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**PASTOR**

**Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, M. Div.**

**May 1, 2022: Third Sunday of Easter**

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Deacon John C. Jorda

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**Pastoral Staff at both  
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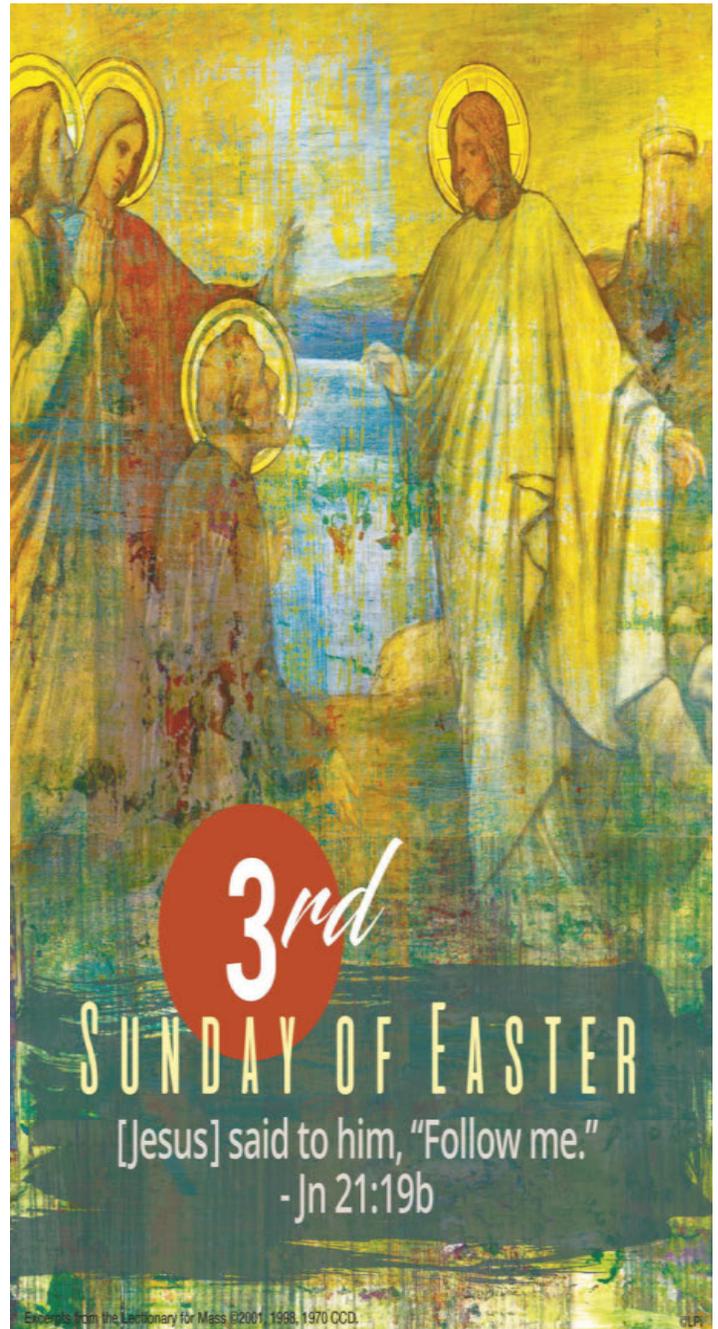
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## FROM THE PASTOR

### Mass Intentions

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the anniversary of a deceased, a wedding anniversary, health for someone in need, to celebrate a milestone birthday, etc.

The number of Masses which one schedules during a given year is becoming an issue specifically due to the limited number of scheduled Masses at each parish. However, another possibility for intentions to be celebrated is during the monthly nursing home Masses. Once a month a Mass is celebrated by me at Meadows Nursing Center, Meadows Manor, and Kadima Lakeside Nursing Home. Twice a month, I celebrate Masses at Greenbriar.

We need to be respectful to allow for as many parishioners as possible to schedule Masses throughout the year. Currently there are no openings at Gate of Heaven and a very limited few left at Our Lady of Victory for the rest of 2022. The Mass intention book for 2023 will not be available until October 2022, thus no Mass requests for 2023 will be taken until then.

I thank you for your understanding,

**God Bless, Fr. Andrew**



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are found in your mailed envelope pack. Please note on the envelope those mothers who are deceased and those who are living. Envelopes will be placed on the altars for the month of May

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

### GATE OF HEAVEN

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 23	5:30PM	\$1,850.00	79
APRIL 24	9:00AM	\$2,644.44	249
MAIL-IN		\$1,665.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,159.44</b>	<b>328</b>

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 23	4:00PM	\$2,191.00	126
APRIL 24	7:30AM	\$716.05	62
APRIL 24	10:30AM	\$1,704.00	123
MAIL-IN		\$4,879.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,490.05</b>	<b>311</b>

The second collection this weekend is for the Care and Education of Priests.

