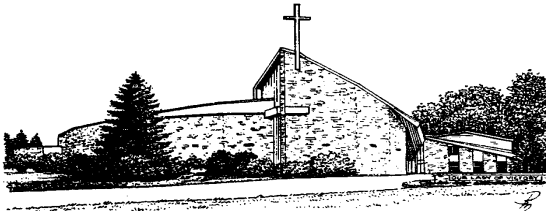


Our Lady of Victory Church

820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801



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Director of Religious Education - Mary Risley (ext. 233)
RCIA Director - Mary Ann Spychalski (ext. 239)
Pastoral Council Chairman - Chris Kirkpatrick

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri., - 7:00AM & 9:00AM
Wednesday - 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday - 9:00AM

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00PM (Vigil)
Sunday- 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, & 5:00PM

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:00PM Vigil 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 12:05PM & 6:00PM

PHONE NUMBERS

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School	238-1592
Preschool	238-6616
Religious Ed. (C.C.D.)	234-3315
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SVdP Thrift Store	867-3131

Secretaries' Office Hours

Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM to Noon, 1:00 to 4:00PM

CONFESSIONS

4:00PM - 4:45PM Saturdays
4:00PM - 4:30PM eve of First Friday
7:00PM - 7:30PM all Thursdays
5:00PM - 5:30PM eve of Holy Days.
Offered anytime upon request.

BAPTISM

Sunday 1:30PM with arrangements having been made previously through the Rectory.

MARRIAGE

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice to ensure availability of dates.

BULLETIN NOTICE

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on the editor's desk no later than Tuesday at noon.

Church website : ourladyofvictory.com
Church e-mail : churchoffice@olv.us
School website : olvcs.org
Diocesan website: ajdiocese.org

October 8 & 9, 2005 - 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS MEMORIALS

Monday, October 10, 2005

7:00am - † Ida & Howard Dunne by Margaret & Ralph Stevenson
9:00am - † Ronald R. Hipp by June

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

7:00am - † Robert Leahey by Anne Leahey & Family
9:00am - NO MASS due to Clergy Conference

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

9:00am - † Helen Ulinski by Raymond & Louise Ulinski
7:00pm - † Joseph Priddy by Iavasile & Priddy Families

Thursday, October 13, 2005

7:00am - † M/M Sigmond Mulauski by The Family
9:00am - † Howard Levine by Kathy & Vince Stabile

Friday, October 14, 2005

7:00am - † William Kowalski by The Family
9:00am - † Michael Demaree by The Family

Saturday, October 15, 2005

9:00am - For All Those Served by SVDP Society by SVDP Society
5:00pm- † Helen Botamer by Christopher & Georgette Botamer

Sunday, October 16, 2005

7:30am - † Michael Mester by Joyce & Harry
9:30am - For All People of the Parish
11:30am - † David A. Gardiner by Gene & Marcella Brady
5:00pm- Ints. Ann Amato

Week of October 9, 2005

Sun.: Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Mon.: Rom 1:1-7/ Lk 11:29-32
Tues.: Rom 1:16-25/ Lk 11:37-41
Wed.: Rom 2:1-11/ Lk 11:42-46
Thur.: Rom 3:21-30/ Lk 11:47-54
Fri.: Rom 4:1-8/ Lk 12:1-7
Sat.: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

Altar Server Schedule

At this time, we are not going to be scheduling servers for weekday Masses. If you would like to serve a weekday Mass, you are invited to show up for the Mass and volunteer to serve.

Saturday - October 15

5:00pm - Kyle Surovec, Evan Daniels, Colleen Allen, Sami Misja

Sunday - October 16

7:30am- Katie & Carolyn Mahon, Josh & Emma Weakland
9:30am - Nicholas & Elizabeth Lyon, Tim Taylor, Matt Mazzara
11:30am - Annie, Charlie & Matthew Hughes, *Volunteer*
5:00pm - Ryan Bassett, Daniel Forziat, Matthew Balkey, *Volunteer*

Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

Reflection



In the parable of the wedding guests, no one accepts the invitation of the king. They are too busy to honor his request and refuse

to come, even going so far as to kill the messengers. It is not that they are apologetic, or that they even offer an excuse. There is something in their refusal that reveals hardened hearts and stubborn spirits. It is a parable about God sending His Son as Messiah, a parable about sin and the invitation to grace.

