# Gate of Heaven Parish

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.

# June 26, 2022: The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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 Emeritus	Tom Morenko
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Facilities	Wayne Frederick

Pastoral Staff at Our Lady of Victory

Deacon Thomas M. Cesarini Deacon John C. Jorda

Renee Boland Office Manager Director of Music/Liturgy Helen Nevlon **Director Of Religious Education** Amy Clark Ed Bilder & John Wilson Facilities/Sacristans

Pastoral Staff at both Our Lady of Victory and Gate of Heaven

**Business Manager** Administrative Assistant RCIA/BaptismCoordinator Deacon John Jorda Mission Liaison Webmaster

Helen Nevlon Renee Boland Carol Carroll Dan Gallagher



Want to Join a Parish?

New parishioners are always welcome! Please call your parish of choice to register. GOH: 570-675-2121 **OLV:** 570-639-1535



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

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.

### FROM THE PASTOR



Like the old song says, "Summertime, and the livin' is easy."

Don't you believe it.

Sure, the kids are out of school, but there is a mountain of activities that they are involved in: swimming lessons, summer camp, baseball, soccer, summer reading programs, dance, vacations and more.

Anybody who has piloted Mom's/ Dad's taxi for the summer knows that this season simply has a different kind of busy. And sometimes that busy can have an impact on our faith.

Just look at the pews this coming weekend. Do they look emptier? They just might be. It doesn't help that summertime is Ordinary Time in the church calendar.

The summer slump is just one of those periodic times in the year when Mass attendance takes a dip.

People get busy . . . and, unfortunately, they sometimes put God second for the summer. That's not the way it's supposed to be. God is supposed to be a part of our summers — and that includes our vacations.

If you, do it right, any vacation can have a spiritual dimension.

If you want to keep God in your summer, you simply cannot skip Mass. It remains the "source and summit" of Christian life, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, no matter what time of year.

Grateful and Blessed to be your Pastor,

## Father Andrew



Don't Forget!! BOAT BLESSING TODAY: Sunday, June 26th 2pm Warden Place ALL ARE WELCOME!!

#### STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

GATE OF HEAVEN					
			COLLECTION	ATTEND	ANCE
JU	NE 18	5:30PM	\$1,371.00	82	
JU	NE 19	9:00AM	\$1,138.00	109	
M	AIL-IN		\$1,156.00		
T	OTAL		\$3,665.00	191	
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## OUR LADY OF VICTORY

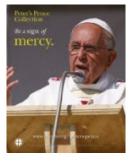
		COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE		
JUNE 18	4:00PM	\$1,826.00	107		
JUNE 19	7:30AM	\$710.00	68		
JUNE 19	10:30AM	\$1,888.30	95		
MAIL-IN		\$815.00			
TOTAL		\$5,239.30	270		
Calendar of EVENTS					

June 26: Blessing of the Boats at Warden Place 2pm 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 July 18-22: Vacation Bible School July 25-29: Summer Music Camp July 31: Special Music Camp Liturgy at GOH 9am Mass Brunch after Mass at GOH

August 21: GOH/OLV Summer Church Picnic

# The Second Collection this weekend is for the Holy Father: Peter's Pence.

The Peter's Pence Collection has long been a sign that Catholics around the world are joined in support of the Holy Father. A tradition of support for the Holy Father is rooted in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and



expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need. For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the

Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.htm

#### <u>Our Lady of Victory Parish</u> 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 June 27– July 3Tuesday: June 289:00am Mass Intention for Father's Day Mass CardsFriday: July 1: First Friday11:15am Divine Mercy Cenacle11:30am-Noon Eucharistic Adoration12:00pm Mass Intention for Eugene J. Kane given by Terry & Martha HerronSaturday: July 24:00pm Mass Intention for Thomas Secula given by Jean MudlockSunday: July 3: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time7:30am Mass Intention for Pro Populo10:30am Mass Intention for Harry June given by Daughter, Linda June Traver

### Ministry Schedule for July 2 –3

4:00pm Lector- Renee Boland7:30am Lector-Regina Cannon10:30am Lector- Joe Orbin

Eucharistic Minister– Lynn Bartz Eucharistic Minister– Walter Blejwas Eucharistic Minister– Deacon John

Letters were sent out this week to all registered families containing information on our upcoming **Golf Tournament**. This event is a major fundraiser for

OLV. Please consider putting together a foursome, being a hole sponsor, or helping on the committee. Ask your friends and businesses that you frequent too!! We need your help to be successful this year. Basket Raffle tickets were also included in the mailing. Please consider how you can help this year. Any questions or if you want more tickets, please

contact us in the Parish Office. HELP!!!



