



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
9:00am Sch Mass
Tue.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
Wed. 8:00am Mass
Thu.: 9:00am Mass
6:30pm No Mass
Fri.: 8:00am Comm Svc.
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.
(See inside for this week).

Rosary:

Tues., Wed. & Sat.: 8:25am,
Mon., Thur. & Fri: 7:25am



First Saturday

Rosary: Seven
Sorrows Rosary
sponsored by CDA after
9:00am Mass. All are welcome

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.

November 22 & 23, 2025
Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King of the Universe



Congratulations to
Miles E. Palasz,
St. Benedict, Johnstown
Jamey A. Darnell,
OLV, State College,
&
Henry Enrique Escudro,
Most Holy Trinity,
Huntingdon
who received the Rite of
Candidacy by Bishop Mark
and were officially entered
into Diaconate Formation
Program on Nov. 15.

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814-237-7832

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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 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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Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592
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Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 to Noon, 1-4pm.

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 (Not on Thursday, Nov. 27) 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. Not on Thursday, Nov. 27.

Collections November 16: The bulletin was submitted before the November 16 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.

Welcome Home! Please email us at WelcomeHome@ourladyofvictory.com to let us know if you are seeking to accompany someone in your life (or yourself) on a journey (back) toward the Catholic faith. We have compiled some suggestions for doing this. The link can be found on our home page at www.ourladyofvictory.com.



Please Remember in Your Prayers Ingrid Blood, who died recently.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, November 24

8:00am - † Patricia Glatz by Sally Lima

9:00am - † Nigel Sparks by OLVCS 5th Grade Class

Tuesday, November 25

8:00am - Communion Service

Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wednesday, November 26

8:00am - † Van LeClair by Queen of Peace Rosary Makers

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving

9:00am - † Matthew Weakland by The Family

6:30pm - NO MASS

No Adoration or confessions.

Friday, November 28

8:00am - Communion Service

Saturday, November 29

9:00am - Ints. Dan & Lisa Regan by Mom

5:00pm - † Nate Salada by Mrs. D.

Sunday, November 30

7:30am - † Gary Morella by The Jourdain Family

9:30am - For All People of Parish

11:30am - † Bill & Paula Shelow by The Family



Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you an Adult who wishes to complete your Sacraments?

Weekly Sessions are held on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the OLV Activities Center.

If you are interested, please email the Office of Christian Initiation of Adults:
becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com.



"The OLV Community Christmas Gift Program". We will continue to collect sealed gift card envelopes this weekend before and after all weekend Masses. Deposit sealed envelopes in the labeled bin on the table in the Gathering Space. If you are unable to bring your gift card envelope this weekend, please deposit the envelope in the mail slot next to the church office as soon as possible. We are trying to deliver most of the gift cards to the recipients before Thanksgiving.

Once again, the generosity and kindness of the parishioners of Our Lady of Victory has been demonstrated. Many members of our community will be recipients of your thoughtfulness and we are grateful for you willingness to participate this year. May you have a happy Thanksgiving and blessed Christmas season.



C.D.A. Holiday Craft & Bake Sale:

Join us for our Christmas
Crafts and Gifts Sale!



Friday, December 5, 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall & Library

Saturday, December 6, 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall & Library

Sunday, December 7 from 8:30am to 1:30pm in the Activities Center Library only (Limited Crafts/Toys)

**CRAFTS, BAKED GOODS, LOCAL VENDORS
GENTLY USED TOYS, PUZZLES, GAMES,
STUFFED ANIMALS ALSO AVAILABLE.**

Vendors are welcome. Table rentals available for December 5 & 6. Call Joy at 814-360-1801 or Pat at 814-404-4155.

Traveling Chalice and Sacred Heart Statue:

There are new sign up sheets in the Gathering Space to sign up for a week of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. You take the statue and chalice home on Saturday/Sunday after your normal Mass time and we ask that you return it by 4:00pm the following Saturday.



Dear Lord.

We raise our thanks to You,
the giver of every good gift.

Thank you for the ways You
have blessed, guarded, and
guided us this past year and
always.

Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your Heart.
Amen.

Thanksgiving Schedule:



Mass on Thursday, November 27 will be at **9:00am only**. There is no 6:30pm Mass, nor will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament nor Confessions.



The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



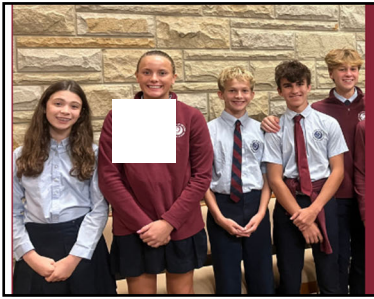
Toys for Tots Bins are located at the entrances of the Church. Donate a new, unwrapped toy by Friday, December 12.



Time to Sing in the Season! - OLV

Sanctuary Choir is preparing for the coming of the Christ child! We are rehearsing Advent and Christmas music! It may be time to examine your schedule and make some time. Remember that "he who sings, prays twice". Take the time to pray twice...and have fun doing it! Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Just show up and join us! If you have any questions, contact Music Director Joe Malafarina at the OLV Office 814-237-7832, x 423 or email joem@ourladyofvictory.com.