God always invites us to His celebration of life and grace. To accept the invitation, we need to repent, to turn away from sin and back to God. Often we don't refuse God directly, but choose instead to ignore Him by remaining in our sinfulness. Now is our chance to enter the banquet, to be closer to God and to His people. Don't refuse His request. Share in His joy and His love.

The Sunday 9:30am Mass is broadcast on ESPN Radio, 1450AM.

Weekly Schedule

Su. 10/9	7:45pm	New Testament Class, AC MR#1 (Deacon Gillan)
M-F	6:40am	Morning Prayer, Ch
Mo. 10/10	6:00pm	Youth Group, AC Youth Room
	7:00pm	School Council, AC SCR
Tu. 10/11	9:30am	Rosary Makers, AC Lib.
	9:45am	Prayer Network, UR
	3:30pm	Children's Choir, AC MR
	4:15pm	Youth Choir, AC MR
	7:00pm	St. Dunstan Handbells, AC MR
	7:00pm	Stuffing Bazaar Raffle Tickets, AC
	8:00pm	Westminster Handbell, AC MR
We. 10/12	9:30am	Res. Choir, AC MR
	6:00pm	Protecting God's Children, School Gym
	6:30pm	Sight-singing, AC MR
	6:35pm	Rosary, Ch
	7:00pm	Daily Mass, Ch
	7:00pm	CDA Exec. Comm., AC Lib.
	7:00pm	Stuffing Bazaar Raffle Tickets, AC
	7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir, AC
	7:30pm	Opus Dei Women's, UR
	7:30pm	RCIA, AC SAAR
Th 10/13	7:30am	24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9:30am	Liturgical Arts, AC
	7:00pm	Stuffing Bazaar Raffle Tickets, AC
	7:30pm	Liturgy Committee, UR
Fr. 10/14	9:00am	School Mass & Confessions (before Mass), Ch
	1:15pm	School Rosary, Ch
	5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal - Beckerdite/Crust
Sa. 10/15	7:45am	Men's Prayer/Bible Study, AC SAAR
	10:00am	Knights & Squires, ACMR
	1:30pm	Wedding - Ryan Beckedrite/Paula Crust
Su. 10/16	7:45pm	Old Testament, AC MR#1

Confessions are at 4:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00pm on Thursdays.

OLV School - The band is in need of Navy Blue Crusader windbreaker jackets. Consider donating one to the school if you have a jacket that you no longer need. For more information, contact Julia Glover at the school.

Donations - We are seeking donations of a CD boom box and/or reflective music CDs for the teachers' lounge. A huge thank you goes out to all who donated their time, talents and gifts to make the teachers' lounge makeover project an awesome retreat to BREATHE. Please contact Lisa Cousins at 861-2428 or toddcoutins@adelphia.net.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers for grades K-8. If interested, e-mail the school at principal@olvcs.org or call the school office at 238-1592.

OLV Prayer Network Ministry - Prayer requests may be offered through the Prayer Network by calling Margaret Morella (234-2218), Janine Surovec (466-7017), Lisa Wagner (234-0574) or Peg Roy (231-0224). Anyone interested in being added to the Prayer Network to receive prayers or pray for others can contact Peg Roy at Margaret_Roy@baxter.com.

Religious Education - Group Leaders are still needed for the 11th Grade Confirmation Class. If you can help out, please contact Deacon Lapinski at deacondcfl@aol.com.



Last Week's Collection: Weekly Collection \$21,042.50 with 718 families using envelopes. Diocesan Priest's Retirement Collection \$2,171.00. THANK YOU FOR BEING GOOD STEWARDS.



Becoming A Catholic - If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic and looking for a church home, please invite him or her to attend RCIA sessions held on Wednesdays, 7:30pm in the Activities Center. For more information, call Mary Ann at 237-7832, ext. 239.

