

# 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  
6:30pm Mass  
Tue.: 8:00am Mass  
Wed. 8:00am Mass  
Thu.: 8:00am Mass  
Fri.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.  
Sat. 9:00am Mass

**Confessions**—see inside

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament** takes place after 8:00am Mass **Tuesday & Thursdays.** (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](http://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.



December 13 & 14, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



**Blessing of  
Preschool  
Advent Wreaths  
and a visit from  
Saint Nicholas!**



Office Phone

814-237-7832

Office Fax

814-237-6709

Church Website:

[www.ourladyofvictory.com](http://www.ourladyofvictory.com)

Church E-mail:

[office@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:office@ourladyofvictory.com)

School

814-238-1592

Preschool

814-238-6616

School/Preschool Website

[www.olvcatholicschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicschool.org)

Diocesan Website

[www.ajdiocese.org](http://www.ajdiocese.org)

OLV Prayer Network

[prayer@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto: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  
Deacon David Lapinski dcf1@ourladyofvictory.com  
Secretary, Betty Gummo  
Secretary, Diane Lapinski  
Director of Development, Chris Kirkpatrick  
Director of OCIA, Deacon David Lapinski  
Director of Religious Education, Susan Ishmael  
Director of Music, Joe Malafarina  
Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592  
Pre-School Director, Anne Bord - (814) 238-6616

**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.** See inside for holiday deadlines.

**Baptism**

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

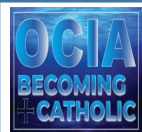
**Marriage**

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

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays and Thursdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm.

**Collections:** Bulletin was submitted before Dec. 7 collection was counted.



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](mailto:becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com).



**Please Remember In Your Prayers**

Kathleen A. Maloney, who died recently.

**Oplatki** is available in the Gathering Space of the Church.

**MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE**

**Monday, Dec. 15**

8:00am - † Van LeClair by Laura Schneider

**Tuesday, December 16**

8:00am - † John E. Barber by Rita & Bob Moser

*Adoration ends at 4:00pm.*

**Wednesday, December 17**

8:00am - † Mike Gill by Joanne & Dave Brady

**Thursday, December 18**

8:00am - † Alden Poet by Karen & Joe Aman & Family

*Adoration will end at 4:00pm.*

*Due to the holiday schedule, we will not be having Thursday night Confessions nor 6:30pm Mass.*

**Friday, December 19**

8:00am - Communion Service

**Saturday, December 20**

9:00am - † Patricia Glatz by Karen Kearney

5:00pm - † Vince Fudrow by Jeanne Fudrow

**Sunday, December 21**

7:30am - † Vivian & Francis LaMar by The LaMar Family

9:30am - For All People of Parish

11:30am - † John E. Flynn by Wife, Iris

6:00pm - OLV Penance Service

**Welcome Home!** Please email us at [WelcomeHome@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyofvictory.com).

**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.



**Early Bulletin Submissions:** Please send any announcements for the bulletin by the dates listed below:

Bulletin for December 27/28:  
Due by Friday, December 19.  
Bulletin for January 3/4:  
Due by Monday, December 22.

**Area Penance Services:**

**Sunday, Dec. 14, 3:00pm:** St. John the Evangelist, Bellefonte  
**Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:00pm** Good Shepherd, Port Matilda  
**Sunday, Dec. 21, 6:00pm:** Our Lady of Victory

**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.

**Our Lady of Victory + Hallow:** Our Lady of Victory is thrilled to announce that we'll be partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app! Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. Users are able to pray alongside Fr. Mike Schmidt, Sr. Miriam James, actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie, plus many more. The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music.

All parishioners – paid subscribers and those on the free version – are invited to be a part of Our Lady of Victory's parish page in the app. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.

To join, visit [hallow.com/parish](http://hallow.com/parish), search (zip code is fastest), and follow the prompts. You'll be given a special trial which gives access to all the app's premium content. If you'd like to forgo and remain on the free version, simply hit "Skip" and you'll have access to our parish page.

Starting December 1st, Our Lady of Victory will journey together through Hallow's Pray25 Challenge, preparing our hearts for Christmas through daily prayer and reflection.

Already using Hallow? Simply open the app, tap the Community tab at the bottom of your screen, visit our parish page, and join the Advent prayer challenge.

Issues with app access? Please contact [parishsupport@hallow.app](mailto:parishsupport@hallow.app). We look forward to praying with you!



**Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Schedule:**

**Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24**

4:00pm  
6:30pm  
9:00pm (Carols begin at 8:15pm)

**Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25**

7:30am & 9:30am  
(Please note, there will not be a 11:30am

Mass or 6:30pm Mass on Christmas. Also, no Adoration nor confessions)

**Feast of Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Wednesday, December 31 - No Vigil Mass  
Thursday, January 1  
9:00am & 6:30pm

**Priests for the Future - Altoona-Johnstown**

**Vocation Appeal:** Bishop Bartchak would like to remind us to prayerfully consider participating in our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Over the last few years, our diocese has had too few seminarians to replace our retiring priests, which poses an urgent need for our prayer and action. To ensure our parishes have priests for the future, our diocese's Vocation Office has developed a robust plan to reach young men and invite them to consider the priesthood. To learn more about this new plan, and to support financially, visit [ajvocations.org/give](http://ajvocations.org/give).



**March For Life Bus Trip**

**Friday January 23, 2026**

**MARCH for LIFE (Space Limited)**

Our Lady of Victory is now taking reservations for the 2026 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 23. Our pick-up location will be at *Good Shepherd Catholic Church*, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870.

The DONATION is Youth 18 and younger \$10; PSU Students and Adults \$15; and Family \$30. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Victory. (March for Life in memo line) (820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801). If you would like to attend, please contact the OLV Parish Office to make a reservation. For any additional questions please call Chris Kirkpatrick, OLV Office at 814-237-7832 or email [chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com).



# Our Lady of Victory Catholic School



**Enrollment Now Open**

OUR LADY OF VICTORY  
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](mailto:principal@olvcs.org) | [www.olvcatholicsschool.org/admission](http://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/admission)

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

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

**Gift Cards:** OLV Preschool sells gift cards to *GIANT, Waffle Shop, Barnes & Noble and Sheetz* throughout the year, and especially during the holiday season. A percentage of the sales go to the preschool. If you are interested in purchasing one or more to use as gifts, or for your own personal shopping needs, please contact their administrative assistant; Sarah Housler: [houslers@olvcs.org](mailto:houslers@olvcs.org) or send her a completed order form with payment. Order forms can be found in the back of the church and on the preschool's website. Please provide ample notice for an order over 10 cards so they can be sure to have enough cards available for sale. Thank you!



**OLVCS PRESCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday, January 15th at 4:30 PM**

Join us for a tour and learn more about our programs!

<https://preschool.olvcatholicsschool.org> 814-238-6616



**OLVCS KINDERGARTEN  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday, January 13th at 5:30 PM**

Join us for a tour and learn more about our programs!

[www.olvcatholicsschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicsschool.org) 814-238-1592




**OLVCS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, January 14th at 5:30 PM**

Join us for a tour and learn more about our programs!

[www.olvcatholicsschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicsschool.org) 814-238-1592

**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](mailto:chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com).

 **Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy High School** is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. To schedule a tour and find out more about the affordability of tuition, please visit [www.stjoeacad.org](http://www.stjoeacad.org).

## Religious Education News

- CCD classes are held each Sunday morning from **10:30-11:20am**.
- There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, 12/28/25 due to the Christmas holiday. Classes will resume on 1/4/26.
- New families can contact the DRE, Susan Ishmael, at [directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com) to register for classes.
- Our Youth Ministers will be leading a group of high school students next June 26th-28th, 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 will reserve your spot. Forms are available in the baptistry.



**The Annual Children's Living Nativity** will be held at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church on Wednesday, December 24. A rehearsal will be held in the church on Monday, December 22 from 6:30-7:30pm. Performers **MUST** attend rehearsal to participate.

Living Nativity Cast includes: Joseph, Mary, Angels, Three Kings, Shepherds, Sheep, & Donkeys. Mass parts for grades 6 and older are also available (First Reading, Second Reading, & Petition Readers). If any parents have their clearances and are available to assist with this activity, additional help is greatly appreciated. Please email Susan Ishmael at [directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com) to sign up your child or to volunteer to help.



### **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](mailto:highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com).

Middle School, please contact Molly Bosak at [middleschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:middleschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com).



### **Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Holiday Specials**

- All Holiday items are 50% off...including Apparel, Décor, Ornaments, Cards, Gift Bags, and Wrapping Supplies. This includes many Collectible Hallmark Ornaments.
- Are you looking for "That Special Gift"? We have a wonderful selection at 50 % off.
- Fabulous Furs are available—just in time for Christmas giving. There are also a few in less-than-perfect condition that can easily be used to make stuffed animals as Christmas gifts.

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer in 2026? To learn about joining our team, please call 814-867-3131 or stop by the Thrift Store.

Donations are accepted Monday – Thursday, 10:00am – 3:30pm and Friday and Saturday, 10:00am – 1:00 pm ONLY.

