



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

Holy Day Times - TBA

Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wed.:
7:00am
Monday - Friday:
8:00am
Tuesday & Thursday:
6:30pm
Friday School Mass:
9:00am
Saturday: 9:00am

Confessions -see inside

Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament takes place
Tuesdays and
Thursdays after
8:00am Mass and
ends with Benediction
at 8:00pm.

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.

Sept. 4 & 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Photo from Friends of Kenyan Orphans website

Missionaries from Friends of Kenyan Orphans will be speaking at all Masses this weekend. To support their mission, please use the Missionary Co-op envelope in the September packet or an envelope from the entrances of the Church.

Office Phone

814-237-7832

Office Fax

814-237-6709

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

Mass Broadcast - The Sunday 9:30am Mass is broadcast on
ESPN Radio, 1450 AM and 103.7 FM. Courtesy of the Knights
of Columbus Father O'Hanlon Council 4678.

Parish Staff - 237-7832

Pastor, Fr. George Jakopac gjakopac@dioceseaj.org
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Michael Pleva mpleva@dioceseaj.org
Deacon David Lapinski dclfl@ourladyofvictory.com
Secretary, Betty Gummo
Secretary, Diane Lapinski
Director of Religious Education, Jim Hoy
Director of Development, Chris Kirkpatrick
Directors of RCIA, M. A. Spychalski & Bill Hanelly
Director of Music, Joe Malafarina
Principal, Chad Packer - 238-1592
Pre-School Administrator, Jennifer Rogan - 238-6616

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: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:30pm - 6:00pm, Saturdays at 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays and Thursdays following 8:00am Mass with Benediction 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.

Weekly meetings will begin Thursday, Sept. 16, 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Activities Center.

Aug. 29 Collection: Envelopes \$18,030.00; Loose \$1,455.00; Online Giving \$1,592.00; Maintenance \$76.00; School \$282.00; Twin Parish Mission \$53.00; Debt Reduction \$147.00; SVdP \$557.00; Assumption \$34.00; Donuts \$57.00; Candles \$27.00, I.H.S. \$5.00. Total \$22,315.00.

Baptism - It is with great joy we welcome Cora Rebekkah Woodring to the OLV Parish Family.

Wedding - Congratulations to Michelle Mae Black & Brice Alan Toth, who were married at OLV on 8/28/21.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Thomas Frank who died this past week.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Mon., Sept. 6 Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

9:00am - † Lynn Schiff by Deborah Burwell

Tues., Sept. 7 Col 2:6-15/Lkk 6:12-19

8:00am - Ints. Mason Donnohue by Karen Bord

Adoration begins after Mass and ends at 8pm.

5:30pm - 6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm - † George Shearer by Joe & Sue Rogacs

Wed., Sept. 8 Mt 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16/Lk 18-23

7:00am - For All the People of the Parish

8:00am - † Kevin Dare by The Family

Thurs., Sept. 9 Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

8:00am - Ints. Society of SVdP

Adoration begins after Mass and ends at 8pm.

5:30pm - 6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm - † John "Jack" Seftor by The Montresor Family

Friday, Sept. 10 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lkk 6:39-42

8:00am - † Patricia Hillson by Bob & Kathleen

9:00am (School Mass) - Ints for Family of Regan

Bea Beck by The Jones Family

Sat., Sept. 11 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

9:00am - † Robert Hill by The Malinowski Family

9:30am - 10:00am Confessions

5:00pm † Jennie Patrick by Nancy Faris

Sun., Sept. 12 Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Jas 2:14-18

7:30am - † Frank Machi & Ints of Kay Machi by Karen Bord

9:30am - Ints. Michelle Mannino by The Family

11:30am - † George Shearer by The Venturino Family

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 details, please email Mary Spak at maryspak@gmail.com.

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic Adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring His divine image." - Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** beginning at 8:30am and ending with Benediction 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 email Janine at Janine.surovec@gmail.com to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.