Homebound - If you have relatives or friends from the parish who are homebound, please notify the parish office at 237-7832 if they would like to receive Communion.

Hospital/Rehab Stay - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center or Health South Rehab Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. Neither facility notifies us.

Protecting God's Children Training Session will be held on Wed., Oct. 12, 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the OLV School gym. All volunteers working with children in Church or school in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese must attend this training session (if one was not previously attended). To register, please visit www.virtus.org. Call the school office at 238-1592 for more details.

The Marian Gift Shop is open from 4:30pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 6:30pm on Saturdays, and 9:00am to 11:30am on Sundays, or by appointment. Please call Rose (238-6182) or Margaret (238-0784) to schedule.

OLV Church Library, in the Activities Center, is open Sundays from 8:30am to 1:30pm and Wed., 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, call Chuck & Maria Melchioris at 238-2164 or Pat Lutz at 466-6328.

In Your Prayers remember Judy Pickering and Evelyn Hanelly, mother of Bill, who died this past week.

It Is With Great Joy we welcome Beau Geoffrey Zeigler, son of Charles & Bonnie, and Tassia Margaret St. Pierre, daughter of Brian & Tanja, to the OLV Parish family.

Bazaar Envelope Stuffing - Volunteers are needed to help stuff Bazaar raffle tickets on Oct. 11, 12, & 13 in the Activities Center, 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Adult Education Classes - On Sunday, Oct. 9 at 7:45pm Deacon Garth Gillan will offer a course on the New Testament in Meeting Room #1 in the Activities Center. He will provide a 15 to 20 minute overview and the rest of the hour will be reserved for discussion. The course is a continuing series that meets on four Sundays each month. On the first Sunday, Deacon Gillan discusses the Eucharist; second Sunday, Deacon Gillan offers a course on the New Testament; third Sunday he offers Old Testament; and the fourth Sunday is focused on the Compendium of the Social Teachings of the Church published by the Vatican. The Compendium is available from Amazon but purchasing a copy is not necessary for the course. The overview provided by Deacon Gillan and the discussion will provide enough information to follow the flow of the course. All adults are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Westerly Parkway will have a work night Wed. evening Oct. 12., 6:30-8:30pm. New volunteers are needed. Please consider coming to the store any day for any amount of hours. All are welcome to help. High school students may receive community service hours by working at the Thrift Store and may come to our work night or any day Mon-Fri., 10:00am - 4:00pm and Sat., 10:00am - 1:00pm. Call 867-3131 or 237-7167 for information.

Altar Flower Memorials - If you would like to donate live altar flowers to our Church in memory or in honor of a loved one or for a special occasion, call the OLV office during regular office hours (237-7832) to begin the process. An announcement of your donation will appear in the OLV bulletin, unless you direct us not to do so. A minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

Unauthorized Fundraisers/Solicitations - Ever-mindful of what Jesus did to the money-changers in the temple, I have endeavored to limit fundraising and soliciting in and around the Church after weekend Masses. My policy is that such activity must be cleared in advance by myself or Joyce in the office. Please do not put the Lord or me to the test by circumventing this policy.

Msgr. David A. Lockard
Pastor

Pastoral Council News - Our Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005. The Parish Christmas Party will take place this year on Friday, Dec. 9, from 4:30 to 7:30pm in the Gardiner Social Hall of the Activities Center. Councillors were in agreement that the deacon-led Holy Communion services during Msgr.'s vacation were a positive experience. Members also discussed support for Habitat for Humanity and parish small faith-sharing groups. These discussions will continue during the October meeting.

Most of the meeting was devoted to reviewing the diocesan-mandated increased offertory campaign which will take place in every parish this fall. The councillors identified several areas where they believe an increased revenue should be directed: 1) to the poor, e.g. through St. Vincent de Paul Society or Hurricane Relief; 2) to increase the parish subsidy of the Parochial school; 3) to expand adult faith formation and religious education; 4) to support one or more seminarians.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005.