The Thrift Store is open Monday - Saturday, 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Note: The Thrift Store will be closed for the Christmas Holiday December 22 through January 3.

**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 lots of Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Children, stop by for a free nativity sticker. Proceeds from the Gift Shop benefit Religious Education at OLV.



### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

One of your fellow ministers uses a special display for the Holy Eucharist when reciting the special prayers during a house call.

If you think that you would like to use a similar display for your house-call (s), please let us know and you will be notified when your complimentary

copy (pyx not included) is available for pickup at the church office. The display is "foldable" for easy compact transport. Thank you!

**Select Formed Now:** Watch an exciting new program on the catechism called *Real+True* presented with animation, story telling, and podcast episodes, in four languages.

To sign up for Formed, go to [Formed.org/signup](https://Formed.org/signup): enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. The Formed app is available on Apple TV and Roku.

**Crochet** will not meet in December.



### **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 and Thursdays** from 8:30am to 4:00pm. 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](mailto: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. Please contact Roseanne at [RMcManus1@yahoo.com](mailto:RMcManus1@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or to get on our email list.

Dec. 14 Heresies continued

Dec. 21 Christmas Party

Dec. 28 No meeting



### **Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7 -FM this Advent!**

The WAOB family of stations offers special programming and homilies by a number of our nation's bishops & Pope Leo during this time of preparation. This Advent, embrace the entire liturgical season! We also encourage you to keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers during the Advent season.

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. Your donations are especially appreciated in December since several of our 2026 expenses are now due. God bless you for prayerfully considering this year-end request to support our spiritual work of mercy.



### **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 a few more women to pray for Jamey Darnell: for one hour, one day a week for 52 weeks of the year.

We desire you to pray for Jamey Darnell who is in the Deaconate formation program.

Please contact Karen Kearney at [kearneyt1@comcast.net](mailto:kearneyt1@comcast.net) or 814-883-4588 with questions or to join our efforts.

Thanks to the 21 women who are being generous with their time and lifting up Fr George, Bishop Mark Bartchak and Deacon Dave for a the next 52 weeks. We don't want to leave Jamey alone.



### **Women of Grace/Young Women of Grace:**

Advent is a great time to increase your knowledge of who you are as a child of God. WOG and YWOG can help you. To learn who you are in God's eyes so you can stand up against who the world tells you who you are to be. For us to learn the truth of who we are and the gift of their femininity.

We are hoping to start both of these in the New Year. Seek the truth and you shall find it. Help the young girls in your life to a great start. Anyone seeking more information please contact Karen Kearney at [kearneyt1@comcast.net](mailto:kearneyt1@comcast.net) or 814-883-4588.

### **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.



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

**"Knights Notes" :**

Calendar of Events: Please check [www.kc4678.com](http://www.kc4678.com)

Council Meetings– 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00pm.

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

Blood Donations: [redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801)

Knights - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes: The Magi said "We'll give him Gold and Frankincense...but wait...there's Myrrh."

**Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a Knight or send an email to [info@kc4678.com](mailto:info@kc4678.com). COME AND SEE!**

On the Web:

K of C webpage: [www.kc4678.com](http://www.kc4678.com)

K of C Facebook: [www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678](http://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](mailto:jasonfoytack@gmail.com) or (814) 360-6799.

**Job Seekers:** There are various openings available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Log on to [www.dioceseaj.org/careers](http://www.dioceseaj.org/careers) to see the openings and to apply.

**Sponsor of the Week:** Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **RESTORE Eye Care & Eye Gym**, 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](mailto:mmcaleer@4lpi.com).

**Saint John the Evangelist Feast Day Chapel Tour & Wine Blessing:** Saturday, December 27 at noon at the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum. Limited tickets available due to space in the chapel. No cost to attend, but donations are encouraged to support the preservation efforts of the historic estate and holy artifacts. Register by calling/texting 724-859-5324 emailing [office@boalmansion.com](mailto:office@boalmansion.com).

**BELOVED, FORGIVEN, HEALED**  
*Encountering the Heart of Christ*



**JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE!**  
*February 7, 2026*  
OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH  
STATE COLLEGE, PA



*Featured Speaker:*  
**FR. PAUL O'CONNOR, SJ**

*Scan the QR code to register!*



**ADULTS - \$30 STUDENTS - \$15**



**Christmas Memorial Poinsettias 2023** - Donations for poinsettias in memory of loved ones can be made during this Advent season by filling out the form below and dropping it off in the mail slot or the collection basket. Memorials will be published in the bulletin after the holidays.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_