# We need MORE baskets!!!

We will begin displaying the baskets for our Raffle at Masses on Saturday, July 2nd. The more baskets we have, the better the chance you have to win!

<u>Special Summer Collection</u>: By now, each registered family should have received a letter concerning our current financial situation. Please take some time to read the letter, and carefully consider what you can do to help. Extra envelopes and letters are available on the desk behind the last pew. We will accept donations to this collection throughout the summer. Thank you to all who have contributed so far.



Welcome Back to the Altar!! Congratulations to Logan, Dylan, and Mack as they had the honor of being the first altar servers to serve at OLV since March 2020! We encourage ALL youth of the parish to consider this ministry. Anyone in grades 3-12 is welcome to join. Training is provided, so don't be nervous! All former servers are welcome to come back too. Those in grades 9-12 are encouraged to become lectors. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in either of these ministries. 570-639-1535

OLV CENTENNIAL 2023: WE ARE ONLY 3 MONTHS AWAY FROM THE START OF OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR OF CELEBRATION. ALL SUB-COMMITTEES SHOULD BE MEETING. WE WILL HOLD A GENERAL MEETING AGAIN SOON. STAY TUNED! CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WANT TO JOIN A COMMITTEE.

# Altar Flowers are placed in THANKSGIVING FOR MICHAEL ANTHONY TARANTINI given by

FAMILY



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Saturdays in July

from Noon-1pm at

**GATE OF HEAVEN** 

<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> burns in loving memory of

LEO BARTZ

given by GERI & LYNN BARTZ

# Gate of Heaven Parish

40 Machell Avenue Dallas, PA 18612

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

#### Mass Schedule/Devotions for June 27–July 3 The Sacrament of Monday: June 27 Reconciliation 6:00pm Adoration Saturdays in JULY 6:30pm Rosary from Noon-1pm at 7:00pm Novena & Mass Intention for Joseph Canfield by the Frederick Family **GATE OF HEAVEN Tuesday: June 28** 4-5 pm **Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesday: June 29 9:00am Mass Intention for Jim Barlow given by Wife, Kathy Cenacle for the Marian Movement of Priests 9:30am 6:00-7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Flame of Love Devotions Friday: July 1: First Friday Sanctuary Candle & 2:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration **Altar Flowers** Saturday: July 2 are in honor of 5:30pm Mass Intention for Joseph Gries given by the Gries Family WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Sunday: July 3: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time given by 9:00am Mass Intention for Charles & Barbara Lazzara by the Field Family 3:00- 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration GRANDCHILDREN

PLEASE NOTE: FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THE SACRISTY DOOR WILL REMAIN LOCKED DURING THE WEEK EXCEPT DURING MASS OR ADORATION TIMES. PLEASE USE THE FRONT DOORS TO ENTER.

If you need assistance with entry, call the Office when you arrive for help.

# **Ministry Schedule for July 2-3**

**5:30pm** Lector– Theresa Tomalis 9:00am Lector–Jason Field

Eucharistic Minister- Deacon John Eucharistic Minister– Dave Keating

# The MEGA RAFFLE : TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their checks and stubs. This is our **<u>BIGGEST</u>** fundraiser at GOH and your continued support is appreciated. Tickets are on sale before and after each Mass. If you can sell additional tickets please call the office and we will make sure that they are sent to you. Thanks!





Calling all youth of Gate of Heaven! Youth ministry opportunities are available for all youth of our parish. Those in grades 3-12 are welcome to become Altar Servers and those in grades 9-12 are encouraged to become Lectors. We are also looking for Youth Choir members, ushers, and sacristans. Call

the Parish Office at 570-675-2121 if interested!





# HAPPENINGS AT BOTH PARISHES THIS SUMMER



Vacation Bible School We will be Disciples of Christ and Fishers of Men When: July 18-July 22; 9am—11:30am Where: Gate of Heaven Parish Center Who: All students grades K-4 Students in grades 5-12 are welcome to volunteer as helpers for the week

# **SIGN UP NOW!!!**

Registration is required. No fee to participate. Donation of snacks or beverages is appreciated. Register by calling either church office. OLV: 570-639-1535 or GOH: 570-675-2121











JOIN US ON AN ADVENTURE AS WE SEARCH FOR HIDDEN TREASURE!

AGES 8–15 JULY 25-29 FROM 9:30AM TO 11:30AM DAILY CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON JULY 31ST AT 9:00AM SPECIAL BRUNCH AFTER MASS SPONSORED BY A & R CALL 570-675-2121 TO REGISTER: ALL ARE WELCOME!

NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE DONATION OF SNACKS OR DRINKS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, MATES!



