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Our Lady of Victory Parish

Harveys Lake, PA

Two Parishes, One Faith Community

Serving the Back Mountain Community
Of Luzerne County

January 16, 2022: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
JANUARY 8	5:30PM	\$1,847.00	66
JANUARY 9	9:00AM	NO MASS	DUE TO ICE
MAIL -IN		\$3, 670.00	
TOTAL		\$5,517.00	66

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
JANUARY 8	4:00PM	\$1,717.21	95
JANUARY 9	7:30AM	NO MASS	DUE TO ICE
JANUARY 9	10:30AM	136.00	17
MAIL-IN		\$2,213.00	
TOTAL		\$4,066.21	112

FROM THE PASTOR

4 Ways to be Positive Daily:

1. See possibilities when others don't.
2. Focus on solutions instead of complaints.
3. Encourage people when they are feeling defeated.
4. Demonstrate commitment when others want to quit.

God Bless, *Fr. Andrew*



At the beginning of a new year, it is natural to look towards the future. For the last several years, the Diocese of Scranton and its churches have been focused on the future with a pastoral planning initiative called the **Vision 2030 Blueprint Process**.

Vision 2030 will help our diocese meet the many opportunities and challenges of the coming decade. The main goal of Vision 2030 is to create vibrant parishes rooted in the life of Jesus Christ. This weekend, we invite everyone to learn more about the current realities we face together, **by picking up a copy of the Vision 2030 booklet here in the church**. All of this information is also available in this week's Catholic Light newspaper and is on the Diocese of Scranton's website. Because of our Baptism, each one of us has an important role to play in the Church. The participation of each one of us is critical to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Please take some time to read through the Vision 2030 document and pray for this process as we work to keep our Church a strong and vibrant beacon of hope for all.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Christmas Collections



Many thanks to all who participated in the Christmas liturgies this year, both in person and online. We are grateful for the time, talent and treasure that you share with your parish families.

Christmas Offerings for 2021 as of January 10, 2022:

Gate of Heaven: \$15,704.00
Our Lady of Victory: \$16,194.00

We hope to be able to at least reach the same levels of giving that we achieved last year, as operational costs for both parishes have increased accordingly.

Christmas Offerings for 2020:

GOH: \$18,257.00 OLV: \$19,325.00
We will accept your Christmas offerings through January.
Thank you for your generous support.

FROM THE DEACON

I would like to wish a heartfelt thank you to everyone who reached out to me after my surgery this past November. Your calls, get-well cards, and prayers were very much appreciated. My recovery is taking a little longer than expected, thus making my return date uncertain. I hope to see everyone again soon.

Prayers to all of you for a healthy and happy 2022!

Deacon John

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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 17-23

Tuesday: January 18

9:00am Mass Intention for Mary Jean Tarantini given by 9am Mass Friends
7:00pm Flame of Love Devotions

Thursday: January 20

10:30am Mass Intention for Lou Ramos given by Terry & Martha Herron at Greenbriar for residents

Friday: January 21

9:00am Mass Intention for Anastasia L. Cavall given by Family
9:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle

Saturday: January 22

4pm Mass Intention for Michael W. Kerestes given by the Boland Family

Sunday: January 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mass Intention In Thanksgiving given by Family
9-10:15am CCD in Parish Hall
10:30am Mass Intention for Debbie Sobeck given by Chris & Joan Foster

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be held on Saturdays in January from Noon until 1pm at Gate of Heaven.

Sanctuary Candle

burns for LEO BARTZ given by GERI & LYNN BARTZ

Ministry Schedule for January 22 & 23

4:00pm	Lector— Dave Tarantini	Eucharistic Minister— Shala Marszalek
7:30am	Lector—Bill Leandri	Eucharistic Minister— Regina Cannon
10:30am	Lector-Merry Ann Edwards	Eucharistic Minister— Michael Liuzzi

2022 Flower & Sanctuary Candle Requests

There are still some spots available for 2022. Sign up on the desk at the back of the church or call the office. Sanctuary Candles are \$10 per week and Altar Flowers are \$35 per bouquet. (2 bouquets needed per week)



If the weather is uncertain and you are wondering if there will be Mass at OLV, please check our website (goholv.org) or our Facebook page (Gate of Heaven Our Lady of Victory). If you would like notices sent directly to you via email or text, please sign up for **Flocknotes** and join the "Weather Alerts" group. Register at flocknote.com/goholv.

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.



DON'T FORGET: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th at 6pm in the Cry Room. Please join us! 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.