Quote for Thought: "...Disorientation turns into fatigue as priests begin to realize that the increase in the number and complexity of administrative tasks is a trend that in all likelihood will continue unabated each year. They also know from experience that even with fewer priests, people's expectations are the same or even greater. As one bishop recently noted: 'The majority of Catholics have not yet understood how thin the ranks of priests are getting, and their expectations have not changed from twenty-five years ago.' In fact, my own experience is that the expectations are even greater than in the past."

- Bishop Blase J. Cupich, in Priests for a New Millennium, pp. 181-182.

Quote for Thought Lite: "The time to make friends is before you need them."



The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. For information on how you can help with the Gabriel Project or be helped by it, please call 237-8784.

Priests Away - Msgr. Lockard and Fr. George will be away at the Diocesan-mandated Clergy Conference at Seven Springs from Monday, Oct. 10 to Wednesday, Oct. 12. As a result there will be only one Mass on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at **7:00am**. There will be **NO 9:00am Mass** on Oct. 11.

Emergency coverage will be provided by the Benedictine priests on campus: Fr. Matthew Laffey, OSB and Fr. David Griffin, OSB. Their phone number is 865-4281 (on campus) or 238-5357 (residence).

Also, beginning Monday, Oct. 17, Msgr. Lockard will switch his weekly day away from Tuesdays to Mondays.

Lectors Needed - We need more men and women to serve as Lectors (readers) at Sunday Masses. If you are a fully initiated Catholic in good standing and have a strong voice, please consider volunteering for this ministry. If you are interested, call Patrick Scholl at 867-6545, or notify the parish office.

Congratulations! - Two of our parishioners, Beth Dougherty, Director of OLV Preschool, and Mary Weidenhof, 3rd Grade Teacher at OLV Catholic School, recently completed the requirements for Master Catechist in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. We congratulate them and thank them for their effort and dedication to passing on the Catholic faith to our youth.

Parish Registration and Changes - New parishioners are always welcome. Please pick up a registration form at the Parish Office, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:00pm or on Sundays after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. Please advise the parish office of any change in address, telephone number or if you are moving from the parish. A reminder: if you plan to be a godparent for Baptism or Confirmation or have your baby baptized, you must be a registered parishioner at Our Lady of Victory.

KC Bingo Monday, Oct. 10 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at the KC Club, 850 Stratford Drive, in State College. Doors open at 5:30pm. The Jackpot is \$1300 in 52 numbers and our *Magic Numbers* will pay \$100. Only \$3.50 to play the minimum (4 cards, 20 games) or \$8.25 for the minimum plus all special games (total of 37 games).

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program - Again the Knights will be awarding scholarships to children of Knights of Columbus members. The state program awards \$3000 to one winner in the diocese. Our local council also offers a \$500 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a member of the local council. To receive an application, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact Mark Thorwart at 238-0266 or mthorwart@adelphia.net.

The KC Council 4678 Planning Meeting for October will be held on Wed., Oct. 12, 7:30pm in the meeting room at the Knights of Columbus Club on Stratford Drive. All Council Officers and Committee Leaders should attend this meeting. Council members are also invited to participate in this meeting defining future activities.

KC Texas Hold-em Tournament - The Knights will sponsor a Texas Hold-em tournament on Oct. 18 at the K of C Club to Benefit Hurricane victims. The Club will open at 5:30, the tournament starts at 6:00pm. Cost is \$25.00. Advance registration is recommended. Call Tony Santalucia 238-6437 or Keith Schroeder 692-7951 for information.

Vocation Chalice - The Vocation Chalice continues to go to parishioners' homes. If you would like to pray for vocations in this special way, please contact the Rectory at 237-7832 or e-mail Mark Reid at mreid@shst.edu.

St. Paul's Men's Group meets Saturdays from 7:30 to 9:00am in the OLV Activities Center. Discussions range from "just war" to "stem cell research" to "sexuality". The topics are all reviewed within the context of our Catholic Catechism, Catholic doctrine and teaching. Good coffee and free donuts. Contact Andy Mazzara at 867-4481(H)/865-7098 (W), or afm126@psu.edu or just show up.

