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Dallas, PA



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.

May 15, 2022: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastoral Staff at Gate of Heaven

Deacon Thomas M. Cesarini
Deacon John C. Jorda

Office Manager	Carol Carroll
Director of Music/Liturgy	Anthony Kubasek
Organist	Tom Morenko
Director of Religious Education	Jim Casey
Facilities	Wayne Frederick

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Office Manager	Renee Boland
Director of Music/Liturgy	Helen Neylon
Director Of Religious Education	Amy Clark
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**Pastoral Staff at both
Our Lady of Victory and Gate of Heaven**

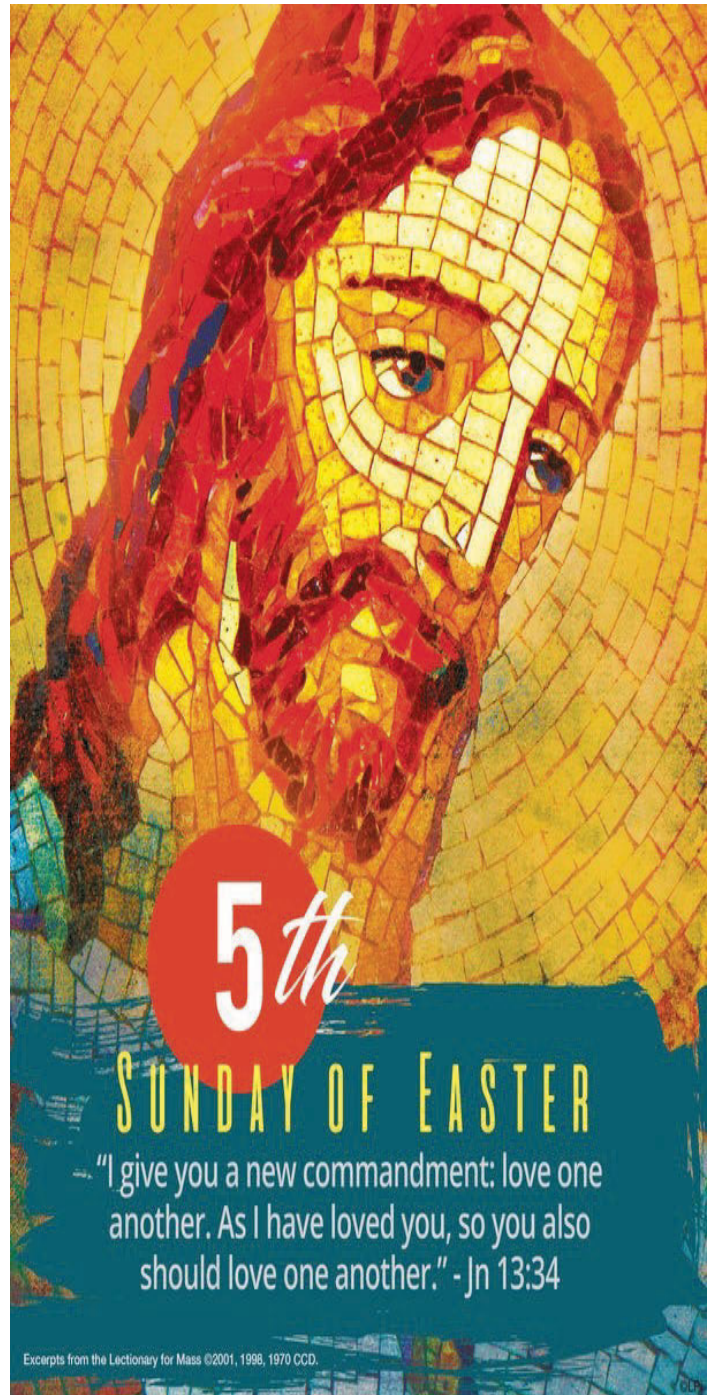
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Administrative Assistant	Renee Boland
RCIA/BaptismCoordinator	Deacon John Jorda
Mission Liaison	Carol Carroll
Webmaster	Dan Gallagher

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

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OLV: 570-639-1535



FROM THE PASTOR



WORDS TO LIVE BY

Is there something you feel like you should do today, but your emotions are saying don't, or take a break, or rest, or do what's easy & comfortable?

Do it anyway. Choose your convictions! You'll feel encouraged making the harder & uncomfortable choice, big or small.

Commitment always looks like service and sacrifice. Commit at work and home by finding ways to serve them and make them better and you will get better. Start by picking one thing you will do to be a better team member each day. Remember: WE > me

You Can. Your circumstances don't define you. Your willingness does. Stop hiding behind the excuses and start stepping into your calling. Believe in yourself. You were created on purpose for a purpose that only you can fulfill. *God Bless, Fr. Andrew*

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

GATE OF HEAVEN

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
MAY 7	5:30PM	\$2,320.00	79
MAY 8	9:00AM	\$1,366.00	144
MAIL-IN		\$2,594.00	
TOTAL		\$6,280.00	223

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
MAY 7	4:00PM	\$1,432.72	102
MAY 8	7:30AM	\$728.00	60
MAY 8	10:30AM	\$1,117.00	100
MAIL-IN		\$1,833.00	
TOTAL		\$5,110.72	262



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 throughout the month of May.