When there is no Diocesan-directed second collection, our regular second collection will continue to be for improvements to our building and grounds for our Centennial year. Since mid-September, we have collected \$ 4,868.95. 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 17—23

Monday: January 17

6:00pm Adoration
6:30pm Rosary and Novena to the Miraculous Medal
7:00pm Mass Intention for Francis Barry given by Friends



Tuesday: January 18

10:30am Mass Intention for Patricia Gardner given by Ed & Evelyn Napieralski at Meadows Manor for residents
5-6 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: January 19

9:00am Mass Intention in Thanksgiving given by a Parishioner
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests

Friday: January 21

1:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration and Living Rosary for the Unborn



Saturday: January 22

Noon-1pm Confessions
5:30pm Mass Intention for Helen Rollman given by Frank & Marlene Rollman

Sunday: January 23

9:00am Mass Intention for Margaret Kerns given by Mike & Theresa Tomalis
10-11:15am CCD in School and Parish Hall
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Ministry Schedule for January 22 & 23

5:30pm Lector— Drew Regan Eucharistic Minister—Judy Legg
9:00am Lector— Sally Lehman Eucharistic Minister—Christine Chmarney



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MARCH FOR LIFE AT GOH: For those who are unable to go to Washington, DC for the March for Life activities, come and pray with us instead! On Friday, January 21st from 1-3pm at Gate of Heaven, we will host a Pro-Life Living Rosary as well as Eucharistic Adoration. We will be praying in unity with all the faithful supporters who will be marching in DC at the same time. Unite with others on this Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are welcome!



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Sanctuary Candle

burns for
AN END TO ALL
ABORTIONS
given by
CAROL CARROLL

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 per candle. Please call Sandy Bradbury at 570-675-1837 to schedule.

HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES

Altar & Rosary Society : Last Monday's Altar & Rosary meeting was canceled due to weather. We will now install the new officers at the 9am Mass this weekend, January 16th. The meeting will occur directly after the Mass. New members are welcome! Please join us!

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.



January 22, 2022 will mark the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States. As Catholics, we are called to stand up for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." For additional opportunities to observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, please check out the following resources: 9 Days for Life 2022 at www.respectlife.org

Vigil Mass for Life

Thursday, January 20, 2022

St. Maria Goretti Church, (42 Redwood Drive, Laflin, PA 18702)

Celebrant: Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton

All are welcome to join us on the eve of the 48th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between. We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St. Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry. This mass will also be broadcast on Diocese of Scranton social media and CTV. Please contact Shannon Kowalski at skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213 if you plan on bringing a group of 10 or more people.



MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP: A bus trip is being coordinated by the Pennsylvanians for Human Life to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 21st. Departure will be from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pa. 18704. The cost for the bus and dinner is \$65.00 for adults and \$35.00 for students. For those wanting to sponsor a student, checks should be made to PHL and can be sent to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at the address above. For further information, call Chris Calore @ 570-824-5621. Thank You.

March for Life Plenary Indulgence Granted: By virtue of the faculties given by the Supreme Pontiff, Francis, the Pope by Divine Providence, the Apostolic Penitentiary freely imparts a plenary Indulgence to be obtained under the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) by the Christian faithful who take part in the sacred celebrations of the annual event that is called "March for Life," which will be carried out on the 20th & 21st days of January 2022 throughout the Archdiocese of Washington (especially in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in the Capital One Arena. Those unable to attend in person may participate by means of television, radio, or social media, and also offer prayers and their sufferings or the ailments of their own life to the merciful God.

HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES

Are you interested in becoming a Lector, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Altar Server?

Did you serve in one of these roles prior to the pandemic and would like to come back and serve? We are always grateful for volunteers and would love for you to join us on the altar. Please contact Carol at GOH or Renee at OLV for more information. Training is provided for all types of ministry.

2022 Paschal Candle: If you are interested in sponsoring the Easter Candle at **either GOH or OLV**, please contact the respective office. The new 2022 candle will be first lit on Holy Saturday and burn at every Mass throughout the Easter season. During the year, it is also lit at Baptisms and funerals. Cost to sponsor the candle is \$400.



Do you watch our Masses on Facebook? We will continue to provide an opportunity for those who are unable to attend Mass in person due to physical limitations, compromised immunity or illness. We are changing the time of our broadcast effective immediately. **The 10:30am Mass from OLV will now be livestreamed each week on our Facebook page.** You may watch it live at that time, or watch the recorded version of it any time after Mass ends. The Saturday 4pm Mass will no longer be available for viewing.

SYNOD 2021 -2023

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics both in the mainstream of church life and on the margins to voice their dreams, ideas, and concerns in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. Each week this page will feature information concerning the Synod and how you can be a part of this process. Visit **www.dioceseofscranton.org** for more information.

What is my role in this Synod?

By calling for the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to *gather* and to *listen* to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history. This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church. Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities. Please be heard by participating in the Survey today.

How to access the Survey

The easiest way to access the Survey is ONLINE.

1) Go to **www.dioceseofscranton.org**

2) Click on



3) Click on

CLICK HERE FOR THE
SYNOD ONLINE SURVEY
IN ENGLISH

There are 10 questions to answer.

The survey questions will also be available to read over in The Catholic Light newspaper. Any parishioner without internet access can also participate by calling and leaving their comments on the Synod Voicemail at (570) 591-5024.



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