August 15, 2021
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the faithful members of Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory Parishes, in union with our Bishop and Pastor, are called through baptism to share in the mission that Jesus Christ has entrusted to us. We celebrate the Sacraments and pledge our service to the community through use of our time, talent and treasure. We are dedicated to proclaiming the Word of God, to deepening the faith of our parishioners, and to reach out to all those in need. We provide the necessary resources to educate in sharing our faith. We encourage our parents, grandparents and parish family to pray for vocations. Through Baptism, we each have an active role to play in the life and mission of the Church. We celebrate our faith as linked parishes jointly working together in many ways while maintaining our heritage as individual churches in the Back Mountain community.

Gate of Heaven Church

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

(Live-stream available from 4 pm Saturday)

Weekday Masses
Monday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am

Religious Education
Sundays: 10:30-11:30 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday: 2-3 pm
Tuesday: 5—6 pm
Sunday 3-5 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary
Monday evening: 6:30 pm

Flame of Love
Wednesday: 6-7 pm

Reconciliation:
Saturday: 12 noon
(odd months)

BAPTISM
Parents must be registered in the Parish. In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, expectant parents are required to attend pre-Baptism instruction. **Parents –please call the office before your child is due so** you have ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace.

MARRIAGE
The engaged couple is asked to call the Office and arrange an appointment with the priest. Please allow 12 months for the completion of the necessary preparations. Do not enter into any other commitments before confirming a wedding date and time in the parish.

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Please call the Office if you are thinking of becoming Catholic or want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the Office for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital/health care facility. Offered to those at the point of death, and those facing such things as surgery, serious illness and advanced age.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and SACRAMENTAL PREP
We offer Religious Education (CCD) and preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Our Lady of Victory Church

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
Sunday: 10:30 am

(Live-stream available from 4 pm Saturday).

Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am

Religious Education
Sunday: 9:00-10:00 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday: 8:30– 9:00 am

Flame of Love
Tuesday: 7 pm

Reconciliation
Saturday: 12 noon
(even months)

Welcome to Gate of Heaven Parish and Our Lady of Victory Parish!

Parish Membership- new members are always welcome to join our parishes. Call the church office of your choice for registration information. Membership is necessary for anyone interested in our Religious Education and Sacramental Program and for anyone wishing to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation.

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Candle Offerings for the Week of August 15, 2021

Gate of Heaven

The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of and the Altar Flowers are placed in loving memory of Victoria & Alex Makowski given by grandson Tom.

Our Lady of Victory

The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Debbie Sobeck given by The Nowicki Family. Altar Flowers placed in loving memory of Debbie Sobeck given by The Nowicki Family and in loving memory of Joseph Maseychik given by wife, Gerri and Family.

Mass Intentions – For the Week of August 15, 2021

	Date	Time	Church	Intention	Requested by
Monday	August 16th	7:00 pm	GOH	Chester Butch Cwalinski	Carol Carroll
Tuesday	August 17th	9:00 am	OLV	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	August 18th	9:00 am	GOH	Kathleen Rozak	Frederick Family
Thursday	August 19th	No Mass			
Friday	August 20th	9:00 am	OLV	Smith-Weaver Family	Chris & Joan Foster
Saturday	August 21st	4:00 pm	OLV	Eugene J. Kane	Cannon Family
Saturday	August 21st	5:30 pm New time	GOH	James C. Thomas Jr.	Angie Murray
Sunday	August 22nd	7:30 am	OLV	Anniversary Blessings for M/M Edmund Savitski	M/M John Scavone and Family
Sunday	August 22nd	9:00 am	GOH	Debbie Olenginski	Family
Sunday	August 22nd	10:30 am	OLV	Debbie Sobeck	Hollos Family

Altar flowers at Our Lady of Victory. If you would like to remember a loved one by sponsoring the altar flowers at OLV, please call the office at 570-639-1535.

We have an opening for the weekend of October 16th-17th.