Attention, Young Men (20-50)! A 12-week program, **Into The Breach**, on masculinity and fatherhood for Catholic men will be conducted Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm, in the Activities Center starting Sept. 22. Sign up at amazara@aol.com.

Formed.org pick of the week: Sept. 5: Watch Network of Freedom: Heroic work of Sister Helen Studler, who saved thousands of French refugees at the beginning of World War II.

To sign up to use Formed, go to [Formed.org/signup](https://www.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.

Saint Joseph Patris Corde,

4. An Accepting Father, Joseph most prudent

In Patris corde Pope Francis writes, "Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how to best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgement."

Pray that we too can make the right judgments as we progress throughout our earthly journey.

St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph most prudent, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 4. Dec. 8, 2020) 2021,
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office,
Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Ave.,
Altoona, PA 16601.

OLV Music Ministries Fall Restart! Now that summer is coming to a close, it's time to start thinking about joining a musical group and "praying twice". St. Augustine is credited with saying "He who sings prays twice". Pope St. John Paul II wrote that at every Mass, the faithful are "to take an active part in the singing". While we at OLV have been getting better at congregational singing, we need to have a more active participation in our music ministries.

Some people think that there is an audition for each group. Others believe that they are "not good enough" to join a group. That couldn't be further from the truth. Most groups are "walk in and sing".

The **Sanctuary Choir** rehearses on Thursdays – starting on September 9 – from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Music Suite of the Activities Center. All are welcome! Don't worry about your voice – we'll find a place for you in the group!

Spirits of Fire is a youthful group that sings once a month – usually at 5:00 PM Mass. Walk in, and give it a try – even if you are not a "youthful" spirit.

Contemporary Ensemble, directed by Mary Weidenhof, is another "walk in" group, rehearsing before the 9:30 AM or 11:30 AM Mass. Give Mary a call at: 814-571-2552.

Victory Bells use bells to "sing" – we have several beginner "ringers" – anyone can learn how to "ring a bell". **VB** will rehearse on Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00 PM in the Activities Center Music Suite.

Cantors - If you are interested in becoming a Cantor, please contact Joe.

If you play a **musical instrument**, we can use your talents in one or more of our groups.

If you are available to sing at funerals, then the **Resurrection Choir** can use your voice. Interested singers form a Choir and add support and comfort to the family of the deceased. Just show up before the next funeral and sit in the pews near the organ and piano.

If you have any questions, call or email Music Director Joe Malafarina at: 814-237-7832, ext. 423 – or email joem@ourladyofvictory.com. You will ALWAYS be welcome!

Face Mask Display - Face Masks, made by Catholic Daughters, are on sale in the Gathering Space.



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October 7, 2021

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www.olvatholicsschool.org/walkathon

(or in the school office)

100% of the proceeds go to the school

OLV Preschool Open Enrollment: This is a great time to think about the gift of Catholic Education for your child. Open registration for OLV Preschool for the 2021/2022 school year is occurring now. We are excited to continue to offer the following programs, as well as afternoon enrichment programming!

We have openings in the following:

3 Year Polar Bears: T/Th or MWF

3 Year Penguins: M-F 4 Year Koalas: M-F 4 Year Kangaroos: MT/ThF

These classes are full:

2 1/2 Year Monkeys (2 Years, 7 Months by 8/31/21): T/Th or MWF (FULL)

PreK (5 Years before 12/31/21): M-F (FULL)

Please, reach out to Ms. Gigi at petersp@olvcs.org if you have questions regarding registration. Watch our Facebook Page for virtual tours of our preschool and more information!

WE NEED YOUR HELP: In the aftermath of COVID 19, **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.



Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Celebrates 10 Years! As we look forward to our next 10, 25 and even 50 years, we will remain grounded in our pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership and service – the timeless values that students of today require for future success! If you would like to learn more about what Saint Joseph's has to offer, please contact Head of School, Ms. Jennifer Mallett at jmallett@stjoeacad.org

Fr. Mike Pleva to lead OLV Alpine Europe/Passion Play Pilgrimage...Deadline has been extended!

