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

May 8, 2022: Fourth Sunday of Easter



*Confirmation*

*Be Filled with the Holy Spirit!*

On May 10th, We Welcome Into the Church Our Newly Confirmed

Delcia Amelia Biscotto, Bradyn Michael Chopyak, Daniel Thomas Dudrick, Isabella Brigid Forlenza, Trent Hubert Gaus, Conor Francis Healy, Noah George Kaczmarek, Tyler Sebastian Kull, Jacob Francis Marcin, Leo Maximilian Matus, Andrew Sebastian Morris, Hunter Sebastian Palka, John Joseph Redington, Leah Francesca Ricardo, Lucy Teresa Ruiz, Ruby Teresa Ruiz, Grace Phyllis Rushmer, Cole Sebastian Sorber, Logan Hubertus Spencer, Von Bernard Voelker, Sarah Ann Walp, Brianna Abigail Wright

## FROM THE PASTOR



Welcome May!

The month of May will (hopefully) finally bring warmer temperatures to us here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The days are longer, the grass is greener, the trees and flowers are blooming! As we look around, we are reminded of the beauty that God has so graciously bestowed upon us.

Over the past few busy weeks, we have celebrated the joy of our Lord's Resurrection; we have witnessed the reception of the Body of Christ for the first time for 16 of our second graders and three of our eighth graders; we welcomed a high school senior into the adult church through Confirmation at the Easter Vigil; and now this week, we will watch as 22 of our 8th graders receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Bambara on Tuesday. It has been a truly blessed Easter season so far!

We cannot forget the special significance that we hold for our Mother, Mary, during the month of May. I hope that you will join us as we begin the annual monthly Fatima Devotions at Our Lady of Victory each 13th of the month from now through October. I am excited to experience for the first time as your Pastor, this beautiful way to pray to and honor Mary.

I would like to wish all Mothers and all those who serve in a motherly role to others, a very special and happy day. May God Bless you!

**Happy Mother's Day,**

*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 and prayed over during the month of May. There are also packets containing actual cards for mothers located at the exits of both churches if you wish to use those.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

### GATE OF HEAVEN

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 30	5:30PM	\$1,631.00	68
MAY 1	9:00AM	\$2,205.00	117
MAIL-IN		\$3,323.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$7,159.00</b>	<b>185</b>

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
APRIL 30	4:00PM	\$1,381.00	75
MAY 1	7:30AM	\$721.00	66
MAY 1	10:30AM	\$1,638.00	121
MAIL-IN		\$1,666.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,406.00</b>	<b>262</b>

## 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 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!

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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 9—May 15**

**Tuesday: May 10**

9:00am Mass Mother's Day Mass Card Intentions  
5:00pm CONFIRMATION AT GOH WITH BISHOP BAMBERA  
7:00pm Flame of Love Devotions

**Wednesday: May 11**

10:30am Mass at Kadima Lakeside Nursing Home for Residents

**Friday: May 13**

12:00pm Mass Our Lady's Intentions

**Saturday: May 14**

4:00pm Mass Intention for George & Irene Jorda given by Family

**Sunday: May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Mass Mother's Day Mass Card Intentions  
10:30am Mass Intention for Robert & Geraldine McGinley given by Andrew J Barry

**Ministry Schedule for May 14-15**

<b>4:00pm</b> Lector— Renee Boland	Eucharistic Minister— Deacon John
<b>7:30am</b> Lector— Regina Cannon	Eucharistic Minister— Steve Batory
<b>10:30am</b> Lector— Courtney Michak	Eucharistic Minister— Bryan Maseychik

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

Please note that there  
will be  
**NO CONFESSIONS**  
on **May 28** due to  
Fr. Andrew attending the  
Diaconate Ordination  
of Michael Boris

Area parishes with  
Saturday confessions:  
St. Therese's 4-4:30pm  
St. Ignatius 12-12:30pm



**May Crowning**

*On Sunday, May 1st,  
Sophia Strazdus, along with the  
children of the 10:30am Mass,  
crowned our Mother, Mary.*

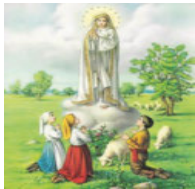


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**Fatima Devotions at Our Lady of Victory Church**

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

**Mass Schedule/Devotions for May 9—15**

**Monday: May 9**

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00pm Novena to the Miraculous Medal Living Rosary  
7:00pm Mass Intention for Aaron Gingo given by M/M Joseph & Sharon  
7:30pm Living Rosary Mayernick

**Tuesday: May 10**

4-5 pm NO Eucharistic Adoration this week  
5:00pm CONFIRMATION FOR GOH & OLV STUDENTS WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

**Wednesday: May 11**

9:00am Mass Mother's Day Mass Card Intentions  
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests  
6:00-7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Flame of Love Devotions

**Friday: May 13**

2:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday: May 14**

5:30pm Mass Intention for Gennaro & Rita Zangardi given by Paul & RoseAnn Yurchak

**Sunday: May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:00am Mass Intention for Robert G. Sheridan given by Susan & Alan  
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

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**Ministry Schedule for May 14-15**

**5:30pm** Lector— Patty Price Eucharistic Minister— Rose Schmid  
**9:00am** Lector— Craig Selner Eucharistic Minister— Deacon John

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Many thanks to all who donated and to the children of both GOH & OLV Religious Education Classes who collected on the behalf of the MCA. 50 pairs of new pajamas were donated for our local Children & Youth Services and \$258 will be sent to help the children of Ukraine.



*Our Youth are the Future! The world is better with those who do for others.*

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**PAUL & ROSE ANN YURCHAK**



**The MEGA RAFFLE : WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!!**

**Last chance to donate!! Make our Raffle Great...** Gate of Heaven Church will once again hold its Annual MEGA RAFFLE on Sunday, July 17th. **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 THIS WEEK.**



## 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

**The Knights of Columbus Council #8224 Dallas** wishes to thank those parishioners who helped to make the **“He is Risen”** sale a great success. Due to your faith and generosity, the fundraiser was a sellout.

Sincerely, Bill Roberts, Chairman



### 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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**Jim Jones, Principal**

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