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Dallas, PA



Our Lady of Victory Parish

Harveys Lake, PA

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Serving the Back Mountain Community
Of Luzerne County

January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord

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Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, M. Div.



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Our Lady of Victory and Gate of Heaven

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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 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

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
DECEMBER 18	5:30PM	\$1,651.01	77
DECEMBER 19	9:00AM	\$1,527.00	115
MAIL-IN		\$3,807.70	
TOTAL		\$6,985.71	192

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
DECEMBER 18	4:00PM	\$2,287.50	99
DECEMBER 19	7:30AM	\$921.00	57
DECEMBER 19	10:30AM	\$1,783.00	86
MAIL-IN		\$2,382.00	
TOTAL		\$7,373.50	242



FROM THE PASTOR

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our faith, our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

God Bless, *Fr. Andrew*

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

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

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

Parish Phone: 570-639-1535 — Fax: 570-639-1294 — Email: olvhl309@aol.com

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

Mass Schedule/Devotions for January 3-9

Tuesday: January 4

9:00am Mass Intention for Helen Stanishefski given by Family

7:00pm Flame of Love Devotions

Thursday: January 6

10:30am Mass at Greenbriar for Residents

Intention for Lou Ramos given by Terry & Martha Herron

First Friday: January 7

8:30-9:00am Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am Mass Intention for Joan Batory given by Bob & Linda June-Traver

Saturday: January 8

4pm Mass Intention for Catherine Seiger-Kempf given by MaryBeth & Justin O'Donnell

Sunday: January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

7:30am Mass Intention for Susan M. Johnson given by Terry & Martha Herron

9-10:15am CCD in Parish Hall

10:30am Mass Intention for Helen L. Cannon given by Family

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Sanctuary Candle

burns for
Ms/SGT
EDWARD J. BILDER, SR.
given by
ED & GLORIA BILDER

Ministry Schedule for January 8 & 9

4:00pm Lector—Sr. Pat McCann Eucharistic Minister—Martha Herron

7:30am Lector—Bill Leandri Eucharistic Minister—Walter Blejwas

10:30am Lector—Renee Boland Eucharistic Minister—Bryan Maseychik

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.



Rest in peace...As a parish family, we send our prayers and condolences to the family of **Andrea Pichhi** who recently passed away.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



2022 Flower & Sanctuary Candle Requests

The calendars for 2022 are available on the desk at the entrance of the church. Please feel free to sign up to reserve your dates 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)

CENTENNIAL 2023: Mark your calendars NOW for Sunday, September 3, 2023 for our Centennial Mass. *The date has been approved and is on Bishop Bambera's calendar.* We will spend the whole year, from Labor Day 2022-Labor Day 2023, reflecting and celebrating the history of our faith community and the building we come to each Sunday to worship. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th.** There will be many sub-committees that will work to make this year fun and successful. Think about joining a planning committee—we will have them for Liturgy, History, Reception/Events, Fundraising, and Improvements. We hope you consider being a part of the team. Don't forget that our regular second collection will be for improvements to our building and grounds for our Centennial year. Thank you!

Gate of Heaven Parish

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

Mass Schedule/Devotions for January 3-9

Monday: January 3

6:00pm Adoration
6:30pm Rosary and Novena to the Miraculous Medal
7:00pm Mass Intention for David Kluger given by Mary Ann Sholtis

Tuesday: January 4

5-6 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: January 5

9:00am Mass Intention for Debbie Harbay given by Beth Frank
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests

First Friday: January 7

2:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: January 8

Noon-1pm Confessions
5:30pm Mass Intention for Ihnat Family given by Maryann & Rick Roberts

Sunday: January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

9:00am Mass Intention for Clair Kopicki given by Chase & Rosa Families
10-11:15am CCD in School and Parish Hall
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

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ANGIE MURRAY

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5:30pm Lector— Drew Regan Eucharistic Minister—Rose Schmid
9am Lector— Craig Selner Eucharistic Minister—Joanie Keating

Mass Intentions for 2022

Please call or stop by the Office
to arrange for Masses.
Offering is \$10 per Mass.



Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle Requests for 2022

Would you like to honor the memory of a loved one?
A beautiful way to do so is to request the flowers that adorn the tabernacle each week or to sponsor the candle that burns in the sanctuary.
Cost is \$35 for two bouquets of flowers and \$10 for each candle.
Please contact Sandy Bradbury at 570-675-1837 to schedule.



Many thanks to the
Gate of Heaven Arts & Environment Committee
(under the direction of Pat Manorek) for all the hard work they did this year to make our church look beautiful for Advent & the Christmas Season. The members of this committee include: Pat & Tony Manorek, Kim Grundowski, Mary Beth O’Konski, Marlene Cacoza, with special assistance from Grace Niebauer and Julie & Casey Matus.