Bouquets are placed on each side of the tabernacle. Cost per bouquet is $35.00 You may sponsor just one or both.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- August 15, 2021. We lift up our prayers united with the Blessed Mother, who today is assumed into heaven:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven reveals that what God begins, he brings to completion.

In predestining her to be the Mother of the Savior, the Lord prepared her through the Immaculate Conception, which preserved her from original sin. Grace continued to expand and flower within her, giving her strength to stand by Jesus on the cross.

She was preserved from the corruption of the tomb and enjoys already a bodily participation in the glory of Christ in heaven.

From there, she prays for us—- that grace may come to perfection in us, and that we may share in her glory with Jesus.

Taken from the Magnificat

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available for the month of August at Our Lady of Victory on Saturday's at 12 noon.

Please note the change of time.

Father will hear confessions as long as needed.

The location for confessions will return to the confessional.

Let us pray for Bodhi Warren Banks

Bodhi was baptized at Gate of Heaven on Sunday, August 8, 2021. May God bless you Bodhi and your parents Christopher and Lesley. You are a blessing to our parish!

Live Streaming of Mass.
Mass can be watched live every Saturday at 4 pm . After the Mass ends, the recorded version may be viewed at anytime during the weekend.

How to bring the Mass into your home through Facebook.

Go to our Facebook page which is Gate of Heaven and Our Lady Of Victory.

Look for the post to live stream the Mass. You can be part of our Facebook group by liking our page or you can put Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory into search.

Our website address is goholv.org.

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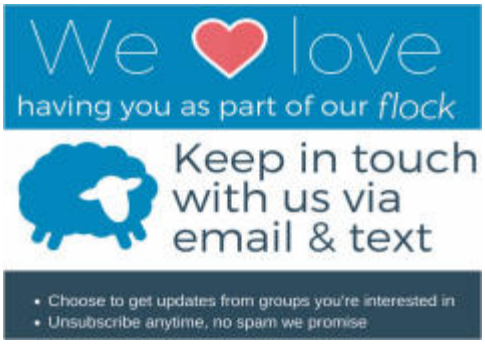

Meet our new Pastor– Father Andrew Hvozdovic

Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic?

- Son of Margaret (Louise) Balint and the late Andrew Joseph (Butch) Hvozdovic
- Born May 10, 1961, in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Member of the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Graduated from the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Elementary School, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Graduated from the former Bishop Hoban High School, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Graduated from the former St. Pius X Seminary, Dalton, PA/ University of Scranton, Scranton, PA with a B.A. in Philosophy
- Graduated from Immaculate Conception Seminary/Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ with a M. Div. in Theology and a minor in Church History
- Deacon St. John the Evangelist Church, Honesdale, PA
- Ordained a Priest Saturday, September 5, 1987
- Assistant Pastor Epiphany Church, Sayre, PA
- Assistant Pastor St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston, PA
- Assistant Pastor St. Joseph Church, Hazelton, PA
- Pastor St. Luke The Evangelist Church, Jersey Shore, PA
- Pastor Epiphany Church, Sayre, PA
- Pastor Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas/Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harvey's Lake

⇒ Currently Scranton Diocesan Coordinator of Pilgrimages

⇒ Currently Chaplain of the North End Slovak Citizen's Club, Wilkes-Barre, PA
⇒ Currently Supreme Chaplain Slovak Catholic Sokol, Passaic, N.J.
⇒ Currently National President Slovak Catholic Federation, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need
To follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
as our Eternal Priest. Amen

Please join us in welcoming Father Andrew!

We will have a meet and greet at Gate of Heaven on Saturday, August 14th at 6:30 pm in the parish center and at Our Lady of Victory on Sunday, August 15th at 11:30 am.

Light refreshments will be served.

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August 6, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Caring for the health, safety and spiritual well-being of all parishioners – and our entire community – has been my priority since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Diocese of Scranton has made every effort to implement best practices in public health – and has been continuously evaluating policies, monitoring data and consulting with healthcare experts. I want to assure you that these efforts continue to this day.

