



OUR LADY OF VICTORY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am,
9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Masses:

Jan. 16-21

Mon.: 8:00am Mass
Tues.: 8:00am Mass
Wed: 8:00am Mass
Thur.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
6:30pm Mass
Fri.: 8:00am Mass
9:00am Mass
Saturday: 9:00am Mass

Confessions -see inside

Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place
after 8:00am Mass
Tuesdays until 4:00pm
and Thursdays until
8:00pm with Reposition.

The Church is open
Monday through Sunday
7:00am to 8:00pm.

OLV Online Giving: go to
www.ourladyofvictory.com
and click on the link
<https://abundant.co/olvsc> to
give online.
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to 73256.
- Use the Abundant App,
which you can download
on your smartphone.
You are now able to give
to School, Maintenance
and Twin Parish Mission
online.

January 21 & 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctity of Life Sunday 2023

*The Spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.
Job 33:4*

- Because we are made in the image of God, all human life has inherent dignity and value from the moment of conception to its natural end.
- Abortion is a violent taking of an innocent life that is fully human and growing in the sanctuary of the womb.
- In Pennsylvania, about 88 babies die by abortion every day.
- Post-abortive women suffer higher rates of depression, suicide, addiction, and relationship issues, and a majority report feeling pressured into the abortion.
- Emotional and financial support are available through pregnancy resource centers located throughout the state and country. Contact 1-888-LIFE-AID or optionline.org or text HELPLINE to 313131.
- Those wounded by a past abortion can find healing through organizations like *Rachel's Vineyard* or *Deeper Still*.
- Pray for an end to abortion, for a conversion of hearts, for healing of those wounded, and for courage and wisdom to defend vulnerable human life.
- Volunteer with your local chapter of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Contact us at 717-541-0034 or visit us at www.paprolife.org

Office Phone

814-237-7832

Church Website:

www.ourladyofvictory.com

Church E-mail:

office@ourladyofvictory.com

School

814-238-1592

Preschool

814-238-6616

School/Preschool Website

www.olvcatholicschool.org

Diocesan Website

www.ajdiocese.org

OLV Prayer Network

prayer@ourladyofvictory.com

Flocknote: Are you signed up for Flocknote? This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you. To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

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Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30-Noon, 1-4pm
(Please try to correspond by phone, email or regular mail)

Bulletin Notice

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than Monday, 4:00pm.

Baptism

Sundays, 1:00pm, with arrangements having been made previously by contacting Diane.

Marriage

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice. Contact Betty, the Secretary.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursdays at 5:30pm - 6:00pm and Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays and Thursdays following 8:00am Mass. Tuesdays with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays with Reposition at 8:00pm.

Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are You an Adult Catholic Seeking Confirmation?

If you are interested, please email the Office of Christian Initiation of Adults: becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com.

Meetings are held Thursdays at 7:00pm in the OLV Activities Center.

Hospital Stay - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. This facility does not notify us, so you or your family must call the church.

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Thursday at 8:30am, Friday at 7:25am and Saturday, before the 9:00am Mass.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., Jan. 23 Heb 9:15,24-28/Mk3:22-30
8:00am - † Glenn Sokol by Parents

Tues., Jan. 24 Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
8:00am - † Pietro Pellicciotta by The Family
Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wed., Jan. 25 Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
8:00am - Ints. Bea Sommer by Mary & Eric

Thurs., Jan. 26 2 Tim 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25
8:00am - Communion Service
6:30pm - † Gladys Hart by Mike & Judy Orzolek
Confessions at 5:30pm, Adoration until 8pm.

Friday, Jan. 27 Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
8:00am - † Albert Hamady by The Serafin Family
9:00am - † Paul Cutler by Karen Randolph Aman

Sat., Jan. 28 Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Mk 4:35-41
9:00am - † Colleen Bord by The Leskowicz Family
5:00pm - Ints. Thomas & Cheryl Keller 50th Anniversary by The Family

Sun., Jan. 29 Zeph 2:3,3-12-13/1 Cor 1::26-31
7:30am - † Kelly Irvin by Ken & Millie Demaree
9:30am - Ints. Barb & James Dunn by Karen Bord
11:30am - † Philip Gingerich by The Conti Family

Collection: January 15: Weekly \$23,182.00; Loose \$1,658.00; School \$1,090.00; Maintenance \$90.00; Twin Parish \$81.00; Candles \$203.00; Donuts: \$86.00; Debt Reduction \$75.00; Solemnity of Mary \$25.00; Immaculate Conception \$35.00; Heat \$102.00; Gabriel Project \$600.00; Christmas \$55.00; Interfaith Human Services \$75.00; SVdP \$400.00; SJCA Scholarship \$50.00. Total \$27,807.00.

