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Dallas, PA



Our Lady of Victory Parish

Harveys Lake, PA

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December 26, 2021—

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

PASTOR

Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, M. Div.



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Deacon Thomas M. Cesarini
Deacon John C. Jorda

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Our Parish Catholic Schools

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570-718-4724

Jim Jones, Principal

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Office Manager Renee Boland
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Director Of Religious Education Amy Clark
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Our Lady of Victory and Gate of Heaven

Business Manager Helen Neylon
Administrative Assistant Renee Boland
RCIA Coordinator Deacon John Jorda
Mission Liaison Carol Carroll
Webmaster Dan Gallagher

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 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.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

GATE OF HEAVEN

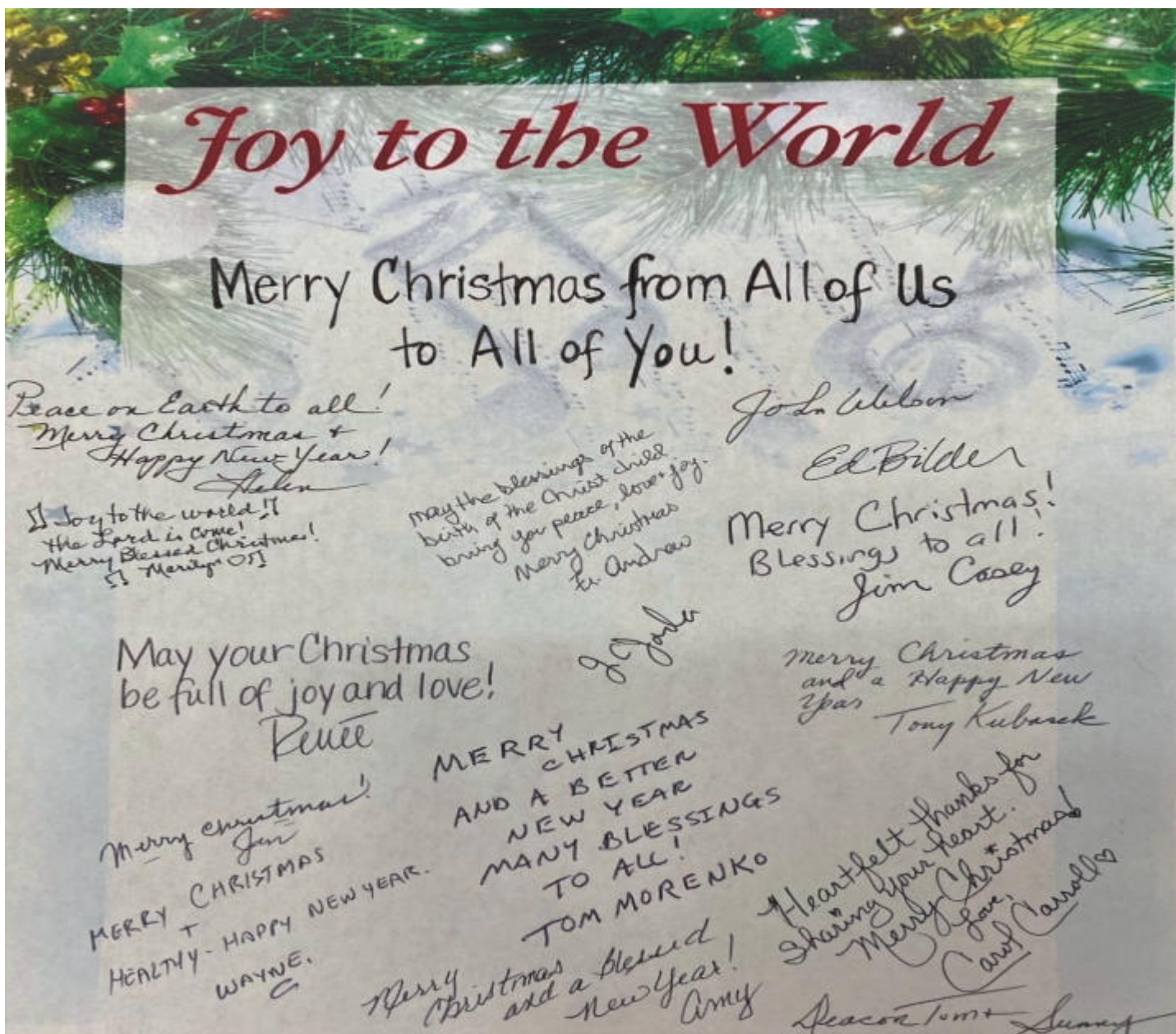
OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
DECEMBER 11	5:30PM	\$1,825.00	87
DECEMBER 12	9:00AM	\$2,333.00	113
MAIL-IN		\$4,585.00	
TOTAL		\$8,743.00	200