Knights & Squires Men & Boys Choir needs singers 2nd grade to adult. The Choir's ministry is to lead the congregation at 5pm Saturday Masses, twice a month. Weekly rehearsals have begun and are Saturdays 10-11:15am in the Activities Center Music Room. Call Chris Kirkpatrick at 234-7498 if you have questions.

Day of Prayer - The State College Secular Order Carmelites will hold a Day of Prayer on Sat., Nov. 5, at St. Matthew's Church in Tyrone. The day will begin at 8:30am with Liturgy of the Hours, morning Mass, two talks given by Carmelite Friar Fr. Theodore Centala, O.C.D. The theme of the talks will be "Carmel and the Eucharist." Lunch will be served. The cost for the day is \$15. Registrations are needed by October 18. For more info and to register, please call Judy at 353-3425 or e-mail jam3@psu.edu.

Youth Ministry

-Youth Group will meet on Mon., Oct. 10 at 6:00pm in the Youth Room.

- Penn State "Tailgate" - Oct. 22. We will be cooking out and watching the Penn State vs. Illinois football game. Cookout begins at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to Katie Murry at 814-404-8580 if you would like to come.

- Trick-Or-Treating for Canned Goods - We will be passing out fliers to the neighborhood during our meeting on Oct. 24. On October 30, we will be picking up the canned goods at 12:30 pm in Halloween costumes.

Stay tuned for more information on the Hurricane Relief Concert.

Please check out the forum on our website youth.olv.info for the most up to date details on these events or contact Katie Murry at 404-8580 or e-mail katie@olv.info for more information.

- **Quote for Teen Thought:** "The discipline of prayer is fundamental to the life of the disciple. Prayer is communicating with God. There are many forms, methods and stages of prayer, but what is critical for the growing teen is to begin the practice of prayer."

- Frank Mercadante, Growing Teen Disciples, p. 204

Landscape Committee meets on Tuesdays at 5:45pm. Any questions, contact Ed Guenot at 692-2224.

Secretary/Receptionist Wanted - Good Shepherd Catholic Church is accepting applications for a full-time secretary/receptionist. Candidates should have strong interpersonal/organizational skills, average-to-above-average typing skills and basic computer literacy (experience with Microsoft Word a must). Please send a cover letter and resume to Dee Treaster; Good Shepherd Church; 867 Gray's Woods Blvd.; P. O. Box 8186; State College, PA 16803.

Heart of Ireland Tour - St. Matthew Church and Fr. Joseph Orr are sponsoring an 8-day trip to the heart of Ireland, March 16-23, 2006. The cost is only \$1,299 per person if you book by November 1, 2005 (reg. \$1,399). This includes roundtrip from New York to Shannon, 4 nights in first class hotels, 2 nights in a castle, full Irish breakfasts, 6 hotel dinners and a professional tour director. For more information, contact St. Matthew parish office at 684-1480.

The Nittany Knights Barbershop Chorus is proud to bring to our area the **Alexandria Harmonizers**. They are four-time international barbershop chorus champions and have performed for the U.S. Supreme Court, at the White House, Carnegie Hall, Wolf Trap and five times at the Kennedy Center Honors. You will not want to miss this musical extravaganza. This lively, harmonious show, "Autumn A Cappella" is great family entertainment. Performance date is October 15 at 8:00pm in the Eisenhower Auditorium. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and are available at the Eisenhower Auditorium, Penn State Downtown Theatre(Allen St) or call: 814-863-0255. Barbershop members will also have tickets available.

State College Catholic Knights Win Over Firebirds - On Sun., Oct. 2, the Knights won the 3rd game of the season to extend their winning streak to 16, with a 27-24 win over the Kennedy Firebirds from Sharon, PA. Matt Satalia led the way for the Knights with 133 yards rushing, a touchdown pass reception and two touchdowns rushing. At the quarterback position, Matt Mazarra had a 48 yard touchdown run and a touchdown pass. The defense was led by Sean McWhirter, Brad Holzwarth and Dominic Mills who had 12, 10 and 10 tackles, respectively. Mike Lloyd continued to impress the crowd with another successful kick for a Point After Touchdown (PAT) and several 40 yard plus kick offs. The Knights will play the West Lake Bulldogs, a strong team from Waldorf, Maryland, that has not lost a game in three years, at the Nittany Bank field on Saturday, October 8 at 1:00pm.