Marian Gift Shop is open Sundays from 10:00am to noon. To schedule an appointment for another time, please call Lesa at 814-237-7832 and leave a message.

New Catholic CDs: Have you checked out the CD rack in the back of the Church?

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy Scholarship

Drive: This weekend, Jan 21st/22nd we will be holding our 2nd annual OLV Scholarship Drive for St. Joseph's Catholic High School. There will be special speakers at each Mass who received scholarships last year and will fill us in on how the school year has been going. We gave out 9 scholarships last year that were direct tuition assistance to the student's family. Please be generous to this collection. Envelopes will be provided.

Formed.org Pick of the Week: Watch:

Paul of Tarsus: Messenger of Jesus Christ. Widely considered Christianity's greatest evangelizer, Saint Paul dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel, travelling far and wide to deliver the word of God.

To sign up to use Formed, go to Formed.org/signup: enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. Formed also has an app and is also available on Apple TV and Roku.

New Altar Servers - If you are in grade 3 (in OLV School or CCD) and above and are interested in becoming an altar server, there will be training sessions in January. We will announce the dates and times when they are scheduled. Forms for new servers can be found in the Gathering Space of the Church.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays**, 8:30am and ends with Reposition at 4pm and **Thursdays**, 8:30am and ends with Reposition at 8:00pm. Please consider spending time with Him. If you cannot commit to every week at a specified time, please consider volunteering to be a substitute for Adorers who cannot attend during their scheduled time. Please call or email the church office at office@ourladyofvictory.com to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.

Children's Holy Hour, Tuesdays 10:30am to 11:30am during Adoration. This gives the children of the parish the opportunity to come to adore our Lord. If you are looking for a very quiet hour of Adoration, it would be best to look to come another time.

Confession Times:

Thursdays: 5:30pm.

Saturdays: 4:00pm-4:30pm & 6:00pm-6:30pm.

PA Pro-Life Federation: The poster on the front cover is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. For more information, please visit their website at www.paprolife.org or call 717-541-0034. Their mailing address is 4800 Jonestown Rd, Suite 102, Harrisburg PA, 17109.

Queen of Peace Rosary Makers made 4,844 mission rosaries last year. The rosaries were given free to OLV, Maryland, Central America, India, Ghana, Cameroon, Padre Pio Center, Franciscans, St. Paul's in M.I. and Deacon Mike Russo.

We request old and new rosaries to be mailed where needed. Rosaries will be repaired for a small donation.

Donations to cover shipping are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Rita Robert at 814-238-2613. New members are most welcome.

Donut Ministry Volunteers Needed: Are you looking for an easy and fun way to serve the parish community? Consider volunteering to help with the donut ministry. Responsibilities include periodically picking up the donuts and/or clean up. This is a great activity to do as a family! It's also an enjoyable way to help while your children attend CCD. For more information, please email Mary Spak at maryspak@gmail.com.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is celebrating January with a sale on **Small Appliances and Electronics for \$5.00**. And with winter in full swing, **Snow & Ski Apparel is being featured**. Our prices on these items (as well as most anything else!) are the LOWEST IN TOWN. And if you missed the Art Sale in December, no worries, we're continuing that special for another month: **50% Off All Framed Art Work**. The Thrift Store receives many, many donations (heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions) and is still in need of volunteers to receive, sort, and sell these items. Please stop by the Store for a tour and more details on serving our mission to help those in need in our community—simply ask to speak with the Day Manager on duty. The Store, located at 1300 Benner Pike, is open Mon.-Sat., 10AM-4 PM.

Is God Calling You to be a Permanent

Deacon? For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit the website www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or contact: Deacon David Lapinski at dcfl@ourladyofvictory.com or Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036.



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OLV Preschool: Check out our wonderful OLVCS Preschool Program at www.olvcatholicschool.org/preschool or contact Mrs. Jennifer Rogan, OLVCS Preschool Administrator, at preschool@olvcs.org.

