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Our Lady of Victory Parish

Harveys Lake, PA



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Of Luzerne County

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April 17 2022: Easter Sunday

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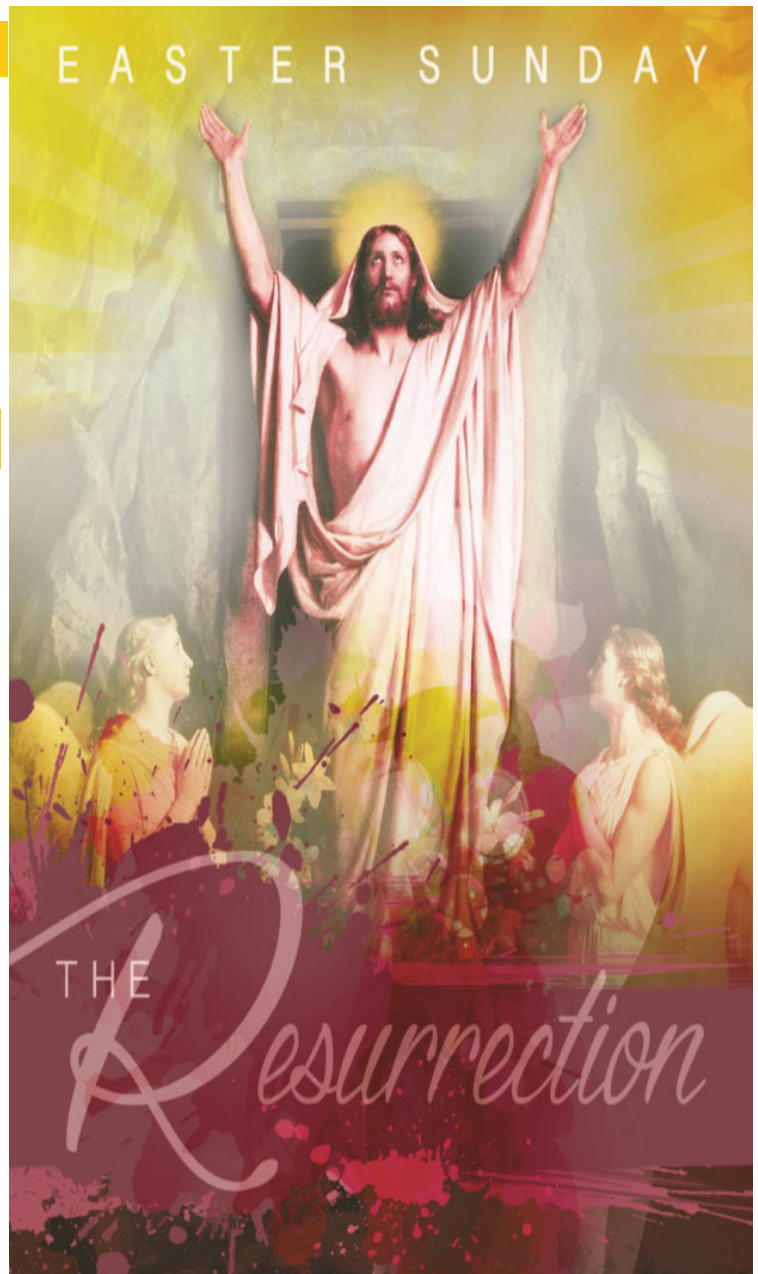
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Want to Join a Parish?

New parishioners are always welcome!
Please call your parish of choice to register.

GOH: 570-675-2121

OLV: 570-639-1535



FROM THE PASTOR

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is Risen...Alleluia!*

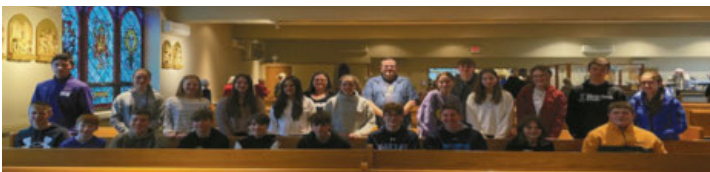
We have journeyed for the 40 days of Lent; praying, fasting and giving of ourselves. Last Sunday, we watched Jesus enter Jerusalem in triumph, only to end the week with his horrific death. When we awake on this day, we realize that He is Risen...for us and our salvation. May the joy of Easter today be with you always. Alleluia

HAPPY EASTER !!

Fr. Andrew
Deacon John
Deacon Tom
Helen, Renee, Carol
Wayne, Ed, John
Amy & Jim
Tony, Tom & Marilyn



Second graders of our parishes will celebrate their First Holy Communion next weekend. The children of Gate of Heaven will receive Jesus for the first time during the 9am Mass, while the Our Lady of Victory children will receive at the 10:30am Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers this week!