Volunteers & Prizes Needed for Casino Night - The OLVCS Sports Booster Club is holding a Casino Night fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 11, at Centre Hills. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the event and volunteers to work as dealers and doorpersons that night. Also, if you or your business would like to sponsor the event or donate items for prizes, let us know. Call Jeani at 466-6566 or Kelly at 272-3519 if you are interested in volunteering or donating.

PIAA Basketball Game Summaries -

7th/8th Grade OLV Lady Crusaders

Sept. 27 - OLV 22/Altoona Keith 19 - OLV pulled out a thrilling win against Keith. Liz Novack led scoring for the Crusaders with 9 points. Mauvette Malizia spearheaded the defensive effort with 5 steals.

Sept. 28 - OLV 27/Bald Eagle 21 - Our Lady of Victory used a fourth quarter rally to defeat the Lady Eagles at home. Ashley Sosnowski led scorers with 8 points including a crucial basket in the final stanza. Liz Novack had 7 points to go along with her 7 rebounds.

Sept. 30 - OLV 9/Bishop Guilfoyle 29 - Bishop Guilfoyle trumped the Crusaders in a hard fought battle. The Crusaders were plagued by poor shooting in the loss. Liz Novack had 8 rebounds in the contest.

OLV APL 6th Grade Girls' Basketball - The 6th Grade Girls dominated their Altoona Parochial League basketball game on September 29th against ACCMS. The final score was 34 to 2. The best part of this victory was that all seven members of the team scored.

4th/5th Grade Lady Crusaders Basketball - On Sept. 27th, Lady Crusaders' (White) defeated ACCS White 16-0. Taylor Allison, Jenna Altomare, and Alison Kelly led a balanced scoring effort and Meghan Karstetter led the team with 5 steals. Lady Crusaders' (Blue) Team fell to St. Rose 10-17. All team members played well and tough against an all 5th grade team.

Faith-Sharing Group for Mothers with Young Children Mothers with young children are invited to join an ongoing faith-sharing group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9:30am to 11:00am in members' homes. Currently our discussion centers on a study called *Words that Heal*. Childcare is available at the group meeting. For more info, contact Kathy Peters at 861-4334 or kfp1@psu.edu.

Have You Ever Thought About the Priesthood? If the answer is Yes! - then the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown welcomes you to consider participating in **The Father Demetrius Gallitzin Discernment Program**. While pursuing an undergraduate degree at your college (St. Francis University, Mount Aloysius, UPJ, Penn State, Juniata, Lock Haven), you work closely with the Director of Vocations in a flexible program that offers regular opportunities for prayer, Christian Service on/off campus, good food, conversations in spirituality and fraternity. Each participant meets regularly with a priest-spiritual director. Participants may join the diocesan seminarians for retreats and other events. There is no charge for the program. You can reserve your spot for the 2005 Fall semester by contacting Fr. John D. Byrnes, Director of Vocations, at 472-5441 or by e-mail at jbyrnes@dioceseaj.org.

Small Faith Sharing Groups will soon be forming for the fall/winter season. If you are interested in leading a group, participating as a member of a group, or want general information about this opportunity, please contact Carol Brace either by email at packratcarol@aol.com, or call 692-5597.

Weekly Centering Prayer - There is a weekly gathering for those experienced in Centering Prayer who would like to pray together with a group. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the chapel at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Gatherings last 35 to 45 minutes. Please contact Ellen Jankowski at 231-0213 or elj5@psu.edu for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Give your kids the best gift they can get, parents with a great marriage! All you have to do is attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones and focus only on each other. If you would like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference the weekend can make. There is no required group sharing. The next weekend is Nov. 4-6 at the Retreat Center in New Baltimore, PA. Registration deadline is Oct. 22. Please register early and call 1-800-882-5024.