Gate of Heaven & Our Lady of Victory Parish Picnic: Keep the date open: Sunday, August 21st at Frances Slocum State Park. More information soon. Contact Merry Ann Edwards at (570)881-5962 if you would like to help.

Looking for a Mass to attend?? Fr. Andrew has a monthly schedule of Masses at the local area nursing homes. He goes to Greenbriar, Meadows, Meadows Manor and Kadima (Lakeside). Father is looking for parishioners who would like to attend those Masses with him to help lead the prayer responses for the residents. It is not necessary, but you could even help him by doing the readings too! If you are available week-day mornings and would like to help out, please contact Renee at 570-639-1535. We are also looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take Communion to Greenbriar and Lakeside on a regular basis. Please call Renee if interested.



# **ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT!**



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



Eucharistic Adoration will be held Thursday, July 7 at 7:00pm at St. Maria Goretti Parish, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include praise and worship music, a dynamic talk, 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

Support our neighboring parish: Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Lake Silkworth, 2011 State Route 29, Hunlock Creek. Summer Fest 2022 Rain or shine! Indoor Flea Market, Games, Baskets, Lots of Delicious Hommade Food! Friday, July 15 from 5-11pm with Flaxy Morgan and Saturday, July 16 from 5-11pm with the Lance Thomas Band

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Session:** Anyone interested in becoming an EM can take the following all-day training session this summer: **Saturday, July 16 from 9am-2:30pm** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. To register, call the Office of Parish Life at 570-207-2213. If you have any questions, you can contact Deacon John at GOH 570-675-2121 or Renee at OLV 570-639-1535. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry.

# REROUVAILLE

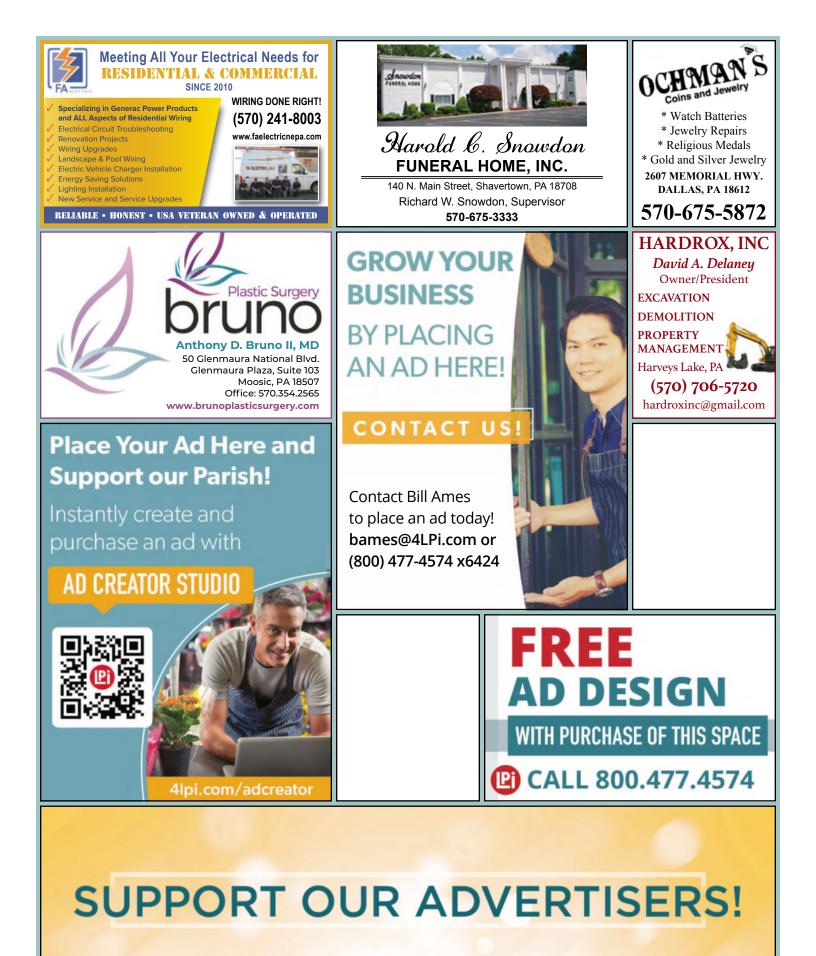
## RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES AUGUST 19 - 21, 2022 AT THE

**TOWNPLACE SUITES, MOOSIC** *Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage.* If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

Catholic Men's Conference "Be a Catholic Man" 2022 Event: October 8, 2022 more information to follow soon.



OLV BOAT BLESSING SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH AT 2PM WARDEN PLACE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



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