



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday: 3/25-3/30

Mon : 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.

Wed.: 8:00am Mass

Thu.: 8:00am NO MASS

9:00am NO MASS

6:30pm Holy Thursday

Fri.: 8:00am NO MASS

1:00pm Good Friday

6:30pm Stations

Sat. 9:00am NO MASS

8:00pm Easter Vigil

Confessions –see inside

Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place after
8:00am Mass Tuesday until
4:00pm and Thursday until
8:00pm with Reposition
(10:00pm on Holy Thursday)

The Church is open Monday -
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.

- Text Giving: Text OLVSC
to 73256.

- Use the Abundant App,
which you can download on
your smartphone.

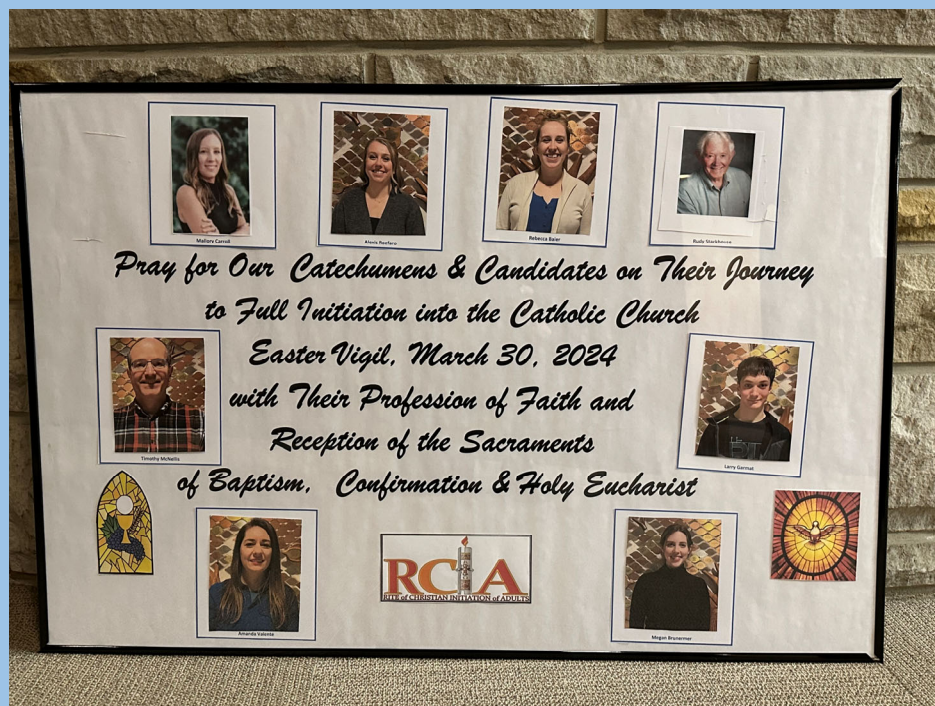
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You are now
able to give to
School,
Maintenance,
Twin Parish
Mission, Debt
Reduction, Christmas &
Easter online.

March 23 & 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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**? If not, you may be missing out on important announcements from Our Lady of Victory. This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you. If you are not getting flocknote emails, we may not have your email address on record at the Church. To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

Parish Staff - (814) 237-7832

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org
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Director of Religious Education, Anne Bord
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Principal, Samantha Weakland - (814) 238-1592
Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - (814) 238-6616

Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4pm
(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, 9:00am.

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,
Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass,
with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am
Mass 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.

Please contact us at the above email to let us know
if you are interested.

Collections: March 17: Envelopes \$32,256.67;
Loose \$2,636.00; Maintenance \$333.00;
Twin Parish Mission \$43.00; School \$1,034.00;
Debt Reduction \$125.00; Catholic Relief Services
\$34.00 Gabriel; Project \$505.00. Total \$36,966.67

The Rosary is prayed Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday at 8:25am, Thursday & Friday at 7:25am
and Saturday, at 8:25am.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25

8:00am - † Jim Sasso

**11:00am - Chrism Mass at Cathedral in
Altoona**

Tuesday, March 26

8:00am - Communion Service

Adoration ends at 4:00pm.

