

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
Tue.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
Wed.: 8:00am Mass
Thursday: Solemnity of Mary
9:00am & 6:30pm
Fri.: 8:00am Mass
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: January 3

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

The Church is open Monday -
Sunday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

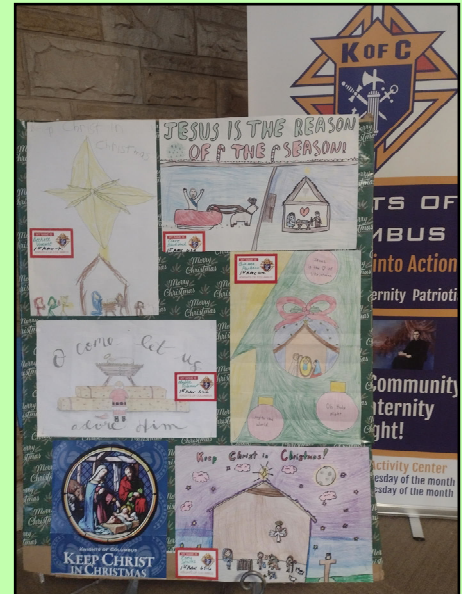
OLV Online Giving: go to
www.ourladyofvictory.com
and click on the link
<https://abundant.co/olvsc>
to give online.

- 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.

December 28 & 29, 2025 The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary & Joseph



**Keep Christ in Christmas
contest winners.**

Office Phone

814-237-7832

Office Fax

814-237-6709

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 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.** 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.

Dec. 14 Collections Envelope \$22,074.08; Loose \$1,840.00; Online Giving \$2,430.00; School \$248.00; Maintenance \$151.00; Twin Parish Mission \$273.00; Debt Reduction \$38.00; Gabriel Project \$1,463.00; St. Vincent de Paul \$45.00; Donuts \$29.00; Candles \$330.00; Archdiocese of Military Services \$75.00; Retirement Fund for Religious \$3,227.10; Immaculate Conception \$5,318.00; Total \$37,541.18.

Dec. 21 Collection: Bulletin was submitted before the collection was processed.



Please Remember In Your Prayers

David J. Nicastro, who died recently.

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.

The Marian Gift Shop in the Activities Center is closed December 22 - January 4. If you need to purchase anything during that time. contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446. Happy New Year!

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, December 29

8:00am - † Maximilian Freeman by Karen & Jack Infield

Tuesday, December 30

8:00am - Communion Service
Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wednesday, December 31

8:00am - † Gary Ulinski by Karen, Bob, Chris & Mark Ulinski & Families

Thursday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

9:00am - † Jon Cofer by Mary & Eric Weidenhof

6:30pm - † Raymond Moser, Jr by Bob & Rita Moser

No Adoration today.

Friday, January 2

8:00am - Ints. Fran Bray by June & Fred Briggs

Saturday, January 3

9:00am - † Charles Broderick by Bob Crowe & Kathleen Taylor

5:00pm - † Paula Shelow by The Family

Sunday, January 4

7:30am - Ints. Jennifer Rabits by Laura Schneider

9:30am - For All People of Parish

11:30am - † Maria Capparelli by The Rutter 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.](mailto:becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com)



**Solemnity of Mary Masses-
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

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

Our Lady of Victory + Hallow: Our Lady of Victory is thrilled to announce that we are partnering with Hallow, 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, 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.

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.

We look forward to praying with you!

Our Lady of Victory’s St. Kateri Pilgrimage including, Montreal & Quebec, Canada

May 3–9, 2026: A Journey of Faith, Heritage, and Sacred Discovery led by Fr. Brian Saylor

Experience a spiritually enriching 7-day pilgrimage through Montreal, Quebec City, Lake George, and sacred sites in both the United States and Canada. This carefully curated journey blends prayer, history, culture, and natural beauty - designed to deepen faith and inspire reflection. Attractions: St. Kateri’s birth and burial sites, Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Montreal, St. Joseph’s Oratory, Notre-Dame Basilica, Quebec, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre Basilica, and more

Inclusions: Round-Trip Transportation on board a Fullington Motorcoach

Hotel Lodging, 6 Masses, 6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 6 Dinners, Attractions, Guides & Tours as Listed, Driver Gratuity, All taxes, meal gratuities, and guide gratuities.

Pricing: \$2,600 per person, double occupancy. \$3,207 per person, single occupancy
Further information is on ourladyofvictory.com.

Church Office Closed: The Church office will be closed from noon to 4:00pm on Wednesday, December 31 and all day Thursday, January 1 in observance of Solemnity of Mary.



**March For Life Bus Trip
Friday January 23, 2026**

(Space Limited) Our Lady of

Victory is 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.

Traveling Chalice and Sacred Heart Statue:

There are new sign up sheets for 2026 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.

BELOVED, FORGIVEN, HEALED

Encountering the Heart of Christ



Featured Speaker:

FR. PAUL
O'CONNOR, SJ

JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE!

February 7, 2026

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
STATE COLLEGE, PA

Scan the QR
code to register!



ADULTS - \$30 STUDENTS - \$15



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



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.



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 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 814-238-1592



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.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESENTS...

Mini-THON

CONQUERING CHILDHOOD CANCER
FOUR DIAMONDS

CLICK HERETO DONATE!

