



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 Mass

Wed. 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am Mass

6:30pm 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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Mission, Debt
Reduction,
Christmas & Easter online.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

November 29 & 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent



**#IGiveCatholic: Please support OLV Parish and Schools
now through Giving Tuesday, December 2. Details inside.**

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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

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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.

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

Items for December 13/14 Bulletin are due to the office no later than 4:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Collections November 16: Envelope \$19,984.08; Loose \$2,418.00; Online Giving \$4,370.68; School \$845.00; Maintenance \$35.00; Twin Parish \$51.00; Debt Reduction \$20.00; Gabriel Project \$70.00; SVdP \$401.00; All Saints \$75.00; All Souls \$75.00; Archdiocese for Military Services \$230.00; Hurricane Emergency Fund \$150.00; World Mission Sunday \$60.00. Total: \$28,784.76.

November 23 Collection: Bulletin was published before 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.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, December 1

8:00am - † Ruth Hauser by Tom & Karen Hauser

9:00am - † Angie Fedele by Eric & Mary

Tuesday, December 2

8:00am - † Raymond Moser, Sr. by Bob & Rita Moser

Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wednesday, December 3

8:00am - † Lorraine Teyssier by The Donovan Family

Thursday, December 4

8:00am - † Jerry Taylor by Kathleen Taylor

6:30pm - † Darwin "Shubby" Marquette by OLV Sanctuary Choir

Confessions at 5:30pm. Adoration ends at 8:00pm.

Friday, December 5

8:00am - † Van LeClair by The Meyer Family

Saturday, December 6

9:00am - † Shirley Valente by The Family

5:00pm - † Jim, Alice & Bernard Haines by The Family

Sunday, December 7

7:30am - † Joseph Gaiotti by Leo Koons

9:30am - For All People of Parish

11:30am - † Ed & Pat Lequar by John & Carol Dreibelbis



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.

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!



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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Altoona, PA 16601
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www.dioceseaj.org

November 30th, 2025

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you today with encouraging news: Our diocese is renewing its efforts to foster **vocations to the priesthood**! Fr. Peter Crowe, our Vocation Director, has developed a strategic plan to inspire future priests, and we're excited about the path ahead.

Here is an update on how our diocese is working to cultivate vocations:

- We've formed a dedicated team of **priests focused on vocation promotion**, who are actively meeting in person with young men considering the priesthood.
- These priests have been leading Discernment Small Groups, with dozens of young men already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris has been appointed Vocation Recruiter to assist Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team to expand their outreach.
- Our **"Called by Name"** campaign held earlier this month has already been bearing fruit, allowing the Vocation Team to connect with many faithful young men.
- We've planned a **Calendar of Discernment Events** designed to help young men deeply explore their calling, while building much needed community.

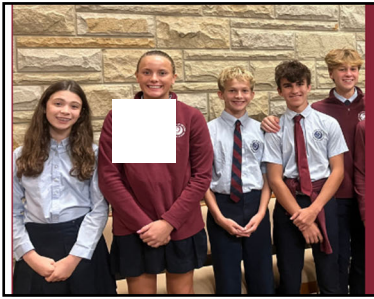
We pray these efforts will help inspire the future priests of our diocese.

Therefore, I respectfully request your assistance with our Vocations Appeal. The appeal will be conducted during all Masses on the weekend of December 6-7. Your support will directly empower the Vocation Office's mission to guide and empower the young men in our diocese who are discerning their vocations.

With your help, and by God's grace, we will continue to form holy priests to serve the people of God in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown



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**



Congratulations to Arella Robertson (7th grade), Maisie Scrimager (4th grade) and Brianne Housler (2nd grade) they were the school winners of the Respect For Life Posters. Representatives from the Diocesan Education Office chose the winners.



Prayer for the first Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,
In this season of bustle,
help us to stay watchful
and alert to the spaces and places
You are calling us to bring
Your love and light.
Amen.

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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.





Christmas Cash Raffle

Purchase your tickets from
any SJCA Student, today!

\$20
Per Ticket

\$2500 in prizes
First drawing is 12/8

Religious Education News

- **NO CCD classes on Sunday, November 30.**
- A CCD and Sacramental Prep calendar has been posted on the Religious Education.
- 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: Holiday Specials

- The Holiday season is here, check out our selection of Apparel and Décor.
- Are you looking for "That Special Gift"? We have a wonderful selection for the special someone.
- Winter Coats, Vests and Leather and Suede Coats are available at great prices.
- 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.

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the Thrift Store? We are looking for individuals 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.

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.

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

Oplatki is available in the Gathering Space of the Church.



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.**



**Please Join us for
#iGiveCatholic on
#GivingTuesday,
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 runs 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!





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.



THE GABRIEL PROJECT

Gabriel Project: The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy.

The goal of the Gabriel Project is 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.



STATE COLLEGE FOOD BANK Food Bank Sunday is December 6.

Items needed: Homestyle Soups (Progresso, Campbell's CHUNKY, other ready-to-eat 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.); Ground Coffee, Instant Coffee, Coffee Pods; Tea (black, green, herbal); Oil (vegetable, canola, olive oil); Desert Mixes (for cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, Jello, pudding, etc.) 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.



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 a few more women to pray for Deacon Dave: **for one hour, one day a week for 52 weeks of the year** and we need 7 more to pray for Jamey Darnell who has entered the Diaconate formation. Please contact Karen Kearney at kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588 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.



Time to Sing in the Season! - OLV

Sanctuary Choir is rehearsing Advent and Christmas music! We would love you to join us for the holidays. Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays 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.

Select Formed Now: Dr. Ben Ackers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss Christmas, holidays, liturgical seasons, and family traditions. 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.

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

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.

The State College Choral Society is presenting Light In the Dark - A Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 6 at 4:00pm in the State College Area High School Performance Hall. Come and enjoy this concert with repertoire by Bernstein (Chichester Psalms), Bruckner (Ave Maria) and Bass (Gloria). Special guests include Centre Brass, Mount Nittany Middle School Clef Hangers, and Park Forest Middle School Sylvan Singers. This is our gift to the community....no ticket required! Bring the entire family to enjoy the carol sing-a-long. We ask that all attending bring a non-perishable food item(s) to be donated to a local food bank. More information is available at www.scchoralsociety.org.



Toys for Tots Bins are located at the entrances of the Church.

Donate a new, unwrapped toy by Friday, December 12.

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

Crochet will not meet in December.

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

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 6:00pm 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.

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