Wednesday, March 27

**8:00am - † Josefina Luaces by Ana &
Peter Butler & Family**

6:30pm - Tenebrae Prayer Service, Ch

(Tenebrae will end before Living Stations begins)

7:30pm - Living Stations, School Gym

Holy Thursday - March 28

6:30pm - Ints. Stephen J. Menotti

No confessions.

Adoration ends at 10:00pm.

Good Friday - March 29

1:00pm - The Lord's Passion

6:30pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil

**10:00am - Rehearsal for Vigil (OCIA & Altar
Servers)**

11:15am - Easter Basket Blessing

12:00pm - Easter Egg Hunt, School Field

8:00pm - † Glenn Sokol by Mom & Dad

Sun., March 31 Easter Sunday

**7:30am - † Matthew Weakland by
The Family**

**9:30am - Ints. Aubrey McCleary by
The Peters Family**

11:30am - † Don Mason by Geri Weilacher

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.



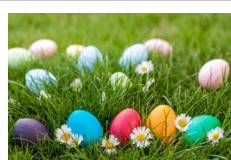
Local Penance Services:

Sunday, March 24 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Victory
Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30pm at Penn State Catholic Community

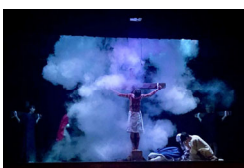


Altar Server Sign Up Sheets for Holy Week

can be found in the back of the Church. Rehearsal/instructions for each service will be held 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Easter Vigil rehearsal is Saturday, March 30 at 10:00am.



Easter Egg Hunt! All kids invited up to/including 12 years of age. Holy Saturday, March 30 at Noon. Meet in the field by OLV Activities Center. Lots of eggs with candy and cash prizes!



Living Stations

Parish-Wide Performances (in OLV school gym)

Sat, March 23 7:30pm - open to the public
 Wed, March 27 7:30pm - open to the public



2024 Catholic Ministries Drive:

We have received \$107,100.00 towards our goal of \$161,085 with 220 families contributing. All monies received over our goal will be returned to OLV for OLV's needs. If you have not yet turned in your pledge envelope, mail it to OLV, place it in the collection basket or slide it through the mail slot by the Church office. Please make checks payable to Catholic Ministries Drive. If you gave directly to the Diocese, we will not receive those names until April. We will list the names of the donors.



Church Office Will Be Closed on Thursday, March 28 through Sunday, March 31 in observance of Easter.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY – March 27

Tenebrae (Evening Prayer) (Church).....6:30pm
 Tenebrae will end in time to be able to attend Living Stations)
 Living Stations in OLV School Gym7:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY– March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper.....6:30pm
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10:00pm (No confessions)

GOOD FRIDAY – March 29

Celebration of The Lord's Passion.....1:00pm
 Stations of the Cross.....6:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY – March 30

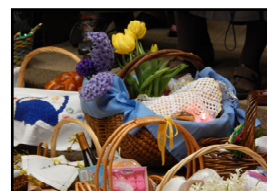
Rehearsal for OCIA & Altar Servers for Vigil...10:00am
 Blessing of Easter Food Baskets.....11:15am
 K of C Easter Egg Hunt OLV Athletic Field.....12:00pm
 Easter Vigil Mass.....8:00pm
 (Note: there is no 5pm Vigil Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – March 31:

7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

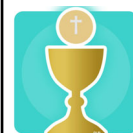


Tenebrae Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30pm in the Church. The ancient service of Tenebrae "shadows" grew out of a combination of morning and night prayer with an additional focus on the Passion of the Lord. It's a service that seeps into your bones and leaves your entire being longing for the Easter...longing for the Resurrection...longing for the victory of our Light. Please note: The prayer service will be over in time to attend the Living Stations which will follow in the school gym at 7:30pm.