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. The class on 1/4 is a CCD-wide event for Grades 1-8. We will be taking the students to Church for Adoration. Homeschool families and parents are welcome to join us.
- New families can contact the DRE, Susan Ishmael, at directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com to register for classes.

New Link to the CCD Calendar: <https://ourladyofvictory.com/religious-education/calendar/>

- Several changes have been made to the calendar for those children receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion this school year.
 - New dates for Reconciliation are as follows
 - Friday, April 24, 2026 at 10:00am:** OLVCS students
 - Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 10:30am:** CCD students in Dr. Zazzali's class
 - Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 10:30am:** CCD students in Miss Small's/Dr. Puts' class and anyone who missed the prior dates (OLVCS or CCD)
 - Students who are receiving Reconciliation and Communion this year but who are not in 2nd grade should pick one of the CCD Sundays to receive First Reconciliation. Homeschool CCD families can also pick the date that works best for them and let the DRE know when they will attend.
 - First Holy Communion will still be held on **Saturday, May 2 at 10:00am (students arrive by 9:30am)**. Rehearsal will be moved to **Friday, May 1st at 6:00-7:00pm**.
- **CCD chalice painting will be moved to Sunday, March 1 during CCD class** (previously Sunday, February 22). OLVCS students will still have **Chalice Painting on Ash Wednesday, February 18**.



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.

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.



Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

As the new year approaches, members of the Society of St. Vincent Society de Paul are so grateful to all of you who have donated items or shopped in our Thrift Store. 2025 was a record year for sales in the Store, and, thanks to your help, we serve on average, more than 150 adults and children every month in Centre County.

The Thrift Store remains closed this week. We look forward to reopening on Monday, Jan. 5 at 10:00am.

The November 2025 Report of Assistance for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40. In November, the Our Lady of Victory Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul received 124 requests and directly assisted 218 individuals, including 143 adults and 75 children. We helped 38 households secure or maintain housing or shelter and provided utility assistance for 26 other households. We provided transportation assistance for 9 others and helped with the personal/physical needs of 63 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.



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 the Church office 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!



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 to be added as a scheduled or substitute adorer.



Make a New Year's resolution to tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM!

We once again extend our gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, Father O'Hanlon Council #4678, as well as our other sustaining donors. Offer a prayer for the

mission of Knights whenever you hear a sacred music selection. Just as importantly, please pray for our local priests and Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy during their top-of-the-hour station ID's. Our 501(c)(3) organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout the winter.



Seven Sisters Apostolate UPDATE:

We need a couple more women to pray for Jamey Darnell, who is in the Deaconate Formation Program. What we ask from you is one hour, one day a week for 52 weeks of the year. Please contact Karen Kearney at 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.

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.

CMD 2025: Total Pledges \$208, 593.00 with 427 families contributing. Thank you to this month's contributor M/M G. Schultz.



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.



Women of Grace/Young Women of Grace:

Do you want 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 or 814-883-4588.

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 post-CCD high school students to join us. You can attend as many or as few sessions as you like. **New attendees are always welcome.**

Upcoming schedule:

- Dec. 28 and Jan. 4: No meeting
- Jan. 11: Apologetics: Knowing God's Existence through reason
- Jan. 18: Apologetics: Evidence for Jesus' Existence
- Jan. 25: No Meeting
- Feb. 1: Apologetics: Evidence of the Resurrection
- Feb. 8: Apologetics: Evidence in Daily Life

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



**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: [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.

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.



Food Bank Sunday is Jan. 4.

Items needed: Homestyle Soups
Snack Items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.); Canned mandarin oranges, peaches, pineapple; Tomato sauce, SPAM, Sloppy Joe Sauce; Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, salad dressing, etc.); Dried Herbs & Spices; Ground Coffee, Instant Coffee, Coffee Pods; Tea (black, green, herbal); Oil (vegetable, canola, olive oil); Gluten-Free items (pasta, flour, baking items, snacks, etc.). Non-food items: Laundry Detergent (most popular!); Liquid Dish Soap; Liquid Hand Soap; Toothpaste & Toothbrushes; Bar Soap; Body Wash; Feminine Hygiene & Incontinence Products; Assorted Personal Hygiene Supplies; Paper Products; Cleaning Products. They cannot accept expired or opened food items. Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. Donation box is in the back of the Church.

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

Crochet will not meet in December. Classes resume in January.

2025 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

There were 224 entries into the KCIC Poster Contest and the Knights of Columbus #4678 would like to thank the following businesses for their contribution of prizes; State College sweetFrog, Get Air, Discovery Space of Central PA / The Rivet, State College Dairy Queen.

And the Winners Are.....

- Kindergarten - 1st - Beckett Vincent
- 2nd - Sarah Brady
- 3rd - Isabella Slike
- Honorable Mention - Gibson Gavlock
- Grades 1-2: 1st - Gianna Pacheco
- 2nd - Micah Dalton
- 3rd - Kennedy Rupprecht
- Honorable Mention - Elizabeth Bartley, Willow Ganter
- Grades 3-4: 1st - Clare Blackstock
- 2nd - Austin Leakey
- 3rd - Serenity Ridenour
- Honorable Mention - Simmone Santos, Sophie Seprish
- Grades 5-6: 1st - Zoey Sparks
- 2nd - Luke Spencer
- 3rd - Julia Miller
- Grades 7-8: 1st - Maddie Ridenour
- 2nd - Scarlett Stoehr
- 3rd - Luciana Vendemia
- Honorable Mention - Jane Finke, Anna Miller

