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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.

May 22, 2022: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Deacon John C. Jorda

Office Manager	Carol Carroll
Director of Music/Liturgy	Anthony Kubasek
Organist	Tom Morenko
Director of Religious Education	Jim Casey
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**Pastoral Staff at both
Our Lady of Victory and Gate of Heaven**

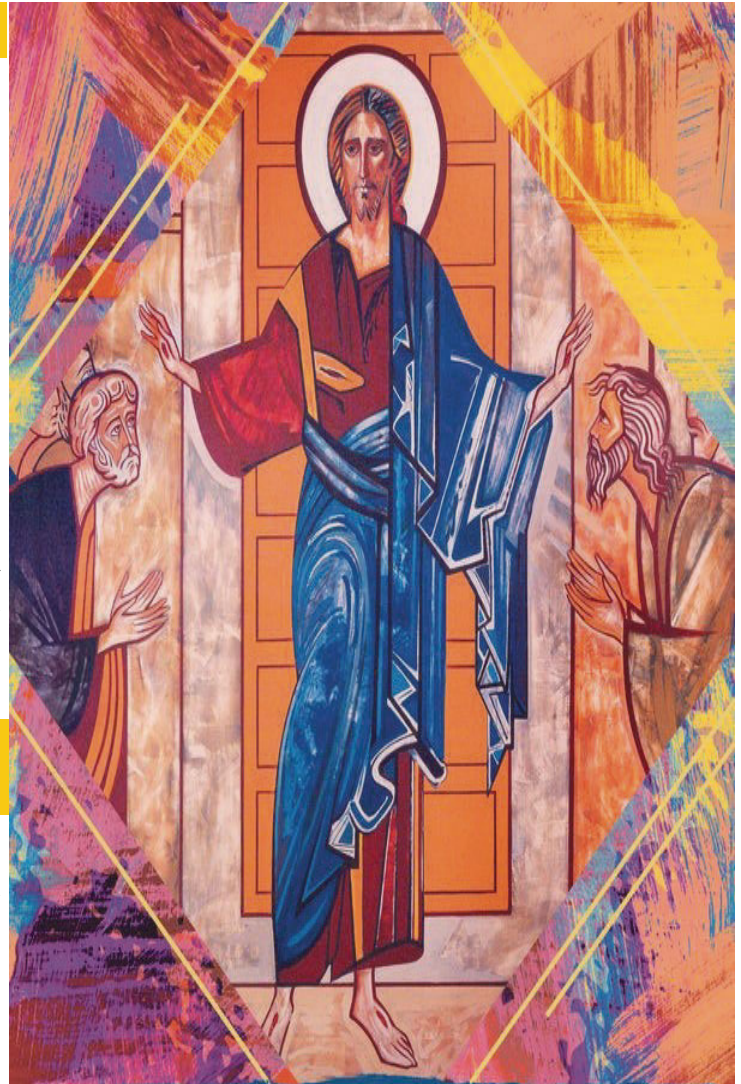
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New parishioners are always welcome!
Please call your parish of choice to register.

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you.”
- Jn 14:27a

FROM THE PASTOR



The Rosary Changes History

In 1571, the Pope asked all Christians to pray the rosary for the success of the Battle of Lepanto as Moorish forces sought to conquer Rome. The people answered the call and the battle proved a miraculous and decisive Victory for Christendom. Over 105 years ago this month, the Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children in Portugal as Our Lady of the Rosary. What followed was a series of visits from Mary, where she urged the children to pray the rosary for the conversion of sinners, she mentioned that many souls are in Hell because of sins against chastity and she asked for the Holy Father to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

Pope Francis recently consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart and has requested that the faithful pray the rosary as a family. Just like Lepanto, and in response to Mary's requests at Fatima, this is a spiritual call to battle. **The rosary is our path to victory!**

Two weekends ago, Catholic churches around the country were vandalized and a tabernacle was stolen from a parish by a group of lost and misinformed people. Last Friday, on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we fasted and prayed the rosary for the upcoming Supreme Court decision regarding the future of Roe v. Wade. We must continue to pray the rosary!