Easter Food Basket

Blessing: Easter food baskets will be blessed on Saturday, March 30 at 11:15am in the Church.



Eucharistic Holy Hour: The next Eucharist Holy Hour will take place on Friday, April 5 in the Church. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00pm with private adoration and some musical meditation, followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction.



Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

Enrollment Now Open

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is a Middle States accredited school, providing quality education for children in preschool through 8th grade.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School provides opportunities for students to excel in academics, athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities. The environment, rooted in love, faith, dignity, and integrity, enables students to reach their potential as leaders and learn the skills they need to succeed at OLVCS and beyond.

814-238-1592 | principal@olvcs.org | www.olvcatholicsschool.org/admission



OLV Preschool: Do you have a 3, 4 or 5 year old that is ready for preschool? Registration dates and program information for the 2024-25 school year can be found on our page of the OLVCS website: <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/Domain/13>.



Your Name
Class of 1997
Make it a great day!

Leave Your Legacy

CRUSADER LOCKER LEGACY CAMPAIGN
SAMPLE NAME PLATE

SCAN TO DONATE

Introducing The OLVCS Locker Legacy Campaign: Our goal is to honor the past, present, and future by allowing the Crusader faithful to name a locker in one of our athletics locker rooms. Whether you're a Crusader alum, former student-athlete, proud parent, dedicated fan, or supportive friend, we warmly welcome your contribution to our athletics program. It is a wonderful way for you to leave your legacy or mark at OLVCS. You can name a locker(s) for yourself, business, your family, or in memory of someone dear to you. A \$500 gift will establish your legacy and display visual support for our OLVCS student-athletes. Upon receipt of your gift a name plate with up to 3 lines of text will be installed on an individual locker in the locker room of your

choice. Lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis until all lockers are reserved. Information on locker naming and gifting can be found at <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/Page/3584> or by scanning the QR code. Together, let's continue to inspire greatness and build a legacy that lasts for generations to come! We are OLVCS!



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN

OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 5:30 PM
*CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED

- COME LEARN ABOUT**
- High Quality Academic Curriculum
 - Qualified, Caring, Dedicated Teachers
 - STEM
 - Convenient After School Care
 - Affordable & Tuition Assistance Available
 - Small Class Size; Individualized Instruction
 - Safe, Secure Learning Environment

RSVP to olvcschool.org



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Saint Joe's is now enrolling for Fall 2024 - To schedule a tour, Meet and Greet with students and faculty, find out more about the affordability of tuition, and to see Saint Joe's "in action," please email Principal Anna Rupprecht at arupprecht@sjacademy.org.

Sign Up Now for Saint Joseph's Kaleidoscope 5K: This new Saint Joseph's community event is similar to a "Color Run," during which participants run or walk a 5K course. At designated points along the course participants are doused from head to toe in a different colored powder. Great fun for seasoned runners and walkers of all ages! Saturday, April 13, at 10:00am at Oak Hall Regional Park. Register today at www.stjoeacad.org. Proceeds benefit the Saint Joseph's National Honor Society.

Dig It at OLV Crusaders Summer Girls Volleyball Camp: All girls entering grades 5-7 in Fall 2024 are welcome to join in OLV's fun, developmental girls volleyball camp, July 1-3 & 5, 9:00am – Noon. Early bird registration: only \$90. For more information and to register, go to www.olvcatholicsschool.org.

Score More at OLV Crusaders Summer Basketball Camp: All boys and girls entering Pre-K to Grade 6 in Fall 2024 are invited to join in OLV's fun basketball camp, July 22 – 26 – Right after VBS! Early bird registration: only \$90. For more information and to register, go to www.olvcatholicsschool.org. Space is limited, so register today!

Religious Education News (CCD)

First Communion Dates

Retreat: Saturday, April 20 from 10:00am-11:30am

First Communion Rehearsal: Friday, April 26 @ 6:00pm

First Communion: Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00am

11th Grade Confirmation: Next class: Sunday, April 13 at 1:15pm in the Church.

