Equipment and Memorabilia • Stationary Items (paper, pens, stamps, card assortment)
- Tea Party • Teenage Boys and Girls items • Tools for the Handy Man • Towel Sets for Bathroom and Kitchen
- Tupperware • TV fun night (popcorn, blanket, DVD's) • Wine (different wines, cheeses, etc.) • Yard Ornaments, Statues, etc.



FINAL DAYS for Photo Session for the OLV Directory!

Thursday, September 28 - 11:00am to 4:00pm **Friday, September 29 - 1:00pm to 8:30pm**
Saturday, September 30 - 9:00am to 4:00pm **(Saturday, September 30 is the last date!)**

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **pa1008** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. No sitting fee.

You will get a free 8 by 10 and OLV Church Directory.



OLV Catholic School

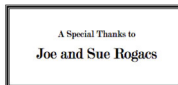


Give Your Child A Complete Education

(Pre-K through Middle School) offers:

- Academic Excellence
- Self-Discipline
- Passion for Charity
- Catholic Values
- Leadership

New Student Enrollment is Now Open. Call 814-238-1592 to schedule a tour. Apply online at www.olvcatholicschool.org.



OLV Preschool: Limited spots available in all 3, 4, and PreK Programs. Please visit our website <https://www.olvcatholicschool.org/domain/173> for program and registration information.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is accepting applications for new students in grades K-8. Call today to schedule a tour or begin the application process at www.olvcatholicschool.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

OLV Day is quickly approaching! The 2023 Our Lady of Victory Catholic School Walk-A-Thon will be held on October 6. This event commemorates the feast of the patroness of OLVCS: Our Blessed Mother Mary, also known as Our Lady of Victory. The Walk-A-Thon is our school's only all school fundraiser. The purpose of the Walk-A-Thon is to raise needed funds to support preschool, elementary, and middle school programs and activities. We are grateful to all the individuals, families, and businesses that support OLVCS through their financial contributions. We kindly ask that you consider making a donation to this special event. Checks/cash may be dropped in the school or church offices. Online donations may be made at www.olvcatholicschool.org/walkathon or by scanning the QR code pictured here.



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.

All 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.

Please consider becoming part of the EITC program and help us reach our goal of \$300,000 for OLV Scholarships.



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Come to Saint Joe's - Attention all 8th grade students and families! Admissions for 2023-2024 are now open for Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy. 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.

Messy Family University Volunteers Needed! - OLV Parish and Saint Joe's team up to bring the community an opportunity for parents and couples to join in a two-day retreat with Mike and Alicia Hernon, Catholic ministers and creators of the renowned "Messy Family Podcast" on November 3 (6:30-8:30PM) & 4 (9am-4pm) at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy for Messy Family University, "This mini-course will introduce the average Catholic parent in the pew to the importance of their role as a parent--not only in the life of their child (ren) but also in the life of the Church. During these four sessions, we will include some theology and catechetics, but the course will mainly focus on giving parents the practical tools they need to build Christian maturity within their children and ultimately pass on the faith to them. This course is designed to open parents up to God's vision for marriage and family and teach them the habits that they need to transform their family life." Registration information will be released soon. Volunteers are needed to assist with marketing, coordinating childcare and meals, and general event prep - all interested are invited to contact Mrs. Anna Rupprecht (SJCA) at arupprecht@sjcacademy.org.

Religious Education News (CCD)

First Reconciliation Sessions for Parents and Students: Sunday, October 1 & 15, from 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.

SHYCON 2023 - Students in grades 9, 10 & 11 need to have attended this day retreat at least one time during their HS career prior to Confirmation. **Registration forms** were handed out in CCD last week and are due back Sept. 29. There are additional signup forms in the baptistry for students and parents chaperones. There is still time to get clearances if you do not have them. If you can chaperone, please email Anne Bord: directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com. Thank you!

11th Grade Confirmation: Next Class is **Sunday, September 24** at 1:15pm in the Church. This is for all CCD students, though homeschoolers and SJCA students are welcome to attend.