Do You Have Prayer Needs? As we embark on our pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we want to carry with us the prayer needs of our beloved parish. If you have specific prayer needs or intentions you would like us to place at the feet of the miraculous tilma of Our Lady, please submit them in the box provided in the lobby. We humbly ask for your prayers as well! - The Olivas family



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

OLV Walk-A-Thon \$5000 + Angelic Benefactor

OLV Walk-A-Thon \$2500 to \$4999 Seraphim Benefactor



A SPECIAL THANKS TO
The Vadella Tanner Family

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
Joe and Sue Rogacs

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
Matt and Theresa Heinz Family



Join us for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday on December 2! What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our community? Did you know that #iGiveCatholic is the first-ever day of Catholic giving in



our nation? It's a special day for us to give back and give thanks to the organizations that shape our souls. Advanced Giving through Monday, December 1! You can support Our Lady of Victory with an offline gift of check or cash OR give online at iGiveCatholic.org. All transactions are secure and tax-deductible. Join Catholic communities around the globe to give thanks and give Catholic to the organizations that help shape our souls!



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: 814-237-7832, ext. 421 or chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com.



Christmas Cash Raffle

Purchase your tickets from
any SJCA Student, today!

\$20

Per Ticket

\$2500 in prizes
First drawing is 12/8



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders – stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

Religious Education News

- CCD classes are held each **Sunday morning from 10:30-11:20am**. Students in Grades 1 - 8 meet in the school gym and high school meets in the school cafeteria. The Kindergarten CGS program meets in the Activities Center.
- A CCD and Sacramental Prep calendar has been posted on the Religious Education website: <https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/20252026-calendar>
- **No CCD classes on Sunday, November 30** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Entries for the Catholic Daughters Education contest are due Tuesday, November 25. If you would like to submit an entry, please bring it to CCD on Nov. 23 or drop it off directly at the Church office, attention Nora Chyle (C.D.A. Contest Chairperson).
- New families can contact the DRE, Susan Ishmael, at directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com to register for classes.
- **Confirmation Guidelines and Forms** can be found at the following link:
<https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/high-school-religious-educationconfirmation>.
 - In-person CCD classes on Theology of the Body meet in the school cafeteria from 10:30-11:20am.
 - Sponsor cover sheets and certifications, baptismal certificates, and letters of intent are due December 1.
- Our Youth Ministers will be leading a group of high school students next June 26 - 28, 2026 to the **Steubenville Youth Conference** at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. This weekend conference offers students an opportunity to encounter Christ through worship, music, speakers, and other activities. There are still spots available. Registration forms and a \$50 deposit are due to reserve your spot. Forms are available in the Gathering Space of the Church.



Middle School and High School Youth groups meet Thursdays at 7:00pm in the OLV Activities Center. For questions, please contact:

High School: Francis Baggett at: highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com.

Middle School, please contact Molly Bosak at middleschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com.



Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: November Specials

The Thrift Store will be closed Monday, November 24 through Saturday, November 29, so our Volunteers can enjoy Thanksgiving with their family and friends. The store will reopen on Monday, December 1.

We are grateful for your support and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

The October Report of Assistance for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "God demands first of all the heart, and then the work" a quote from St. Vincent de Paul. In October, the Our Lady of Victory Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul received 150 requests and directly assisted 248 individuals, including 161 adults and 87 children. We helped 48 households secure or maintain housing or shelter and provided utility assistance for 34 other households. We provided transportation assistance for 18 others and helped with the personal/physical needs of 40 others. 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 or stop at the Thrift Store on the Benner Pike and ask to speak to the Day Manager.

The Marian Gift Shop in the Activities Center is open Sundays from 10:00am to 11:15am or by appointment. Contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446 to shop other days. We have Advent candles and other seasonal items. Proceeds from the Gift Shop benefit Religious Education at OLV.

Bible Study Guides Now Available in the Gift Shop: OLV Parishioner Jane Knappenberger has written two Bible study guides to support everyday Catholics who want to get more familiar with the Bible and more comfortable reading it. *Eternally His* is a 20-lesson study with a focus on helping each person recognize and claim his/her true identity as Beloved Creation of the Father in all seasons and circumstances of life. *The Path of Love* is a 22-lesson study that walks through both the scriptural and traditional Stations of the Cross, showing how every step along the way was a part of God's plan, which Christ carried out with great love for us. Both studies have been granted an imprimatur and are now available in the OLV gift shop for \$35 (plus tax) per book.

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

"People who place themselves in front of the sun get a tan, while people who place themselves in front of the Eucharist become saints." - *St. Carlo Acutis.*

Consider spending some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Adoration takes place on **Tuesdays** from 8:30am to 4:00pm and **Thursdays** from 8:30am to 8:00pm. You can stop in for a visit or sign up to be a scheduled Adorer (we need coverage for the morning hours, especially from 11:00 AM to Noon). If you cannot commit to being scheduled every week at a specific time, consider volunteering to be a substitute for Adorers who cannot attend their scheduled time. Please contact the Church office at 814-237-7832 or email office@ourladyofvictory.com to be added as a scheduled or substitute adorer.