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
DECEMBER 11	4:00PM	\$2,327.00	90
DECEMBER 12	7:30AM	\$580.00	67
DECEMBER 12	10:30AM	\$5,943.00	84
MAIL-IN		\$2,041.25	
TOTAL		\$10,891.25	241

Collections for the Holy Day: Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8)
 Gate of Heaven: \$818.00 Our Lady of Victory: \$162.00

FROM THE PASTOR



Our Lady of Victory Parish
16 Second Street, Harveys Lake, PA 18618

Parish Phone: 570-639-1535 —Fax: 570-639-1294—Email: olvh1309@aol.com

Our Facebook Page: Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory Website: <https://www.goholv.org>

Mass Schedule/Devotions for December 27– January 2

Tuesday: December 28

9am Mass Intention for M/M Joseph Sutula given by D/M R. P. Albertson & Ann Michelle

7pm NO Flame of Love Devotions

Friday: December 31: Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am NO Morning Mass

4pm Mass Intention for Stephen Stash given by Wife, Frances & Family

Saturday: January 1, 2022: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Holy Day is at Gate of Heaven

NO Vigil Masses for Sunday

Sunday: January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am Mass Intention for Regina M. Darraugh given by Family

9-10:15am NO CCD in Parish Hall: Christmas Holiday

10:30am Mass Intention for Edward & Marie Hosey given by Andrew Jack Barry

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will NOT be held on Saturday, January 1.

Reconciliation will resume on Saturday, January 8 from noon-1pm at Gate of Heaven

Sanctuary Candle

burns for ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Ministry Schedules

Friday, December 31: Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary

4:00pm Lector— Dave Tarantini Eucharistic Minister— Bill Woronko

Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am Lector— Regina Cannon Eucharistic Minister— Steve Batory

10:30am Lector— Joe Orbin Eucharistic Minister— Rose Lucarino

2022 Flower & Sanctuary Candle Requests

The calendars for next year are available on the desk at the entrance of the church. Please feel free to sign up to reserve your dates for next year or call the office to do so.

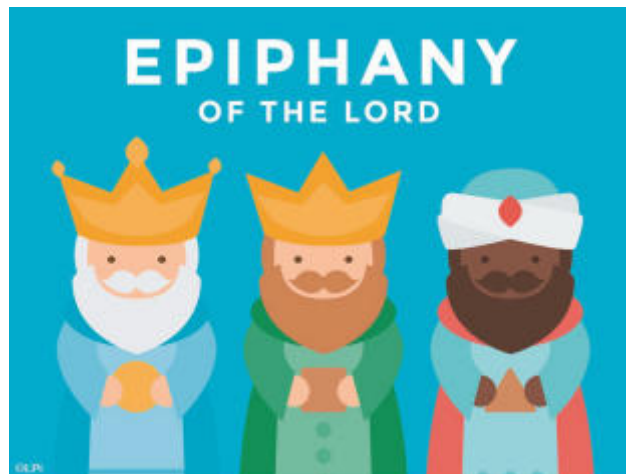
Sanctuary Candles are \$10 per week and Altar Flowers are \$35 per bouquet. (2 bouquets needed per week)

Church Christmas Decorating: Thanks to all those who gave up their Sunday afternoon to help us decorate the Church. What a wonderful gift to the Newborn King!