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 29, at the 9:30am Mass. The school will host coffee and donuts in the gym following the 9:30am Mass.

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It's easy to earn cash for OLVCS by shopping at Weis. Next time you are getting groceries at Weis, just have the cashier scan your Weis card AND this code: That's it! Now a percentage of your purchase price will go to OLVCS! Please tell others--friends, neighbors, and relatives--to do the same...and THANK YOU!



Collecting Box Tops has always been a great way to earn money for our school and now it is even easier! Just download the BoxTops for Education APP on your phone and select Our Lady of Victory School. Once the app is up and running, you can scan your receipts easily or send copies of digital receipts. We could really use your support so download the App today and start scanning. Visit <https://boxtops4education.com> for more information.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy

Come Be Part of the Saint Joseph's Experience. Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is accepting applications at all grade levels. Saint Joseph's offers a strong, balanced college preparatory academic curriculum firmly founded in the teaching of Jesus Christ. To learn more or apply go to www.stjoeacad.org or call 814-808-6118 to arrange for a tour. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

SJCA Board of Trustees - If you have a passion for Catholic education and are called to serve Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, consider applying to be a member of the Board of Trustees. Interested parties are encouraged to apply by sending a resume and letter of intent to Principal Anna Rupprecht, arupprecht@sjacademy.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Many families and their children need tuition assistance to attend Our Lady of Victory Catholic Preschool thru Middle School.

All individuals/households with an annual income of \$115,000 or PA personal income tax liability of \$3,500+ annually qualify to participate in the EITC Tax Credit Program.

If you are in the position to help by directing your Pa Income tax through the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit EITC program** to OLV through the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, please contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832 ext. 404. The Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund has over one million dollars to disburse for next year. Tax credits are available on a first-come, first served basis.

Businesses that qualify to get their taxes back are C-Corporations and owners of Subchapter S-Corporations, LLCs, LPs, LLPs and Partnerships. Please contact Chris today.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **CatholicMatch Pennsylvania** this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services.

Are you interested in advertising in the OLV Bulletin? Check out the local businesses that advertise in our bulletin. If you wish to advertise your business, please contact Cindy Schaefer at J.S. Paluch at 1-800-945-6629 or schaeferc@jspaluch.com.

Religious Education News (CCD)

PreK-10 Grade: There will be **no CCD** on Jan. 29 due to **Catholic Schools Week**. The school building is being used for special events that Sunday.

CCD for 9th & 10th Grade will not be held the morning of Feb. 5. **CCD that day for 9th and 10th grade students** will be attending the **PURIFIED talk by Jason Evert**. The talk is from 6-8pm. Doors open at 5:15pm. Tickets for Confirmation Track students in grades 9-11 are paid for by the parish. Students should show up and sign in.

First Communion Chalice Painting will take place on **Feb. 12 during CCD time**: beginning at 10:30am. At least one parents should plan to attend in order to assist their child. Students and parents can stay as long as they need to in order to finish their chalice thoroughly and thoughtfully.

11th Grade Confirmation Class:

Upcoming Classes:

- Sunday, **January 22** at 1:15pm. This is a regularly scheduled class.
- Sunday, February 5 **from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** in the Church. This is a **Required Event** for CCD, SJCA and home schooled.

Living Stations of the Cross:

All parish High School and Middle School students are welcome to participate.
Earn your service hours for the year!

Next meeting January 28 - AC Gardiner Social Hall 7-9pm. Cast will be doing costume fittings. Stage Crew will be meeting to go over responsibilities/expectations.

Rehearsals:

Feb 3, 10, 17, 25

March 1, 11, 15, 17, 22.

All rehearsals will be from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the school gym.

Stage Crew Meeting: March 24 7:00pm-9:00 pm school gym

Dress Rehearsal: March 25 and 29 6:30pm-9:00pm

Performances: Saturday, April 1 & Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30pm.

Crew will need to be there at 4:30pm. Cast members' arrival will be staggered.

2022 Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8) meets weekly in the Activities Center Library from 7:00 to 8:00pm on Thursdays. Contact Cecilia at middleschoolyq@gmail.com with any questions.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) meets weekly from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, in the basement (Youth Room) of the Activities Center. Young people are encouraged to attend the 6:30 PM Mass beforehand if they can. Join us for fun and fellowship! If you are interested in helping as an adult volunteer, email Nick Astle at NAstle@sjcacademy.org.