Our Lady of Victory ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE FEATURING THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU: 11 Days: September 7 – 17, 2022. Visiting Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Altötting, Markt Am Inn, Munich and Rothenburg. \$4199 air/land tour price from New York.

After the 2022 Passion Play performances the Passion will not be performed again until 2030. Don't miss out!!! Tickets are limited, so reserve your space as soon as possible.

For brochures with full details, contact Chris Kirkpatrick, Director of Development, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 814-237-7832 ext. 404 or email chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com. **SPACE IS LIMITED-SIGN UP TODAY!!**

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

Religious Education News (CCD)

Religious Ed Catechists Wanted: Do you have a desire to serve Our Lady of Victory Parish? Do you want to learn more about your faith while sharing your knowledge with others? Join our team of catechists. Please contact Jim Hoy at jhoy@ourladyofvictory.com to find out how you can positively influence the spiritual life of a younger generation.



Religious Education Registration for 2021-2022 is now available at the following link:

<https://olv2021registration.paperform.co>. We look forward to seeing everyone in person this coming Fall. Classes for grades K-10 begin on Sunday, September 12, 10:30am to 11:20am. See below for information on 11th grade religious education.

Update: Face Masks will be mandatory for Religious Education classes. If any parent would like to homeschool their child for Religious Education they may contact Jim Hoy (jhoy@ourladyofvictory.com) to update enrollment information or select "homeschool" when registering.

Homeschooling: Homeschooling families (grades K-10) will be contacted by Sunday, September 12 with instructions for picking up materials. We will not offer virtual classes this year. Instructions for completing grade level classes for those using parish materials can be found under "Individual Class Websites" at re.ourladyofvictory.com. Those using other materials should contact Jim Hoy.

11th Grade Confirmation Class begins on Sunday, September 12. We will meet in the Church at 1:15pm. It is required that ALL 11th graders (including St. Joseph Catholic Academy and homeschoolers) students as well as one parent attend this first session.

Religious Education Year End: Please return or submit textbooks, completed activities, and/or online chapter quizzes that demonstrate completion of grade level catechesis. Activity books and textbooks can be returned to the table in the Gathering Space in the church. Names can be written on the consumable activity books from Ignatius and Loyola Presses, but it is preferable that the Ignatius textbooks not be written in. Thank you!

Youth Ministry

Fr. Mike will be continuing the youth ministry endeavors, so watch your emails and the bulletin for more information to come.

Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Tuesday, **September 28 at 7:00pm (note date change)** at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is September 6. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting: Deacon David Lapinski (dcfl@ourladyofvictory.com) or Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!



The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life Movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. Its goal is to help pregnant women with all their practical needs, as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. If you are in need of the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511.

Donations of newborn clothing and newborn sizes in diapers (newborn and size 1), onesies, etc., are especially needed. Items can be placed in the wooden bin in the back of the Church, marked Gabriel Project. Checks can be made payable to Our Lady of Victory, and put Gabriel Project on the subject line. Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs or car seats. Thank you very much for your support for these families, especially with prayer.

2021 OLV Bazaar - Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6! Starting next week, we will have more information on the bazaar, including areas where you can volunteer to help this make this year's bazaar a success!

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM! -

Although many of our schedules are about to change with the arrival of fall, you can still catch our programming by radio or "listen live" at www.waob.org. On the production side, we have resumed group recordings. Our equipment is portable and our devotions are scripted, so we just need your prayerful voices! We thank the members of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. O'Hanlon Council #4678 for their recording. If your family or group would like to record a prayer in September, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivine-mercy@gmail.com. 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. We receive no direct funding from the local parishes or diocese, so your faithful support is vital to our evangelization effort.