New Mass Intention Book

An intention book has been placed on the desk at the back of the church. Feel free to write in your intentions. They will be prayed for at all Masses.



We would like to extend our grateful thanks to the **Parise Family and Rogers Nursery** for the donation of the beautiful Christmas wreaths which adorn the outside doors of Our Lady of Victory Church again this year. These wreaths are in memory of **Dan Parise**.



Gate of Heaven Parish

40 Machell Avenue Dallas, PA 18612

Parish Phone: 570-675-2121—Fax: 570-675-7143—Email: parishoffice.goh@goholv.org

Our Facebook Page: Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory Website: https://www.goholv.org

Mass Schedule/Devotions for December 27– January 2

Monday: December 27

6:00pm Adoration
6:30pm Rosary and Novena to the Miraculous Medal
7pm Mass Intention for Joseph Leonard given by Adam & Corrine Smith

Tuesday: December 28

5-6 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: December 29

9:00am Mass Intention for Marie Bellas given by the Altar & Rosary Society
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests

Friday: December 31

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is at OLV

Saturday: January 1: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass Intention for Marion “Barbara” Evans given by Rose & Gerry Schmid

NO Vigil Masses for Sunday

Sunday: January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am Mass Intention for Nancy Garvey given by the O’Malia Family
10-11:15am NO CCD in School and Parish Hall: Christmas Holiday
3- 5pm Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will NOT be held on Saturday, January 1.

Reconciliation will resume on Saturday, January 8 from noon-1pm at Gate of Heaven

Sanctuary Candle

burns in loving memory of JUDY LEGG PANAGAKOS given by MOM



Ministry Schedules

Saturday, January 1: The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Lector– Patty Price Eucharistic Minister– Carol Carroll

Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord

9am Lector-Sally Lehman Eucharistic Minister– Patty Price

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle Requests for 2022.

Cost is \$35 for two bouquets of flowers and \$10 for each candle. Please contact Sandy Bradbury at 570-675-1837

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- In loving memory of her beloved husband, JACK CACOZZA, given by his beloved wife Marlene Cacozza
- In loving memory of WILLIAM HARDISKY given by Mary Ann & Joey
- In loving memory of MARGARET (PEG) YASCUR given by her Children
- In loving memory of MICHAEL W. KERESTES given by Tom & Renee Boland and Family
- In loving memory of MARY WEEKS given by Peggy Canfield and Family
- In loving memory of the deceased members of the SILKOWSKI FAMILY given by Pat & Tony Manorek
- In loving memory of GRUNDOWSKI & EVANS FAMILIES given by Kim Grundowski
- In loving memory of NORMAN DARLING, MOM, DAD & DEBORAH BELENSKI given by Mary Darling
- In loving memory of husband, JOHN F. MURRAY, given by his wife, Angie Murray
- In loving memory of ROBERT & KATIE O’KONSKI given by Marybeth O’Konski

Rest in peace...As a parish family, we send our prayers and condolences to the families of Jack Callahan and Veronica Spears who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES

THANK YOU! We wish to express a huge THANK YOU to the GOH/OLV **Altar & Rosary Society** for their generous donation to GOH Church in the amount of \$3,000.00. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Another THANK YOU to **Changing Habits** for presenting a check to GOH Church's St. Vincent DePaul account in the amount of \$500.00. Changing Habits is a musical outreach ministry that accepts donations to help assist the needy of the parish.

Thanks

Annual Christmas Giving Trees at Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! On behalf of over 25 local families, as well as numerous local charities, we thank all who contributed to this collection by purchasing gift cards. Through your generosity, a child can experience the joy of Christmas and hopefully connect in some way with the true meaning of the birth of Jesus. You have helped to brighten Christmas morning for many. God Bless You!