Confirmation is Monday, May 13 at 6:00pm.



OLV Youth Groups (They will not meet on Thursday, March 28).

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

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) - The HS Youth Group meets weekly on **Thursdays** from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, in the basement (Youth Room) of the Activities Center. Young people are encouraged to attend the 6:30pm Mass beforehand if they can. Join us for fun and fellowship! Contact Nick at highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com with any questions.

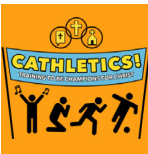


St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Shop and save big at our **March Madness Sale:**

- Winter apparel at 50% OFF, including coats and accessories
- Large collection of brand-new boots, sneakers & shoes
- Blazers, jackets, and vests for only \$5

We also recently received a huge donation of craft and premium ribbons, many new—which are now on BOGO sale (buy one, get one free).

In honor of March, why not “Come in like a lamb, and go out like a lion”? Volunteer with the SVdP Thrift Store, and as a new lamb in our fold, you’ll enjoy getting to know us and helping with easy tasks like sorting clothes or accepting donations. Then you’ll feel like a lion serving our Lord by dedicating your time helping those in need in our community. Please stop by our store at 1300 Benner Pike and speak with the Day Manager to learn more about volunteering in our Store. The Thrift Store will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday, March 28, 29 & 30.

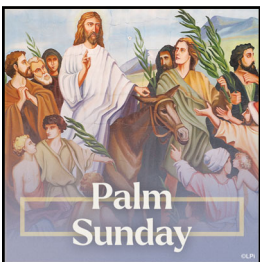


Volunteer for Vacation Bible School: July 22-26 (Grades 6-12). H.S. students are station leaders. Middle School students are group leaders. Anne will gladly take adult volunteers as well! Students can earn at least 25 service hours for that week! Sign up to volunteer on the religious education website: <https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/vacation-bible-school-volunteers-2024>.



Catholic Singles United is a new group for single Catholics, from all walks of life in our area ages 35-55, who will gather at least one time each month for social outings. We will dine together, attend theater events, religious events, sports events, outdoor events and more! Register on the homepage of our parish website: <https://www.ourladyofvictory.com/>

and you will be contacted about the next group event. We hope to see you soon!



March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday – the beginning of our Holy Week. Our liturgy starts with the account of Jesus humbly entering into Jerusalem riding a donkey. People put cloaks and palm branches in His pathway crying, “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” It is with great joy that Christ was being honored as king, still in the same breath, we are filled with sorrow as we reflect on Christ’s passion and death. Thankfully, we know the glorious outcome of this painful journey. Today, as we read about the climax of Christ’s mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion – “I gave my back to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.” Christ endured such tortures, knowing that He did not deserve them, but still He humbly submitted to them.

As we embark on this Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.



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**, 10:00am 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.



Enjoy Special Programming from **WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM** **during Holy Week & the Easter Octave!**

Visit www.waob.org to view the complete schedule or to stream the live broadcast.

(Note: There may be extended periods of sacred silence on Holy Saturday.) Our evangelization effort is sustained by your faithful prayers and contributions. May God continue to bless our listeners and supporters, most especially those in the local OCIA programs who will be received into the fullness of our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil.

Continue to direct questions and comments to Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or to voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com. 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, PA16804-0862.



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. The Gabriel Project has helped 7 mothers since January, and helped 52 mothers in 2023.

There is a need of newborn clothes (up to 6 months) and newborn items such as onesies, sleepers, baby wipes, shampoo, etc. Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs, or baby formula. Thank you very much for your support for these families. For more information about the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511. For monetary donations, please place them 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 "OLV/The Gabriel Project (a 501c3 non-profit) can be used as a tax deduction.



W.O.G. – If you enjoyed the Women's Conference please let Fr George know. We were truly blessed to have Johnnette B.

Williams, Founder/President of Women of Grace present several inspirational talks.