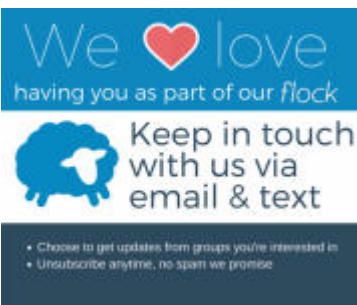
HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making my first Christmas here as your Pastor at Gate of Heaven & Our Lady of Victory so welcoming. Transitions can be difficult, but your outpouring of cards, treats, gifts and well wishes has made it so much easier for me. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. May 2022 bring many blessings upon your families. **Peace!** Fr. Andrew

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.

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.



Sign up for Flocknotes! You will be able to receive the bulletin directly to your email each week, as well as any special announcements and access to spiritual programs. Register at flocknote.com/goholv. Your account is always private and secure.

DIOCESAN NEWS

COVID-19 Protocol Reminders

- 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.
- **GATE OF HEAVEN/OUR LADY OF VICTORY** livestreams Mass every Saturday at 4pm from OLV on our Facebook page. You can watch it live at 4pm or in its entirety any time after the filming is complete. Please like and follow our Facebook page: Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory

OLV & GOH PARISH INFORMATION

Joining the Parish: New parishioners are always welcome! Please call your parish of choice to register.

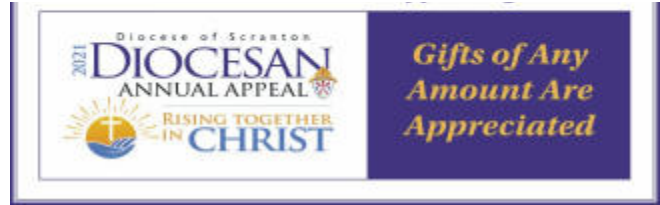
Planning a Baptism: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, a child is joined to the family of God which brings great joy to our churches. Please call the parish office where you are registered preferably before your child is born, so we have ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace. First time parents will be required to take a preparation class. Baptisms are held Sundays at 12 noon.

Weddings/Pre-Cana: The engaged couple is asked to call the office 12 months in advance of a suggested wedding date to speak with the Pastor. No arrangements should be made prior to contacting the Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process the Catholic Church uses to welcome adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in more information about this process should call Deacon John Jorda at 570-675-2121.

Anointing of the Sick :Please call the parish office for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital/health care facility. This Sacrament is offered not only to those at the point of death, but also those facing surgery, serious illness, and advanced age.

Funeral Arrangements: The loss of a loved one is a particularly difficult time. Please call the parish office so that we can assist you with arrangements during this time of grief.



DAA Additional Donors as reported from the Diocese for the period as of Dec 20

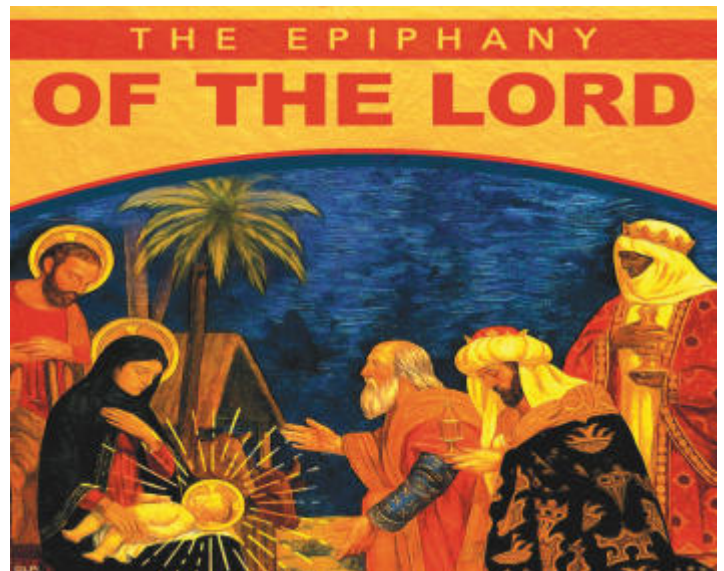
Gate of Heaven:

20.49%(152out of 742) gave/pledged
 2021 DAA goal: \$47,000
 Total Pledged: \$31,010.00
 Total Paid: \$24,905.00
 Over/(Under): (\$15,990.00)

Our Lady of Victory:

26.99%(112out of 415)gave/pledged
 2021 DAA goal: \$37,000
 Total Pledged: \$ 35,883.00
 Total Paid: \$20,763.00
 Over(Under): (\$1,117.00)

Please remember to continue to pay on any pledges you may have made to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Once a parish reaches its goal in payments, not just pledges, they will receive a rebate of 75% of anything over their parish goal. Any rebate money received can be used for whatever need a parish may have. Thank you for your generous support and helping us in “*Rising Together in Christ*”





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