Eighth graders from OLV & GOH recently completed their all day **Confirmation Retreat**. They spent a full day together preparing spiritually and experiencing fellowship as they draw closer to the day of receiving the 7 gifts of Holy Spirit. Bishop Bambara will preside at this year's Confirmation on May 10th.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

GATE OF HEAVEN

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 9	5:30PM		157
APRIL 10	9:00AM		176
MAIL-IN			
TOTAL			333

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 9	4:00PM		137
APRIL 10	7:30AM		64
APRIL 10	10:30AM		117
MAIL-IN			
TOTAL			318

Due to early bulletin deadlines for Easter, the collection amounts were not available. Please check back next week for the amounts for Palm Sunday.



While sports teams have their championship games and the entertainment industry has their award shows, we, here in the church, have Holy Week! It is the most important week of the year. We strive to do our best to give you the opportunity to experience your faith in a glorious way. We hope that you have been blessed with an exceptional experience during Lent and Holy Week this year.

Many thanks to everyone who helped shape that experience for all: from the choirs who joined forces to bring harmonious music to our liturgies, the teams who decorated our spaces, the facilities crews who moved, built, shined and cleaned for us to the staffs in the offices who constantly work behind the scenes, and most of all, our clergy who made everything else possible... **THANK YOU!!**

Our Lady of Victory 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 April 18-24

Tuesday: April 19

9:00am Mass Intention in Thanksgiving given by a parishioner

7:00pm Flame of Love Devotions

Friday: April 22

12:00pm Mass Intention for Edmund Nowicki given by Family

Saturday: April 23

Noon-1pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass Intention for George M. Jorda given by Deacon John C. Jorda

Sunday: April 24

7:30am Mass Intention in honor of Andrew Jack Barry given by Ned & Carol

9-10:15am CCD in Parish Hall

10:30am Mass Intention for Joseph & Angeline Shedlarski given by Bilder Family
First Holy Communion Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays in April
from Noon-1pm at
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Going forward, the Friday daily Mass will remain
at 12 Noon, as per the results of the survey.

Ministry Schedule for April 23 & 24

4:00pm Lector- Sister Pat McCann Eucharistic Minister- Lynn Bartz

7:30am Lector- Bill Leandri Eucharistic Minister- Regina Cannon

10:30am Lector- Dave Tarantini Eucharistic Ministers-Deacon John & MJ Cannon



There will be choir
practice at OLV on
Wednesday
at 6:30pm

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS IS THIS WEEKEND!

Our Lady of Victory Gas Card Raffle

Need a little help filling your tank lately??

WHAT: 10 GIFT CARDS EACH WORTH \$100 of gas

WHEN: Drawing will be held on **Easter Monday, April 18th**

WHY: Proceeds will benefit our Building & Grounds Fund

HOW MUCH: Chances are \$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$20

WHERE: Tickets sold after Masses or in the Office to purchase.

We will contact all winners by phone on Monday afternoon.



OLV Annual Memorial Golf Tournament will kick off our
Centennial Year of Celebration
on **September 16th** at Stone-
Hedge Golf Course. Start
thinking about your foursome!!!

The parish family of Our Lady of Victory would like to extend its deepest prayers and condolences to the family of **MICHAEL HOSEY**, who recently passed away. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Fatima Devotions at Our Lady of Victory Church

Our Lady of Victory will once again be hosting Fatima Devotions every 13th of the month from May through October. Devotions begin at 7pm and include: Fatima prayers, the Rosary, and Marian hymns.

Light refreshments **WILL** be served this year at the conclusion of the Devotions.

The public is welcome to attend and celebrate Our Blessed Mother.

Bakers Needed!

If you can donate a baked item for any or all of the Devotions, we would be truly grateful.

For more information, please contact Marianne Cogan (570)639-0959 or Linda Traver (570)639-1773

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

Mass Schedule/Devotions for April 18-24

Monday: April 18

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm Rosary and Novena to the Miraculous Medal
7:00pm Mass Intention for Fran Rismondo given by the Altar & Rosary Society

Tuesday: April 19

4-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: April 20

9:00am Mass Intention for Helen Diction given by her husband, James Diction
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests
6:00-7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Flame of Love Devotions

Saturday: April 23

5:30pm Mass Intention for Clare Kopicki given by the Chase & Shultz Families

Sunday: April 24: Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00am Mass Intention for Joseph Leonard given by Caprice Ryman
First Holy Communion Mass
10-11:15am CCD in School and Parish Center
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

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5:30pm Lector- Louise Roberts Eucharistic Minister– Judy Legg
9:00am Lector– Sally Lehman Eucharistic Minister–Deacon John Jorda

Missionary Childhood Association

Our CCD classes are collecting new children’s pajamas for Luzerne County Children & Youth Services. Donations can be brought to the Parish Offices. MCA is also always accepting monetary donations to help the poorest children of the world survive.

Our mission is to help both locally and globally.

Containers for monetary donations are located at both parishes.

You can help by donating today. Thank you.



Choir Practice
Wednesdays
at 7pm



The MEGA RAFFLE is coming....



Gate of Heaven Church will once again hold its Annual MEGA RAFFLE on Sunday, July 17th. We will **not** have baskets in this raffle, but rather concentrate on cash or gift card prizes. If you own a local business, or know someone who does, please consider donating to the raffle. We are looking for items such as: gas gift cards, dinner for two at local restaurants, spa services at local salons, etc....**if YOU would like to win it, we would like to raffle it!!** Please contact Carol or Renee in the Office with any questions or if you have a donation. We would like to receive all donations by May 1st. If you normally do a basket, don’t fret, we will be looking for baskets in a few months to hold a basket raffle in conjunction with our Meatloaf Dinner in November!

HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES

Rice Bowls: Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at either Parish Office or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The **Cornhole Event** will now be held on Saturday, April 23 in the GOH Gym. Registrations will be from 10-11am and competition begins at 11am. Cost is \$50 per team. Proceeds will benefit the Coats for Kids Program.

Knights of Columbus NY Yankees Baseball Trip: Council #8224 is sponsoring a family oriented baseball trip to Yankee Stadium this summer! Trip includes game ticket with seats in 200 level, Martz bus transportation, bus driver tip, light refreshments on bus, and some interesting door prizes! Please call Deacon Tom at 570-675-4890 to make a reservation. Payment by check made out to Knights of Columbus Council #8224 with "Yankee Game" in memo. Checks can be mailed or dropped off at the GOH Office. Attn: Deacon Tom **Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022; Depart: 8:30am from GOH Upper Parking Lot; Game Time: 1:05pm; Return: 8:00pm (approximately); Opponent: Seattle Mariners; Cost: \$100.00 per person**

Around the Diocese

SCRANTON MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY
at the CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH?
You are Invited to Attend a Five Part Education Series for Families on Mental Health.

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is presenting this five-part series for families on mental health and mental illness to reduce stigma and discrimination through education and factual information about mental health conditions. The series reinforces the core Christian belief that everyone has dignity and value and should be fully welcomed into the Church and the community.

TUESDAY APRIL 19	TUESDAY APRIL 26	TUESDAY MAY 3	TUESDAY MAY 10	TUESDAY MAY 17
<p>The Impact of Mental Illness on Individuals and Families</p> <p>A discussion on what it is like to live with a mental illness and how it can impact a family. The discussion will be led by Jeri McNulty and Amy Margan who are with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) "In Our Own Voice" program. They will provide a personal perspective on living with mental health conditions. Their presentation will change attitudes, assumptions, and ideas about people with mental health conditions.</p>	<p>Spirituality and Mental Illness</p> <p>Faith and spirituality bring peace and healing to people living with mental health challenges and illnesses. We can find spiritual support through communion with the Saints and with each other while living with mental health challenges and illnesses.</p>	<p>Spend an Evening with a Mental Health Professional</p> <p>An introduction to the types of mental illnesses, medication, treatments, and other issues will be presented. The discussion will be led by Leighton Y. Haey, MD, a psychiatrist and Associate Dean for Behavioral Health Integration and Community Care Transformation from the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.</p>	<p>Mental Health Resources in the Community</p> <p>A discussion about community resources. The focus will be on where to find and how to access mental health services. Presentations will be made by Marie Onukivage, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Jeff Ramey, Community Relations, Community Care Behavioral Health Organization (CCBH).</p>	<p>Companionship and Mental Health Ministry in Our Parishes</p> <p>This session will look at some of the practical ways that our parishes can offer support and companionship to individuals and their families facing mental health challenges.</p>

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD FROM 6:30 TO 8 PM AT THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PASTORAL CENTER, 330 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON
For more information contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570.344.7931 or DeaconEd@stpeterscathedral.org

We Are Listening!
The Church wants to hear from you.

Online Survey Available Until Friday, April 29, 2022
Visit dioceseofscranton.org and click "Synod on Synodality"

(Available in both English and Spanish)

Grief Journey with New Session
Loss of a Spouse

Single session on Sunday, May 1 from 1:30-4:30pm
at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Lake Silkworth

The Loss of a Spouse seminar will encourage and assist you through the grief journey. Please let us know you are coming by calling (570)477-5040.

Find the Grace to Heal

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 7pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include music, a reflection, the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend! For more information, call 570-207-1452 or visit dioceseofscranton.org



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Sts. Peter & Paul Parish (13 Hudson Rd, Plains) Rev. John C. Lambert, MSW, Pastor, will host a celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24, 2022. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ. The day will begin at 12:30pm with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Rosary; 2:00pm Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy and Holy Mass; 3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet in song & Benediction and Blessing with the First Class Relics of St. Faustina. All are welcome to attend—No reservations necessary! Contact Divine Mercy Cenacle Leader Cathy Mack at 570-654-6063 for more information.

Gate of Heaven & Our Lady of Victory Parishes

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 reaching 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.

General Information for our Parishes

Joining the Parish: New parishioners are always welcome! Please call your parish of choice to register. By registering, we can assure that you receive all timely information via mail or email.

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 on Sundays at 12 noon.

Weddings/Pre-Cana: The engaged couple is asked to call the office at least 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 near death, but also those facing surgery, serious illness, and advanced age. Due to privacy laws, we do not know if you have a loved one in the hospital. Please contact us directly if you would like them to receive Holy Communion and/or a visit from one of our ministers or clergy.

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.

Our Parish Catholic Schools

Good Shepherd Academy
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