It is now evident that this global health crisis continues to linger – especially with the delta variant -- which medical experts explain is more infectious, and can spread more aggressively, than previous virus strains.

As the Diocese of Scranton looks forward to welcoming the faithful back to the celebration of Mass with the reinstatement of our obligation as Christians to worship on Sundays and Holy Days beginning August 15, it is imperative that we maintain the accessibility of the Eucharist in a safe environment.

I am strongly recommending that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass – regardless of vaccination status. While masks will not be mandated in our parishes at this time, we must all continue to be vigilant against this emerging health threat. In fact, as Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors. In order to safeguard our community, I have also requested that altar servers wear masks and all Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers return to wearing masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.

I also encourage everyone to continue good hygiene habits and follow the example of Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and all Pennsylvania Bishops, in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

While I, along with your pastor, look forward to welcoming you back to experience the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, individuals who have serious health conditions or concerns will still not be obligated to attend Mass. By longstanding Church law, the Sunday obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to watch televised or livestream Masses.

As we continue to respond to the invitation of Jesus to come to Him, I invite all the faithful to safely return to Mass to have an intimate encounter with the Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

†Joseph C. Bambera

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

We are Adopting a Baby! Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory parishioners are invited to spiritually and monetarily adopt a child who was going to be aborted. Until…. Mom- Katie said YES to life!

The baby girl is due to be born at the end of August. When she is born her name will be revealed.

In order to purchase items for the baby like a crib, bedding, formula, diapers, clothes etc., we are asking parishioners to donate Target gift cards. Please pray for young Katie, her baby and all unborn babies and their moms.

Gift cards can be dropped in the collection baskets, at the parish offices or at GOH in the locked mailboxes located outside the front doors or on the office door. Questions? Call Carol Carroll at GOH parish office.

Calendar of Events for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday August 15, 2021	Monday August 16th	Tuesday August 17th	Wednesday August 18th	Thursday August 19th	Friday August 20th	Saturday August 21st
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses 7:30 am at OLV 9:00am at GOH 10:30 am at OLV Live stream@ 4pm No Distribution of Communion Eucharistic Adoration @ GOH 3 to 5 pm	Rosary and Novena to the Miraculous Medal @ 6:30 pm @ GOH followed by *Mass 7:00 pm @ GOH*	Mass at 9 am @ OLV Eucharistic Adoration 5 pm to 6 pm @ GOH Flame of Love 7 pm @OLV	Mass at 9 am @ GOH Flame of Love 6 pm @ GOH	No Mass 	Mass @ 9 am @ OLV Divine Mercy Cenacle @ 9:30 @ OLV Eucharistic Adoration @ GOH 2 to 3 pm	Confessions @ OLV @ 12 noon Vigil Mass 4:00 pm @OLV 5:30 pm @GOH Please note the change of time for confession @OLV and Mass @ GOH

Save the Date!

Our Lady of Victory's ONLY fundraiser this year is coming up soon...The Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 17, 2021 at Stonehedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock. Please join us for a day of fun and camaraderie!

If you are an OLV parishioner and did not receive information about the tournament with basket raffle tickets in the mail, please contact the OLV parish office to receive yours. ***Renee & Helen***

Baskets Needed!

Our basket raffle will be held in conjunction with the Annual Golf Tournament.

Donations of baskets for the raffle are needed and appreciated. Please consider doing a basket for this year's raffle.

We welcome any type of basket...lottery baskets, spa theme, cheer, children's toys, CASH..whatever you can think up, we will gratefully accept!

Any questions or to arrange dropping something off, please call Renee at 570-639-1535.

Many thanks to everyone who donated prizes, purchased tickets and supported our Gate of Heaven MEGA Raffle!!

We sincerely appreciate your support. Because of you our raffle was a HUGE Success!

Congratulations to all our winners!

Our profits will be announced soon.

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