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8) meets weekly on Tuesdays in the Activities Center Library from 7:00 to 8:00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Cecilia at middleschoolyvg@gmail.com with any questions.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) meets weekly on Tuesdays 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 highschoolyvg@ourladyofvictory.com with any questions.

Formed.org: Watch: Who Are the Archangels? Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Feast on September 29. Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives. To sign up to use Formed, go to [Formed.org/signup](https://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.



2023 Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Gabriel Project. Bottles will be distributed after the weekend Masses Sept. 30/Oct. 1 and Oct. 7/8 in the back of the church. The bottles can be filled with loose change, dollars, and personal checks. Collection weekends are scheduled for Oct. 21/22 and Oct. 28/29. The Gabriel Project is a local pro-life movement offering care and assistance to mothers in need, during and after pregnancy. October is the month of the Holy Rosary so please pray a rosary each week for pregnant mothers and their precious unborn children.



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.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Come, check out our overstock bargain sale on small appliances and luggage. Halloween costumes are now available! Stop by and see these and other bargains at our store located at 1300 Benner Pike, open Monday-Saturday, 10:00AM-4:00PM. Come join our SVdP family of volunteers, you will enjoy our camaraderie while working to help those in need in our community. If you can give an hour or two any time during the week, please visit the Thrift Store at 1300 Benner Pike and speak to the Day Manager or leave a message at 814-867-

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **MAYES MEMORIALS**, 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.



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 (No Adoration on Sept. 28.) 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.



Women's Bible Study: Do you desire to grow in your faith while in a supportive community of other women? If so, come join Walking With Purpose (WWP)! WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. 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 late September through April. Child-care is provided for Friday morning participants. For more information, please email us at olvwwp1@gmail.com, call Jane Knappenberger at (925) 708-0126, or use the QR code.

**Novena Prayer (begins Sept. 29)
Nine Days in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Our Patroness**

Our Lady of Victory, we have unshaken confidence in your influence with your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Humbly we ask your intercession for all of us associated under your title, Our Lady of Victory.

We beg your powerful assistance also for our own personal needs. [In silence mention personal intentions].

In your maternal kindness please ask Jesus to forgive all our sins and failings, and to secure His blessings for us all and for all the works of charity dedicated to your name. We implore you to obtain for us the grace of sharing in Christ's victory and yours forever in the life that knows no ending.

May we join you there forever to praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, for all ages to come. Amen.



The annual **Columbus Day Mass** is a tradition of the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum in Boalsburg, celebrated by both the Knights of Columbus and our local Catholic community. This chapel contains incredible artwork, historic vestments and statues, and two pieces of the True Cross. You are invited to celebrate Mass on Monday, October 9 at 2:00pm with Fr. Brian Saylor, followed by a reception in the Boal Mansion ballroom, and a museum tour for all who attend. To reserve your seat at this annual event, email arupprecht@maryu.marywood.edu by September 29. Reservations are required, and availability will not last!



Save the date: 7th annual Catholic Conference for Women at OLV, speaker Johnnette Williams, Saturday, February 17, 9:00am-3:30pm, and a parish wide talk Friday, February 16 at 7:00pm after 6:30pm Stations of the Cross. Email Melanie Smith for more details/questions or to help out: melanie.yonushonis@gmail.com

St. Paul's Men's Group will meet on Saturday, September 30 at 7:30am in the OLV Activities Center Assembly Room. All men (16+) are welcome and invited to mature in their faith. The topic will be Vatican II—the history, process and results.



Stay Tuned Into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM!

Although our schedules are about to change with the arrival of fall, you can still catch our programming by radio or streaming. When traveling outside our broadcasting area, you can "listen live" via the station link www.waob.org. On the production side, we have four recording slots available each month. Our equipment is portable and our devotions are scripted, so we just need your prayerful voices! If your family or group would like to record a prayer in September, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemeracy@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. We receive no direct funding from the local parishes or diocese, so your faithful support is vital to our evangelization effort.