## CONFIRMATION

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 Joseph Bambera 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!

**Weekday Masses:** As per a directive from the Bishop, when a Pastor is not available for a weekday Mass, a Communion Service led by the Deacon will replace the scheduled Mass. Due to the lack of priests in the Diocese, coupled with the fact that weekday Masses are not obligatory, a Communion Service offering the Liturgy of the Word and the distribution of Holy Communion will suffice in such cases. The faithful who wish to attend Holy Mass, can always look to neighboring parishes for their availability there. Next week, all **weekday** Masses at both GOH & OLV will be replaced with Communion Services. For those who wish to attend a weekday Mass, St. Therese's in Shavertown will have Masses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am.

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

**Mass Schedule/Devotions for May 2—May 8**

**Tuesday: May 3**

9:00am Communion Service  
10:15am Communion Service at Meadows for Residents  
7:00pm Flame of Love Devotions this week

**Thursday: May 5**

10:30am Communion Service at Greenbriar for Residents

**Friday: May 6**

12:00pm Communion Service

**Saturday: May 7**

Noon-1pm NO Confessions  
4:00pm Mass Mother's Day Mass Card Intentions

**Sunday: May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Mass Mother's Day Mass Card Intentions  
9-10:15am CCD in Parish Hall  
10:30am Mass Mother's Day Mass Card Intentions

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays in May  
from Noon-1pm at  
**GATE OF HEAVEN.**

Please note that there  
will be  
NO CONFESSIONS  
on **May 7 or 28** due to  
scheduling conflicts.

Area parishes with  
Saturday confessions:

St. Therese's 4-4:30pm  
St. Ignatius  
12-12:30pm



**Ministry Schedule for May 7-8**

<b>4:00pm</b> Lector— Sister Pat	Eucharistic Minister— Bill Woronko
<b>7:30am</b> Lector— Bill Leandri	Eucharistic Minister— Walter Blejwas
<b>10:30am</b> Lector— Frank Negvesky	Eucharistic Ministers— Sandee Olshefski

***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 after the Devotions. The public is welcome to attend and celebrate Our Blessed Mother.



*Our 1st Devotions this year will be:  
Friday, May 13th  
7:00pm*

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



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**Monday: May 2**

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30pm Rosary and Novena to the Miraculous Medal  
7:00pm Communion Service

**Tuesday: May 3**

4-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday: May 4**

9:00am Communion Service  
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests  
6:00-7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Flame of Love Devotions

**Friday: May 6**

2:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday: May 7**

5:30pm Mass Mother’s Day Mass Card Intentions

**Sunday: May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:00am Mass Mother’s Day Mass Card Intentions  
10-11:15am CCD in School and Parish Center  
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

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**5:30pm** Lector- Drew Regan Eucharistic Minister– Barbara Van Etten  
**9:00am** Lector– Dan Ghezzi Eucharistic Minister–Chris Chmarney

**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**  
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August 7  
Sept 4, 18

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Choir Practice  
Wednesdays at 7pm

**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

**Parish Finance Council Meetings:** The first quarter meetings for both parishes will be held in May. Gate of Heaven's Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30pm and Our Lady of Victory's Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30pm at the respective parishes. Although we are linked parishes, and share a Pastor and some staff, we are financially separate entities. If you have any questions, please contact your parish office.

**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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org)).

**Chicken BBQ** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus #12976 is sponsoring a TAKE OUT only Chicken BBQ Dinner. Saturday, May 15th 11am-3pm. 116 Hughes St. Swoyersville, in the School Cafeteria \$11 per dinner, pay at the door. Call/text Mark at 570-262-2896 or go to [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com) for our order form. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, butter & dessert.

**Bratislava Boys Choir** from Bratislava, Slovakia, will perform at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston on Wednesday, May 11 at 7pm and at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Thursday, May 12 at 7pm. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. The choir's repertoire features a variety of both sacred and secular music including Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, concert Masses, folk songs, and works by contemporary composers. The concerts are presented by the Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA in cooperation with World Artists Experiences and the Embassy of Slovakia. For more information, contact Michael Stretanski 570-817-3430 or Raphael Micca at [rdmicca@aol.com](mailto:rdmicca@aol.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/worldartistsNEPA](http://www.facebook.com/worldartistsNEPA).

**Upcoming Events:** "Refresh Your Faith" Catholic Women's Conference: June 11, 2022 information at [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)  
Catholic Men's Conference "Be a Catholic Man" 2022 Event: October 8, 2022 more information to follow soon.

## Gate of Heaven & Our Lady of Victory Parishes

### Additional Memorial Flower Donations for Easter:

In memory of Pete & Peg Yascur given by M/M Thomas & Brenda Miller

In memory of Elmer Conner given by Mrs. Terry Conner



### 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.

## Our Parish Catholic Schools

### **Good Shepherd Academy**

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