God Bless, *Fr. Andrew*



STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

GATE OF HEAVEN

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
MAY 14	5:30PM	\$965.00	82
MAY 15	9:00AM	\$1,464.00	128
MAIL-IN		\$3,552.00	
TOTAL		\$5,981.00	210

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE
MAY 14	4:00PM	\$1,452.10	86
MAY 15	7:30AM	\$706.00	58
MAY 15	10:30AM	\$2,513.00	86
MAIL-IN		\$1,463.00	
TOTAL		\$6,134.10	230

ASCENSION *of the Lord*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 26:** The Ascension of the Lord (Mass times above)
- May 29:** High School Graduates Sunday
- May 30: Memorial Day** GOH Mass at 7pm/ Offices Closed
- June 1:** Adult Ministers Refresher Course
- June 5: Pentecost Sunday**
- June 13:** Fatima Devotions
- June 26:** Blessing of the Boats at Warden Place
- July 2/3:** OLV Golf Tournament Theme Baskets on Display
- July 4th:** GOH Mass at 9am/ Offices Closed
- July 13:** Fatima Devotions
- July 17:** Mega Raffle Winners Announced

Our Lady of Victory Parish
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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 23—29

Tuesday: May 24

9:00am Mass Communion Service

Thursday: May 26: Ascension Thursday

9:00am Mass Intention for Fr. Ed Sokolowski given by the Stanishefski Family

Friday: May 27

12:00pm Mass Intention for Kyle Denmon given by Herb & Jan Dreher

Saturday: May 28

4:00pm Mass Intention for Thomas Secula given by Ann Berecin

Sunday: May 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30am Mass Intention for Elizabeth Griffin & Vera Kopicki given by Bob & Paula Baur

10:30am Mass Intention for Patricia A. Nowicki given by Mark & Helen Neylon



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



Ministry Schedule for May 28-29

4:00pm Lector— Dave Tarantini Eucharistic Minister— Shala Marszalek

7:30am Lector— Regina Cannon Eucharistic Minister— Deacon John

10:30am Lector— MerryAnn Edwards Eucharistic Minister—Michael Liuzzi

On Friday, September 16th, we will begin the Centennial Year with our Annual Memorial Golf Tournament at Stone Hedge Golf Club. More info about sponsorships, registration, and committees will follow soon! Would you like to be a part of our fun team that organizes this event??? Call the Office...the more help, the less work!



Golf Committee 2021..you know you want to join them!!



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Basket Raffle



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given by
**GERTRUDE DRAGON
& FAMILY**

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 this weekend. Let's make this a banner year in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of OLV.

Any questions, please call the Office.

Fatima Devotions

The next devotion will be on
Monday, June 13th at 7pm

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40 Machell Avenue Dallas, PA 18612

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Mass Schedule/Devotions for May 23-29

Monday: May 23

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

Tuesday: May 24

4-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: May 25

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

Thursday: May 26: Ascension Thursday

7:00pm Mass Intention for Norm, Sam, & Rebecca Darling given by Mary

Friday: May 27

2:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: May 28

5:30pm Mass Intention for Fred Hosle given by Wife & Family

Sunday: May 29: Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass Intention for Thomas Secula given by Ann Berecin
3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration



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As a parish family, let us welcome **LUCA ROBERT COLLINI**
who was baptized at Gate of Heaven last weekend.

May Luca, as well as his parents, Joe and Sara, 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.

The parish family of Gate of Heaven would like to extend its
deepest prayers and condolences to the family of
JOSEPH PAGLIANITE who recently passed away.

May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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The MEGA RAFFLE : TICKETS ON NOW!!!

Gate of Heaven Church will once again hold its Annual MEGA RAFFLE on Sunday, July 17th. **We have received 53 exciting donations for this year's raffle with a total value of \$5,600!** Tickets are on sale now after all Masses and are also available in the Parish Office. Also, each family will be sent 3 tickets in the mail. Keep watching this space for updates!!!

HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES



Attention All GOH & OLV Lectors & Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a “Refresher Course” on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Victory** for all currently active ministers AND those ministers who did serve, but have not returned since COVID. We will go over all the procedures that should be followed at Mass. Things have changed over the past few years, including our Pastor! Now is the time to get everyone on the same page at both parishes. Please make every effort to attend. If you are unable to be at the meeting, please call Renee at 570-639-1535.

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!



High School Graduates Sunday is 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. We will honor our seniors and our Bishop’s Youth Awards winners at these Masses.

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 SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!!!**

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.

St. John the Evangelist Flea Market: 35 William Street in Pittston, is holding a FLEA MARKET in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium) on Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27 from 5:00-8:00pm and Saturday, May 28 from 9:00-12 Noon. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Entrance is on Church Street in Pittston with parking available nearby!

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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