



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

Thurs.: 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
and click on the link
<https://abundant.co/olvsc>
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

**January 3 & 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord**



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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>.

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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. 21 Collections Envelope \$21,494.54; Loose \$2,285.00; Online Giving \$4,915.00; School \$1,159.00; Maintenance \$61.00; Twin Parish Mission \$100.00; Debt Reduction \$66.00; Gabriel Project \$946.00; St. Vincent de Paul \$1,295.00; Donuts \$38.00; Candles \$299.00; Retirement Fund for Religious \$643.00; Immaculate Conception \$180.00; Oplatki \$190.00. Total \$33,671.54.

Christmas & Dec. 28 Collection: Bulletin was submitted before the collections was processed.

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 through January 4. If you need to purchase anything during that time, contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446. Happy New Year! Regular hours resume next Sunday, 10:00am to 11:15am. Proceeds from the gift shop benefit Religious Education at OLV.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, January 5

8:00am - † Graeme Kearney by Tom & Karen Kearney

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

8:00am - † John Prischak by Jane Wronski

Thursday, January 8

8:00am - † Rodger Bunnell by Dave & Joanne Brady

6:30pm - NO MASS

No Confessions, Adoration ends at 4:00 pm

Friday, January 9

8:00am - Communion Service

Saturday, January 10

9:00am - † Dr. Robert Nicely by Donna Nicely

5:00pm - † John E. Flynn by wife, Iris

Sunday, January 11

7:30am - † Helen Kostyak by Gloria Enis

9:30am - For All People of Parish

11:30am - † Lawrence McDermott by Marie Bonner



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 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.

Select Formed Now: "How Do We Live Pro-Life?" 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.



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.

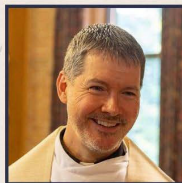
Traveling Chalice and Sacred Heart Statue:

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.

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

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February 7, 2026

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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

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The Vadella Tanner Family

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Joe and Sue Rogacs

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Matt and Theresa Heinz Family







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



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 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...

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FOUR DIAMONDS



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Religious Education News

- CCD classes are held each Sunday morning from **10:30-11:20am**.
- 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. Please note: Due to maintenance in the OLV School building, we will gather and dismiss in the Church for CCD on January 4.
- 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**.
- Note to high schoolers preparing for Confirmation. Please make sure your Letter or Intent, baptismal info and sponsor paperwork are turned in ASAP if you still need to do so.



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: 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.

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



Queen of Peace Rosary Makers meet the second Tuesday of the month (January 13) after the 8:00am Mass in the Activities Center Library. New members are most welcome! Thus far in 2025 the Rosary Makers made over 3,500 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

Doebler at 703-896-0071 or Rita Robert at 814-238-2613. Please feel free to drop off any rosaries you may not be using or ones that are worn/torn to the OLV Office. Rosaries will be collect by the Queen of Peace Rosary Makers and restored.



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!



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.



Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7 -FM in 2026!

We would like to express our gratitude to all of those who supported our ministry in 2025 with recordings, financial contributions, prayers, and listenership. Donation letters will be sent to our year-end supporters and our sustaining pledge donors by January 31. If you do not receive the summary or require a duplicate from an earlier one-time gift, please contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com. Remember, just \$100/day keeps our Catholic voice on the air. 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.



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:

- 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

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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and the Shrines of Spain - May 7-19, 2026.

Deacon Nelson and Shelley Lowes, from Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi parishes, invite you to join them on a spiritual journey through some of Europe's most sacred sites. It will include visits to Lisbon, Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Montserrat and Barcelona. The total cost is approximately \$4,600 per person, which includes the base trip price, round-trip airfare, transfer fees, and taxes. Most meals are included. We currently have 44 spots available, and 29 have already signed on. We only need 30 to make the trip official! Don't miss this incredible opportunity to deepen your faith, experience rich history, and enjoy the beauty of Spain, Portugal, and France. Learn more and register at: <https://www.epicjourneystours.com/tours/fatima-lourdes-shrines-of-spain/>

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like the **State Farm**, J. Brown Insurance and Financial Services Inc., Judi Brown, Agent, 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.

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!!!

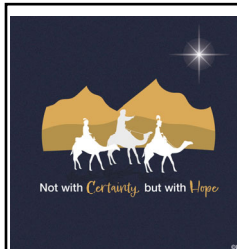
Visit Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Wieliczka, Czestochowa, Kalwaria, Niepokolanów, Vienna, Bratislava, Brezno, Levoca and Košice with Father Jozef and Deacon Jack as they tour Father Jozef's homeland and hometown in Slovakia.

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/>



Crochet meets on the first and third Mondays of the month.



January 4, 2026 – Second Sunday of Christmas

As our celebration of Christmas continues, this week we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek and means manifestation of appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

As Christian stewards, we are all called to manifest God's love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..." We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.