Purified: Jason Evert is Coming! As a parent, have you ever wondered how to protect your family from everything in society that seems to undermine their innocence? If you're a teen or young adult, have you ever wondered about the difference between love and lust, and how to find true love in a world that only seems to offer the counterfeit? Then don't miss PURIFIED! These questions will be answered on Feb. 5th from 6-8pm in the church by world renown chastity speaker: Jason Evert. Get straight answers to tough questions about God's plan for human love. Don't wait! Reserve a seat while tickets are still available! General admission is \$20/ticket. Confirmation track student tickets, grades 9-11, have been pre-paid. They need to show up and sign in the evening of the talk. Half price Parent tickets of Confirmation Track Students in grades 9-11 are on sale in the baptistry after all Sunday Masses. General admission tickets are also available online: chastity.com/purified or at the back of church after all Sunday Masses.

Upcoming Women of Grace® Foundational Study Group:

The Women of Grace® Foundational Study takes a multimedia approach to dig deeply into our Catholic teaching using the study text "Full of Grace", Sacred Scripture, the Catechism, citations from Vatican II and other Magisterial documents and the biographies of sixteen Catholic women saints. Johnnette B. Williams founder of the study and EWTN TV and Radio host will lead you through this study. As you learn the gift of your authentic femininity and how to live it out in our world today: Hearts are healed! Lives are changed! Souls are saved!

We will have two sessions. We will be starting on Monday, January 23, 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Activities Center Assembly Room as well as Wednesday (subject to change) 9:15am to 11:15am in the Activities Center. For additional inquiries, contact Karen Kearney at 814-883-4588 or kearneyt1@comcast.net. New participants will need to purchase the materials for them to arrive in time. Please contact me so we can be ready in January.



Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM. One Body in Christ, in Truth and in Prayer.

Have you ever contemplated the meaning of WAOB's tagline in our top-of-the-hour announcements? **We Are One Body...**in Christ, in Truth, and in Prayer. Our Catholic Church does not claim perfect or complete knowledge of science, philosophy, or other disciplines, but in the areas of faith and theology, the Church has been given the fullness of truth and the mission to share this truth with all nations. Meditate on these profound words when you hear them throughout our broadcasting hours.

Donation letters were sent to our year-end supporters and our sustaining pledge donors. If you do not receive the summary by January 31 or require a duplicate from an earlier one-time gift, please contact Sheryl Balkey at voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com or (814)238-6288. Remember, just \$100/day keeps our Catholic voice on the air. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout the winter.

Pittsburgh Pirates Great, Neil Walker, will be visiting Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. He will be giving a talk about his Catholic Faith and will be available for a meet and greet. There is no registration or tickets to be purchased. No cost to attend; donations will be taken to help support Holy Name School. All are welcome to attend.



Gabriel Project:

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 more information about the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511. If you can help the Gabriel Project, please put your monetary donations in the Sunday collection, or mail them to Betty Gummo, c/o Our Lady of Victory Church, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. A check made out to "The Gabriel Project/OLV" (a 501c3 non-profit) can be used as a tax deduction. The Gabriel Project is in need of newborn clothing and newborn items, Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs or car seats. And we cannot accept donations of baby formula. Thank you very much for your support for these families, especially with prayer.

Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry

Zoom Classes: JOIN US FOR ZOOM CLASSES THIS NEW YEAR!

The following classes are open to all!

- **Sacraments** taught by Deacon Michael Russo, will be held Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM (8 weeks) beginning February 7.

- **Christian Prayer and Spirituality** taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM (10 weeks) beginning January 26.

For registration, please visit the website www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

Openings for Mission Trip to Mexico: March 4-11.

Join us for a Spring Break of service, spiritual growth, and fellowship! We will be traveling to Merida city, capital of the State of Yucatan, Mexico to help Father Baltazar Cervera in his outreach at the House for Migrants "Saint Toribio Romo", the shelter for children "The House of Joy", and to a local homeschool co-op. Activities will vary from painting, landscaping, cooking, praying with locals, playing with the children, teaching English and prayers to the homeschooled children, etc. We will also visit an area that includes culture, flavors, traditions, and archeological Mayan wonders near the Mexican Caribbean Sea! You don't need to speak Spanish. Deadline to register is January 23. Estimated cost per person is \$1000, which covers airfare, food, local transportation and lodging. Valid passport is needed for travel to Mexico. Only 10 spots are available. Contact Xhonane Olivas at 814-229-6271 or xolivas@yahoo.com to register or for more information.

