



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

6:30pm No Mass

Fri.: 8:00am Mass

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



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Reduction,
Christmas & Easter online.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

December 6 & 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent



Monday, December 8
is the Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
and a Holy Day of
Obligation.

Mass Times are 8:00am
and 6:30pm.

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>.

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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 and Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm. (Not on Thursday, Dec. 11)

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am Mass with Reposition at 8:00pm. Ends at 4:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 11.

Collections: November 23: Envelope \$20,033.14; Loose \$3,117.00; Online Giving \$2,795.00; School \$55.00; Maintenance \$322.00; Twin Parish \$93.00; Debt Reduction \$329.00; Gabriel Project \$610.00; SVdP \$730.00; All Saints \$35.00; Archdiocese for Military Services \$303.00; Hurricane Emergency Fund \$400.00; World Mission Sunday \$10.00; Novena \$10.00; Catholic Charities \$2,108.00. Total: \$30,950.14.

November 30: Envelope \$19,158.00; Loose \$1,853.00; Online Giving \$2,305.00; School \$137.00; Maintenance \$80.00; Twin Parish \$80.00; Debt Reduction \$127.00; Gabriel Project \$150.00; SVdP \$485.00; Archdiocese for Military Services \$100.00; Hurricane Emergency Fund \$500.00; Novena \$100.00; Catholic Charities \$40.00. Total: \$25,115.00.

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.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
8:00am - † Theresa Wong by The Kelly & Wong Family

6:30pm - † Kathryn Ozog by Halene Schmadel

Tuesday, December 9

8:00am - † Virginia Anne Martin by Steve & Roberta Milillo
Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wednesday, December 10

8:00am - † Virginia Cassarly by Maria Meyer

Thursday, December 11

8:00am - Ints. OLV & Penn State Priests by CDA Court Blessed Madonna #2521
6:30pm - NO MASS
No Confessions and Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Friday, December 12

8:00am - † Mark John Itle by Melissa, Dave & Daniel Salvia

Saturday, December 13

9:00am - † Veronica Samansky by Frank Samansky
5:00pm - † Nate Salada by The Salada Family

Sunday, December 14

7:30am - † Robert Bremmer by Karen & Jack Infield
9:30am - For All People of Parish
11:30am - † Pam Johns by The Weakland Family

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.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:**

Monday, December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 8:00am and 6:30pm.

**Early Bulletin Submissions:**

Please send any announcements for the bulletin by the dates listed below:

Bulletin for December 20/21:

Due by Thursday, December 11.

Bulletin for December 27/28:

Due by Friday, December 19.

Bulletin for January 3/4:

Due by Monday, December 22.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:**

Sonja Brobeck and Kathy Malone, who died this past week.

Oplatki is available in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Our Lady of Victory + Hallow: 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, 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. We look forward to praying with you!



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.

Area Penance Services:

Sunday, Dec. 7, 12:30pm: SS. Peter & Paul, Philipsburg

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:00pm: PSU Catholic Campus:

Wednesday, Dec. 10 6:30pm Queen of Archangels, Clarence

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

**Queen of Peace Rosary Makers**

meet the second Tuesday of the month (December 9) after the 8:00am Mass in the Activities Center

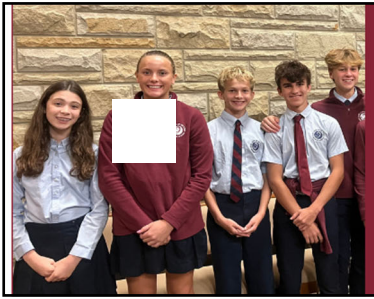
Library. New members are most welcome! Thus far in 2025 the Rosary Makers made over 3,000 mission rosaries and provided free to OLV, India, Maryland, St Paul's in MI, Cameroon, Blue Army and others. For additional information, please contact Pam Doeblar at 703-896-0071 or Rita Robert at 814-238-2613.

Select Formed Now: Tell Me About Your Advent Traditions: The O Antiphons, helping us all live liturgically this Advent.

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.

**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.



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



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**



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 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!



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.

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.

Diocesan Vocation Appeal:

Bishop Bartchak is encouraging you to support our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Your gift will fund the diocese's renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood, an especially urgent need as the number of seminarians for our diocese has been very low in recent years. To inspire more young men to consider the priesthood, the Vocation Office has developed a robust plan, which includes:

- A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- Our recent Called By Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men.
- Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events. • Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups, several young men are already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris's appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- Creating a new website with discernment resources: ajvocations.org.
- Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations.

Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God's call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese. To learn more and make a gift, visit ajvocations.org/give.

Religious Education News

- CCD classes are held each **Sunday morning from 10:30-11:20am.**
- A CCD and Sacramental Prep calendar has been posted on the Religious Education website: <https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/20252026-calendar>
- New families can contact the DRE, Susan Ishmael, at directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com to register for classes.
- Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest entries are due for CCD students by 11:30am on December 14.
- 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.



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 24th. A **rehearsal** will be held in the church on Monday, December 22nd 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 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.

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



Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Holiday Specials

- Get your Holiday Apparel and Décor for 50% off. This includes ornaments for your tree!
- Incredible number of beautiful Christmas cards, gift bags, and other wrapping supplies at low prices.
- Are you looking for "That Special Gift"? We have an excellent selection for that special someone.
- Fabulous Furs now 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.

We are looking for volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in learning more, 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.

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



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

Traveling Chalice and Sacred Heart Statue: There are new sign up sheets in the Gathering Space for 2026 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.



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.



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

Dec. 7 Ancient Heresies and Application to Modern Times

Dec. 14 Heresies continued

Dec. 21 Christmas Party

Dec. 28 No meeting

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



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 4 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 entering the Deaconate formation also. Please contact Karen Kearney @ 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 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 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.



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.

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.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **SK Swift Kennedy**, 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.

Free Sale: Saturday, Dec. 13, 9:00am - 4:00pm at Our Lady of Victory Activities Center (820 Westerly Pkwy., State College PA). What is a FREE SALE? - it is just like a yard sale except all items are FREE. Items to include tables of Christmas items, games, tools, toys, videos, camping gear, garden equipment, odds-and-ends, shells and minerals and much more! Free-will donations are accepted and all will go to support St. Rita's School in Cameroon, Africa, a school serving both handicapped and non-handicapped students. (We will also have a sales table.) For info: Dr. Andrew Sicree, 814-867-6263 or sicree@verizon.net

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/>



Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent



Dear Lord, Open our eyes to the people You have specifically placed in our path so that we can speak healing and comfort to them. Help us to prepare for the coming of Your kingdom, together. Amen.

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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: _____