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 for baby hygiene products, baby laundry products (ALL FREE detergent), newborn clothes, 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. Checks 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.

Adult Catechesis takes place from 10:35am-11:15am (between the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses) on Sundays in the Activities Center Assembly Room. All are welcome to attend, but we especially encourage CCD parents and high school students who have finished CCD to join us. You can attend as many or as few sessions as you like. Our upcoming schedule is the following:

- Nov 23: Advent/Liturgical Calendar Activity
- Nov 30: No meeting

Please contact Roseanne

at RMcManus1@yahoo.com if you have any questions or to get on our email list.

Crochet will not meet in December.



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

The Church's calendar may be in the final weeks of ordinary time, but our timely programming and prayers will accompany you during these extraordinary days. With the approach of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for your support - both "one-time" gifts and monthly pledges. We extend a special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, #4678, for their generous year-end donation to subsidize our 2026 music licensing rights and operating expenses. If your family or group would like to record a prayer before 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.



Seven Sisters Apostolate UPDATE:

We need a few more women willing to join our effort to lift up the clergy in our parish and Diocese. We need 5 more women to pray for Deacon Dave:

for one hour, one day a week for 52 weeks of the year.

We desire 7 more to pray for Jamey Darnell who has entered the Deaconate formation also.

Please contact Karen Kearney at 814-883-4588 or kearneyt1@comcast.net or with questions or to join our efforts. Thanks to the 14 women who are being generous with their time and lifting up Fr George and Bishop Mark Bartchak for the next 52 weeks. We don't want to leave Deacon Dave or Jamey alone.



Women of Grace/Young Women of Grace:

We are looking for girls the ages of 13 – 18yrs of age who want to, through their faith, navigate this culture we are living in to learn who they are in God's eyes so they can stand up against who the world tells them they are for them to learn the truth of who they are and the gift of their femininity. Women of Grace has a Young Women of Grace to help with this.

Anyone seeking more information, please contact Karen Kearney at 814-883-4588 or kearneyt1@comcast.net. We would like to have an information session but are looking to see how much interest there is. We have women willing to lead the young girls but what we need are the girls to come and see what it is like.



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

"Knights Notes" :

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 - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes: "What do you call the lettering on an invitation to a baby's first sacrament? Baptismal Font."

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

Knights Scholarship Opportunities: Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program: The Knights of Columbus award scholarships to High School Senior children of Knights of Columbus members. The state program awards \$4000 to a winner in the Diocese. Our local council also offers one \$1000 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a member of the local council 4678. The Knights are also awarding \$1000 grants to children of Knights members in Catholic school grades 1-12.

To receive a grant or scholarship application, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please go to <https://www.kc4678.com/scholarships> and if you do have questions about the Scholarship Program, please contact Jason Foytack at jasonfoytack@gmail.com or (814) 360-6799.

Audio Recordings of the Sunday Gospel Reading and Homily can be sent to you, by way of TEXT messaging, for shut-ins or general home listening. Simply TEXT a name (first name or alias is sufficient) and a TEN DIGIT cell-phone number to (717) 504 1091 to be added to the list of recipients.

For those suffering hearing loss, there are hearing assist devices available. Check one out of the sacristy (rear of the Church), before Mass.

Select Formed Now: Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley, renowned speaker and author telling the dramatic history of God's love and mercy. To sign up for Formed, go to Formed.org/signup: enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. The Formed app is available on Apple TV and Roku.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **Independent Catholic Foundation**, 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.

Exclusive Film Screening: *Triumph of the Heart* Saint John the Evangelist Church, will be hosting a special screening of *Triumph of the Heart* – the moving true story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who offered his life in exchange for another prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II. It will be shown on Monday, December 1 at 6:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 134 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte. Come and be inspired by this powerful witness of faith, courage, and sacrificial love. This screening is open to all parishioners, families, and friends. Admission: Free Will Donation will be accepted. Join us for this unique opportunity to encounter the heroic story of St. Maximilian Kolbe on the big screen! More about the movie at triumphoftheheart.com. For more information, contact St. John's at 814-355-3134 or at saintjohnoff@gmail.com.

The Bellefonte Catholic Daughters Annual Holiday Yard Sale, Advent Sale, Raffle & Bake Sale will be held in our school auditorium on Sat., Nov. 22, 9:00am until after 5:00pm Mass and Sunday, Nov. 23, after both Sunday Masses (8:00am & 10:15am) This is the court's annual fundraiser and we welcome all to visit, donate & BUY in order to help us support our many charities. In Unity & Charity, May God Bless you.

Pilgrimage to Poland and Slovakia with Father Jozef and Deacon Jack June 30- July 13, 2026
ONLY A FEW SEATS REMAIN—REGISTER NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!!

Visit Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Wieliczka, Czestochowa, Kalwaria, Niepokolanów, Vienna, Bratislava, Brezno, Levoca and Košice with Father Jozef and Deacon Jack as they tour Father Jozef's homeland and hometown in Slovakia.

If you have an interest in joining us, please sign up on our parish website or use the QR code and when final details are available, we will contact you.
<https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/>