Our 9 week afternoon/evening sessions are over but if you enjoyed the Women's Conference at OLV you will be blessed by attending the Foundational Study that Johnnette teaches. Interested women should contact me with questions about attending a WOG Foundational Study in the Spring. Please check out www.womenofgrace.com for lots of FREE information available for you. Contact Karen Kearney @ kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588 with inquiries. We are looking forward to meeting you. God needs YOU! God loves YOU!! You are a beloved daughter of God. With your help, God will transform the world one woman at a time. Join us and see why God created you 'For Such a Time as This'.

Sponsor of the Week: Without advertisements in our bulletins from sponsors like **Tire Town Auto Service Center**, this bulletin could not be possible. Be sure to remember them when you need their services.

If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Mike McAleer, from LPI, our bulletin printer at (412) 855-8013 or mmcaleer@4lpi.com. He will be securing new ads for our Church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin.

Young Adult Night

Led by renowned speaker and theologian

DR. EDWARD SRI

AS PART OF A 2-DAY EVENT IN CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Mount Aloysius College
Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center
7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630

Friday, April 19th

7:00-9:30 PM

Open to all high school students, college students and young adults

Register for this free event by April 8th at
dioceseaj.org/edward-sri/

*Attendees under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult



Father O'Hanlon Council #4678
State College Knights of Columbus

"Knights Notes" :

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

Council Meetings - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, **7:00pm.**

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

Blood Donations: April 9 in the OLV Activities Center
Gardiner Social Hall. Check: redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801

Knights Dad Joke: To have a clear conscience you decided
not to use it, clever but wrong!

**Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a
Knight or send an email to info@kc4678.com.
COME AND SEE!**

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

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

Zoom Rosary: All parishioners, and especially those who are homebound, are invited to join a Zoom rosary group. We meet remotely via Zoom at 4pm every Sunday to pray the rosary, and we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet also about once per month. Please contact Roseanne McManus at RMcManus1@yahoo.com for the Zoom link or with any questions.

The Marian Gift Shop is open on Sundays, 10:00am to 11:30am. To make an appointment for another time, please call Lesa at 814-237-7832 and leave a message.

Job Seekers: There are various openings available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Log on to www.dioceseaj.org/careers to see the openings and to apply.

The Interfaith Human Services Free Furniture Program needs your support! Right now, inventory is low. Any gently-used mattresses, dressers, tables, couches, and chairs you can donate will help low-income families in Centre County. Doorstop pickup is available by calling/texting Todd at 814-810-3520.

Formed.org: Watch: The Transforming power of Confession, exploring the grace and healing offered in Confession and showing how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and beauty of God's love.

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

The State College Choral Society is proud to present The Creation, by Franz Joseph Haydn on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm at State High Performance Hall. This is the culmination of our 75TH Diamond Anniversary season. It will also be the final concert conducted by Dr. Russ Shelley, Artistic Director of the Society for the past 25 years. Come and enjoy this dramatic and inspiring oratorio with world-class soloists, Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra members and State High Master Singers. General Admission - \$35.00 and Student \$15.00. Tickets are available at www.scchoralscoeity.org

State College Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer Route Drivers as we have had added routes with the increased community need. If you have your own car and are able to deliver meals to homebound clients any weekday between 10:30 and Noon please apply through our website by hitting the "Volunteer" tab: SCMOW.2stayconnected.com or call Bobbie Salvaterra at 814-441-7618. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Rice Bowls to feed the World at home and abroad: Eat simple meatless meals on Fridays during Lent. Put the money you would have spent making heartier meals in the bowl. ALL donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. 25% of all money stays local. The other 75% goes to those in need around the world. Please turn in your Rice Bowl this week or next. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Victory.

Catholic CDs are available in the Gathering Space.



2024 EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS - Donations in memory of loved ones can be made during this Lenten season by filling out the form below and dropping it in the mail slot or the collection basket.

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Donation: _____

Address: _____

In Memory Of: _____