Confirmation CELEBRATION



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2022!

Many thanks to all who played a role in the success of this class including the exceptional students and their parents. A huge thank you to the 8th grade teachers, Mr. Doug Clark & Mr. Jason Field, as well as the DREs, Mrs. Amy Clark & Mr. Jim Casey. May the Holy Spirit always guide you!

ASCENSION of the Lord

Mass Times: Thursday, May 26th
9am at Our Lady of Victory
7pm at Gate of Heaven



Our Lady of Victory Parish
16 Second Street, Harveys Lake, PA 18618

Parish Phone: 570-639-1535 — Fax: 570-639-1294 — Email: olvhl309@aol.com

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

Mass Schedule/Devotions for May 16 – 22

Tuesday: May 17

9:00am Mass Intention for Walter Stanishefski given by Family
10:30am Mass at Meadows Manor for Residents
7:00pm Flame of Love Devotions

Thursday: May 19

10:30am Mass at Greenbriar for Residents

Friday: May 20

12:00pm Mass Intention for Marilyn Chamberlin given by Sister, Linda June Traver

Saturday: May 21

4:00pm Mass Intention for Regina M. Darraugh given by Family

Sunday: May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Mass Intention for Paula Leandri given by Bill Leandri
10:30am Mass Intention for Mary June given by Daughter, Linda June Traver

Ministry Schedule for May 21-22

4:00pm Lector— Martha Herron	Eucharistic Minister— Lynn Bartz
7:30am Lector— Bill Leandri	Eucharistic Minister— Regina Cannon
10:30am Lector— Joe Orbin	Eucharistic Minister— Deacon John

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



What do the number "100" & the game of golf mean to you?

I know most of you thought, that's Doc Mike's good score on 9 holes, but did anyone think of the **OLV Annual Memorial Golf Tournament** kicking off our year-long Centennial Celebration?? On Friday, September 16th, we will begin the Centennial Year with our Golf Tournament at Stone Hedge Golf Club. More info about sponsorships, registration, and committees will follow soon!



As always, in conjunction with the Tournament, we will hold our **Theme Basket Raffle**. We need your help with the baskets! We welcome your donation of a basket. Let's see how many baskets we can come up with...*could we get 100 baskets in this Centennial Year???* We will begin displaying the baskets the weekend of July 2-3. Now is time to let your creativity shine! We will gladly accept baskets starting next weekend. Let's make this a banner year in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of OLV. Any questions, please call the Office.

Fatima Devotions Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who attended and helped to make our first Fatima Devotion of the year so beautiful!
The next devotion will be on Monday, June 13th at 7pm



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of
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given by
M/M JAMES BULGER

Altar Flowers

are placed in loving
memory of
MARGARET SOBECK
given by
THE NOWICKI FAMILY
and also
In loving memory of
REGINA DARRAUGH
given by
FAMILY



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

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Monday: May 16

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:00pm Novena to the Miraculous Medal
7:00pm Mass Intention for Tony Kubasek, Sr. given by The Field Family

Tuesday: May 17

4-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: May 18

9:00am Mass Intention In Thanksgiving given by a Parishioner
9:30am Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests
6:00-7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Flame of Love Devotions

Friday: May 20

2:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: May 21

5:30pm Mass Intention for Margaret & John Murray, Sr.; John, Jr., Ronnie & Bobby Murray given by Angie Murray

Sunday: May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass Intention In Thanksgiving of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Karen Finarelli given by Family
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

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9:00am Lector– Sally Lehman Eucharistic Minister– Renee Benedetti

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As a parish family, let us welcome **AIDEN JAMES O’BRIEN** and **ODIN SINGH WICKENHEISER**, who were both baptized at Gate of Heaven last weekend. May both of them, as well as their parents, be filled with joy as they embark on his lifelong spiritual journey.

“Whoever welcomes a child in My name, welcomes Me.” – Luke 9:46-48.

A Very Special Thank You

From Sister Pat McCann, RSM



On behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, and Sister Mary Bride’s Family, I would like to thank your Pastor, Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic and the GOH Community for providing the sacred space to celebrate the life of an exemplary Sister of Mercy, **Sr. Mary Bride**. A special thank you to the staff, Deacon John, Carol & Renee, and especially Marilyn and the Funeral Choir for providing the beautiful and comforting music.

The MEGA RAFFLE : TICKETS ON SALE SOON!!!



Gate of Heaven Church will once again hold its Annual MEGA RAFFLE on Sunday, July 17th. **We have received many exciting donations for this year’s raffle!** Our Committee is working on production of the tickets which will go on sale soon after all Masses and will also be available in the Parish Office. Keep watching this space for updates.

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. Please sign up today!



Last
chance
to sign
up!

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).

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Grief Ministry will be there with you as you journey with Jesus toward healing. A four week session will begin on Monday, May 23rd from 6:30-8:00pm at OLMC at Lake Silkworth. The additional three sessions are June 6, 13, and 20. If you are suffering from the loss of a loved one, please join us. For more information or to register, please call the parish office at 570-477-5040. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Eucharistic Adoration will be held Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include praise & worship music, a reflection from seminarian Michael Boris, 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.



Upcoming Events: "Refresh Your Faith" Catholic Women's Conference: June 11, 2022 information at 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

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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