"Knights Notes"

Please check www.kc4678.com for Calendar of Events.

Council Meetings - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30pm.

OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon Room (basement) in
820 Westerly Parkway

Blood Donations: Next Blood Drive: February 7, 12:30pm to 6:30pm at OLV Activities Center.

The last Blood Drive that took place at OLV produced 43 units: 35 units whole blood and 6 units Powers Red.

Check Red Cross site for local opportunities: (<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?Zip=Sponsor=16801>)

Knights Facts:

You have probably thought about becoming a Knight. We are part of an organization that does great things. Knights have physically and financially (over \$6M) contributed to the refugee effort in Ukraine.

Ask a Knight of Columbus or send an email of inquiry to info@kc4678.com.

We simply want Catholic Men who want to be a part of brotherhood!

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

K of C Facebook: www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678

National Conference for Single Catholics (NCSC):

(NCSC): A Dating Retreat and Study Series for single Catholics! NCSC is hosting a FREE online Dating Retreat with guest speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer (January 27 & 28). Currently over 400 single Catholics from around the world are registered. Don't miss the opportunity to meet other like-minded singles and go deeper in your faith!

Starting the week of February 6, NCSC will also be hosting a 6-week study series - "Relationship Ready: A Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage" that will cover topics such as the meaning of love, communication, conflict resolution, male/female complementarity and much more. To sign up for these programs, visit NationalCatholicSingles.com.

DayTrippers Bus Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show:

Show: Tuesday, March 7. Cost is \$184 per person. Includes bus, show ticket, four course dinner, all gratuities and taxes, snacks and drinks. Bus leaves Fullington Bus Garage, 2101 Alexander Dr., State College at 5:30am and returns around 10:30pm. Trip is open to all women and men. Make checks payable to Day Trippers Travel. Mail to Day Trippers Travel, Attn: Pam McDonough, 1322 Charles St., State College PA 16801. Payment due at time of reservation. Deadline for reservation and payment is January 31. For more info., please contact Pam McDonough at pkmcdonough@comcast.net or call 814-404-8263.

Student Contests 2023

Regional Oratory Contest:

Written Copy Due: February 27, 2023 Regional Competition: March 5, 2023: The Citizens Concerned for Human Life Regional Oratory Contest is open to all 9th-12th grade students. Students must prepare a 5-7 minute pro-life talk on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research. Speeches must be from a pro-life perspective and delivered as written, but need not be memorized. A written copy of the speech must be emailed by February 27 to: janetcreighton3495@gmail.com. In the email, send the following: name, address, city, county, phone, email address, school, name of parent(s)/guardian. Then, call Jan, 814-623-1314, to let her know that you emailed your entry.

Pennsylvania State Essay Contest: Written Copy Due: March 1, 2023

The 2023 *Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation "Be a Voice for the Voiceless"* Essay Contest is open to PA students in grades 7-12. Students must write a pro-life essay about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. There is a 500-word limit for essays submitted by students in grades 7-9 and a 750-word limit for students in grades 10-12. Each essay must include a cover page downloaded from the Federation website: www.paprolife.org/for-students. Winning essays will receive cash prizes. Deadline for entries is March 1, 2023. Essays can be e-mailed to lifelines@paprolife.org or mailed to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109.

Pennsylvania State Speech Contest: PA Pro-Life Federation—Be A Light for Life!

Submit video/written entry by April 15, 2023. Speak Up for Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves! The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation contest is open to grades 11 & 12. A Novice Contest will be held for grades 9 & 10. Students must write and give an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. Students must video record the speech and submit the video and written speech to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation by April 15, 2023. Cash prizes will be awarded. In addition, the first-place winner of the Senior High Oratory Contest and a chaperone will receive an all-expense paid trip to attend the National Oratory Contest at the National Right to Life/Teens for Life Convention, June 23-24, 2023, in Pittsburgh, PA.. For complete contest rules: www.paprolife.org or call 717-541-0034.

For complete information about the contests, download the Blair County Life newsletter from <http://www.webparish.com/pdfs/2023-1-WinterBlairLifeNews.pdf>.



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