2022 Calendar Challenge! THE CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!!!! Both OLV and GOH 2022 Calendars are here. Please feel free to take one per household. Thank you to Disque Funeral Home for once again sponsoring these for us.

HOMELESS MEN OF MOTHER TERESA'S HAVEN We would like to thank the many people who helped to make our day at Camp Orchard Hill a success. We are grateful for the many donations of hats, scarves and socks to help keep the men warm. The outpouring of cash donations helped us to buy 25 sleeping bags, gift cards to Dunkin, as well as provide a wonderful pork dinner meal for them. A huge shout out to Carol Carroll who made the whole day possible with her organization and execution of plans. Thank you to everyone who came out to Camp Orchard Hill to help cook and serve. It was a wonderful day.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS: We will not be mailing out statements to all parishioners this year. If you would like an end of the year tax statement noting your 2021 contributions, please contact the office of the parish which you are registered. For those who do request a statement, they will be mailed by January 31, 2022. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this process.

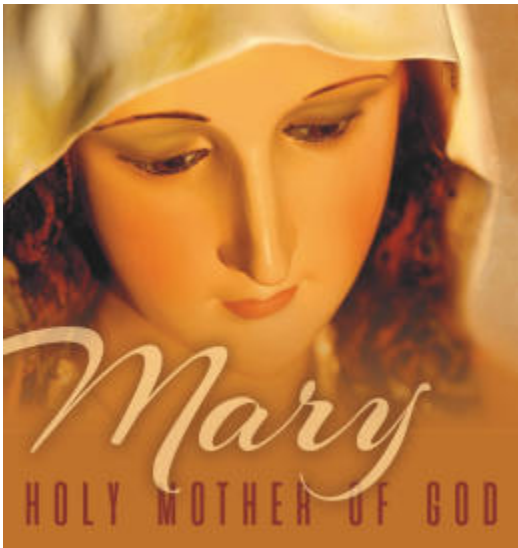


Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory Parish Offices will close
at 1pm on Thursday, December 23rd.

We will re-open on Monday, January 3rd.

Phones will be monitored for all emergencies.

We wish everyone a joyous holiday week!



*Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God*
Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 31st
4pm Vigil Mass at OLV

Saturday, January 1st
9am Mass at GOH

There will be NO other Masses this day.

COVID-19 Protocol Reminders for Christmas Season 2021

- The Diocese of Scranton **strongly recommends** that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors and mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread.
- Anyone who is sick should stay home and participate in the celebration of Mass through Catholic Television or a parish livestream Mass. In addition, anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, or muscle pain) should not attend Mass in-person.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2022: Join Bishop Bambera and Fr. Andrew (who is the Diocesan Coordinator for Pilgrimages) on a 9 day trip to see the Oberammergau Passion Play, as well as tour Austria and Germany. In the year 2022, the Passion story will be presented for the 42nd time in Oberammergau. This community has maintained the Passion Play tradition throughout the centuries. More than 2000 citizens of Oberammergau will participate in the production! Now is the time to start planning your trip. Brochures are available at both churches or call the office for more information.

TRADITIONAL HOUSE BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Traditional House Blessing is centered around the Feast of the Epiphany for those of Eastern European heritage. The priest or deacon comes to the home to pray with the family, sprinkle holy water throughout the home and mark the door post of the entrance of the home with the following: 20+C+M+B+22. The chalk marking represents the year and the initials C-Casper; M-Melchior; B-Baltazar, the names of the three Kings. It also means in Latin (Christus Mansionem Benedicat). This blessing usually occurs during the Christmas Season. If interested please complete the form below, return it to either Parish office and we will be in touch with you to schedule the blessing.

Yes, I would like my house blessed.

My Parish is (circle one): Gate of Heaven

Our Lady of Victory

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