Popcorn Sale: OLV Cub Scout Pack 383 will be selling popcorn following all Masses this weekend, Sept. 23 & 24, and October 7 & 8. Both cash and checks will be accepted. They will have a variety of flavors available, and your purchase will help to fund scout programming this year. The pack thanks the parishioners for their support."



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

"Knights Notes":

Please check www.kc4678.com for Calendar of Events.
Council Meetings - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00pm.

OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon Room (basement)
at 820 Westerly Parkway

Knights Football Concessions - Service Hours - Volunteer with the Knights:

Each fall there is a good way to earn at least 6 **service hours** in one day.

Help the Knights run the concession stand which brings money back into the community.

Volunteers must be 16 years old at the time of service, bring a parent (or don't) with you!

Mark your calendars - PSU Home Football Games:

Oct 14, 28, Nov 11, 18

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

Knights Dad Joke:

Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?
"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Ask a Knight of Columbus or send an email of inquiry to info@kc4678.com.

Want to be a part of brotherhood! Please - Come and See! info@kc4678.com

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

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



Women of Grace® Study

Program – W.O.G. is going to be meeting again this fall. We would love to have you join us and go deeper into your Catholic Faith and discover what it is like to be a daughter of our Most High God. You will learn of the wounds of the heart and how to heal them, dive into prayer, saints to lead you and much more. Not to mention how wonderful it is to share your faith with other women walking on this journey. **We are still working on a starting day and time - please be patient.** If you are interested, please make sure to contact Karen ASAP (kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588). You may also visit the website on WOG-<https://www.womenofgrace.com/>.

Young Women of Grace would also like to get started here at OLV. Help young women and girls age 13-18 to discern their purpose and mission and find true fulfillment - without losing their souls! Our girls need to know the gift of their feminine identity. . . to hear truth in a culture that promotes falsehoods about what it means to be a woman. The beautiful *Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity* study program was created for girls age 13 and older. It teaches girls what it means to be a daughter of God, how to discern purpose and mission in the world, and to find true fulfillment. The Young Women of Grace® Study Program is an adaptation of the Women of Grace® Study Program and presents vital Catholic teaching in a colorful, 289-page, magazine-style workbook that is packed with fun facts, testimonials, and stories of the Saints and other Catholic role models. **We are still looking for a few young girls interested in joining this group - please contact Karen** (kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588) **with questions so we can set a start day and time.** For more info, go to the WOG website: <https://www.womenofgrace.com/study-programs>.



STATE COLLEGE
FOOD BANK

Food Bank Sunday is

October 1. Current Needs List: Ready-to-

serve Soups (Progresso, Campbell's, Chunky, etc. —GREATEST NEED), tomato product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.), pasta sauce, canned fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce), snack items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.), breakfast cereal, gluten-free items (pasta, baking items, snacks, etc.), ground coffee, condiments, oil (vegetable, canola, olive oil). Non-food items: laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, liquid hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap and body wash. They are not in need of baby food. They do not accept expired or opened food items. Please check expiration dates before donating them.

Bus Trip: Father Brian at St. John's, Bellefonte, will be hosting a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS. The bus trip is on Tuesday, November 28, for the 11:00am showing. Travel will be by Fullington Trailways. We will be stopping after the show at Cracker Barrel in Harrisburg. The bus will be boarding in front of St. John's at 6:30 am and returning approximately at 7:00pm. Cost of the trip is \$130.00 per person which includes show ticket and transportation. Meals will be on your own. All reservations and money must be received in St. John's parish office by Friday, October 27. Please note – no reservations will be accepted without payment. Space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact St. John's parish office at (814) 355-3134.

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive - We have received \$197,928.00 towards our goal of \$155,213 with 509 families contributing. All monies received over our goal will be returned to OLV for OLV's needs. If you have not yet turned in your pledge envelope, mail it to OLV, place it in the baskets when you come to Mass or place it in the mail slot by the Church office. If you give directly to the Diocese, we get that report monthly. Thank you to M/M N. Glantz & M/M J. Leahey.