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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

PASTOR

Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, M. Div.

April 24, 2022: Divine Mercy Sunday



First Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Aubree, Mason, Lucas, Kaleb, Joey, Cole, Jack, Angelina,
Sam, Sophia, Emma, Ella,
Jackson, Raegan, Elizabeth and John

FROM THE PASTOR

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

Easter tide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "Great Lord's Day." Each Sunday of this season is treated as a Sunday of Easter.

Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach and the holiday of Shavu'ot. In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer.

The first eight days constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

Since 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday.

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day of Eastertide (a Thursday). It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The nine days from the Ascension until the Saturday before Pentecost (inclusive) are days of preparation for the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, which inspired the form of prayer called a novena.

May the Lord continue to bless you this Eastertide!

Fr. Andrew

Confirmation 2022 will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 5pm at Gate of Heaven Church for those in 8th grade from both GOH & OLV parishes. Bishop Bambara will be the celebrant. Confirmation candidates are reminded of the following practice schedule:
Sunday, May 8th at 6pm for BOTH candidates & sponsors at Gate of Heaven Church.
Monday, May 9th at 5pm for candidates only.
Please keep these young adults in your prayers!

The 2nd collection this weekend is for **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Home mission dioceses are those in the US that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the US and its territories are considered home missions.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

GATE OF HEAVEN

PALM SUNDAY		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 9	5:30PM	\$2,259.00	157
APRIL 10	9:00AM	\$2,318.00	176
MAIL-IN		\$2,083.00	
TOTAL		\$6,660.00	333

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
VIGIL: 4/16	8:00PM	\$2,948.00	299
EASTER: 4/17	9:00AM	\$10,128.00	260
MAIL-IN		\$4,391.00	
TOTAL		\$17,467.00	559

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

PALM SUNDAY		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 9	4:00PM	\$1,779.75	137
APRIL 10	7:30AM	\$484.55	64
APRIL 10	10:30AM	\$1,322.05	117
MAIL-IN		\$978.00	
TOTAL		\$4,564.35	318

EASTER		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 17	7:30AM	\$3,750.00	121
APRIL 17	10:30AM	\$4,612.00	270
MAIL-IN		\$2,630.00	
TOTAL		\$10,992.00	391

	COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
HOLY THURSDAY (SPLIT)	\$433.00 total \$217 OLV/\$216 GOH	AT GOH 220
GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY LAND	\$628.00	AT OLV 223

The Lenten RICE BOWL Collection for Catholic Relief Services has generated \$491.17 from OLV and \$ 244.00 from GOH . Thank you for your almsgiving this Lent.

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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 25-May 1

Tuesday: April 26

9:00am Mass Intention for Nora Keiser given by Terry & Martha Herron
7:00pm NO Flame of Love Devotions this week

Friday: April 29

12:00pm Communion Service

Saturday: April 30

Noon-1pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass Intention for Nicholas Stanishefski given by Aunt Barbara

Sunday: May 1: Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am Mass Intention for Michael Hosey given by Andrew Jack Barry

9-10:15am CCD in Parish Hall

10:30am Mass Intention for Debbie Sobeck given by Chris & Joan Foster

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays in April
from Noon-1pm at
OUR LADY OF
VICTORY



Sanctuary Candle

burns in loving memory
of
JAMES WILLIAMS
given by
SANDEE OLSHEFSKI



Going forward, the Friday daily Mass will remain
at 12 Noon, as per the results of the survey.

Ministry Schedule for April 30-May 1

4:00pm Lector— Dave Tarantini	Eucharistic Minister— Shala Marszalek
7:30am Lector— Regina Cannon	Eucharistic Minister— Steve Batory
10:30am Lector— Maureen Litchman	Eucharistic Ministers— Michael Liuzzi

WINNERS OF OUR INAUGURAL \$100 GAS CARD RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners!

Each person won a \$100 gift card for gas.

We would like to thank EVERYONE who bought tickets to help support this fundraising effort. We made a profit of \$1,031.00!! THANK YOU!!!

**Leah Mann-Daly, Carol Sorber, Marcus Georgetti, Theresa Montross,
Timothy Kluger, Michele Shaver, Stanley Bednash, Karen Finarelli,
Pat Sandstrom, and John Kaletski**



Wednesday
at 6:30pm at OLV

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations

Joseph Maseychik who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil last weekend. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you as you continue to live your Catholic faith into adulthood.

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



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!!!

Gate of Heaven Parish

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Mass Schedule/Devotions for April 25– May 1

Monday: April 25

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm Rosary and Novena to the Miraculous Medal
7:00pm Mass Intention for Special Intention given by Sunny Cesarini

Tuesday: April 26

4-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: April 27

9:00am Mass Intention for Robert O’Konski given by Family
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests
6:00-7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Flame of Love Devotions

Friday: April 29

2:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: April 30

5:30pm Mass Intention for John Pavidus given by Carol & George Hrubowchak

Sunday: May 1: Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass Intention for Burton Berrettini given by his wife, Nancy
10-11:15am CCD in School and Parish Center
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Ministry Schedule for April 30 –May 1

5:30pm Lector- Theresa Tomalis Eucharistic Minister– Rose Schmid
9:00am Lector– Dan Ghezzi Eucharistic Minister–Carol Carroll

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.

Dates still open

Sanctuary Candle

August 21
Sept 4, 11, 18

Altar Flowers

July 3, 31
August 7, 28
Sept 4, 11, 18

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays in April
from Noon-1pm at
Our Lady of Victory



Sanctuary Candle

burns in memory of
deceased members of the
DARLING FAMILY
given by
MARY



Choir Practice
Wednesdays at 7pm



Congratulations

Lucy & Ruby Ruiz and Logan Spencer who received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil last weekend. Pray for them as they continue to prepare for Confirmation in May!

The MEGA RAFFLE : WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!!

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. **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 call the Office with any questions or if you have a donation. **We would like to receive all donations by May 8th.** If you normally do a basket, don’t fret, we will be looking for baskets soon to hold a basket raffle in conjunction with our Meatloaf Dinner in November!



HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES

2022 Paschal Candle: Thank you to all those who sponsored our parish Paschal Candles. These candles will burn at every Mass until the end of the Easter season on Pentecost. We will also light them for every Baptism and funeral Mass throughout the year. At Our Lady of Victory, the candle will be in honor of Geri Bartz and in memory of Leo Bartz from their daughter, Lynn. At Gate of Heaven, the candle is in memory of Irene, Steve and Jeff Morenko from Tom Morenko, as well as in memory of Gagliardi & Murray Families from Angie Murray and also in memory of Jack Cacoza from Marlene Cacoza. Thank you for honoring those you love in this very special way.

Altar & Rosary May Dinner Meeting will be held at Istanbul Grill in the Twin Stacks Center on Tuesday, May 24th at 5pm. This is a Dutch treat dinner meal. Please RSVP to Carol at the church office (570)675-2121 or you can sign up at either church entrance. All women of the parish are invited for fellowship. To check out the menu, go to: Istanbulgrillpa.com.

High School Graduates Sunday is being planned for May 29th. We would like to pay tribute to our parish high school graduating seniors for both parishes that Sunday at 9am at GOH and 10:30am at OLV. If you are a graduating senior, please let us know your willingness to attend by contacting your parish office no later than May 15th.

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

2022 Wedding Anniversary Mass His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 29, 2022. To register, please go to www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or jhousel@dioceseofscranton.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.

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

Dear Parishioners,



April 12, 2022

It is often said we reside in the greater “Valley with a Heart” following the devastation of Hurricane Agnes. The very same could be said of your beloved parishes when it comes to stepping up for those who may be in need of our prayerful assistance.

We are so pleased to announce that through your generosity amounting to **\$603.00 at Our Lady of Victory; \$945.00 at Gate of Heaven; \$1,000.00 from the Slovak Catholic Federation;** combined with those of several other area parishes, we have exceeded our goal of \$5,000.00; realizing \$6,332.00 thus far for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

We join Fr. Andrii Dumnych in extending a heartfelt THANK YOU for your support of this worthy cause. May Almighty God continue to bless you and your families with the hope and joy of the Risen Christ!

With Sincere Appreciation, John V. & Lori A. Morris

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.

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.



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