Adult Catechesis - Heart of Faith: Adult Catholics must be well informed in the four pillars of the Catechism if they are to effectively catechize children, teens and young adults. The Heart of Faith class focuses on the Creed, the Sacraments, Christian Life and Prayer and reflects the unity of the Catholic faith as well as the richness of its lived expression in American culture. The class starts this Tuesday and is will be held at OLV on Tuesdays (Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5) and Mondays (October 11, 18, 25), starting Sept. 7, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The class is facilitated by Deacon David Lapinski. Cost is \$55 (including book). You may take the course for adult enrichment or as part of the Lay Ministry Program. Class is also available in person or Zoom. To register, please go to www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or call (814) 361-2000. For more information about the class or the Lay Ministry Program, email Marybeth Heinze at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. **All are welcome!**

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.

Advertising - 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, contact Cindy Schaefer at J.S. Paluch at 1-800-945-6629 or schaeferc@jspaluch.com. You can also go to <https://www.jspadbuilder.com> and design your own ad. For every annual ad you purchase, OLV will receive \$50 from JS Paluch. It is a win for everyone!

Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.
From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being loved...
From the desire of being extolled ...
From the desire of being honored ...
From the desire of being praised ...
From the desire of being preferred to others...
From the desire of being consulted ...
From the desire of being approved ...
From the fear of being humiliated ...
From the fear of being despised...
From the fear of suffering rebukes ...
From the fear of being calumniated ...
From the fear of being forgotten ...
From the fear of being ridiculed ...
From the fear of being wronged ...
From the fear of being suspected ...
That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be esteemed more than I ...
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase
and I may decrease ...
That others may be chosen and I set aside ...
That others may be praised and I unnoticed ...
That others may be preferred to me in everything...
That others may become holier than I, provided that I
may become as holy as I should...

Collection For Haiti (September 18/19) - In a matter of 72 hours (August 14-16), the Caribbean country of Haiti was struck by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake and then flooding by Tropical Storm Grace impeded rescue efforts. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the Americas, with corruption, political instability, poor infrastructure, lack of health care, and lack of education. In good times, the average family lives on less than \$2 per day. The people and the country of Haiti have not recovered from the last major earthquake in 2010. The need is so great at this time.

On the weekend of September 18/19, we will be asking for donations for Haiti. Donation envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space. Online donations are also encouraged through the GIVING section of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website. All proceeds will be given to Catholic Relief Services for immediate distribution.

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>.

"Knights Notes" :

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

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

OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall,
820 Westerly Parkway

Bishop's Annual Mass & Dinner for the Knights/Families of the Diocese:

Event is Oct 16 (Loretto) - Must pay prior to event -
Cost \$15/adult - \$7.50/12yrs under

Provide check with attendee names - by Oct 1 - to
Dennis Marince (djmarince9@gmail.com)

Knights Concession Stands at PSU Home Football

Games: Anyone can assist - you don't have to be a

Knight - Parishioners, friends, family welcome.

Please contact Joe Reese: jcr8@psu.edu or

Rodney Hopkins: RLHopkins001@yahoo.com.

Knights sponsored - "Into the Breach" - Program on Catholic masculinity and fatherhood

Men ages 20-50 | Wed. nights Sep 22 thru Dec 8 |
7-8:30pm - OLV Act. Cen. Assembly Room

Please sign up at amazara@aol.com or call 814-571-2956 for more information

Blood Donations: OLV Activities Center: October 12

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

Knights Facts:

You have probably thought about becoming a Knight.
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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

Women's Bible Study: Are you seeking a place to grow in your faith and in community with other women? Come join Walking with Purpose! Walking with Purpose is a Women's Catholic Bible study program where women of all ages can experience fellowship and draw closer to Christ through scripture. New participants are always welcome. Meetings are Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings from October through April. Childcare is provided on Friday mornings. For more information or to register, contact Jane Knappenberger at jknappen@gmail.com or 925-708-0126.

Catholic Charities is operating remotely. They offer Emergency Financial Assistance program exclusively on a virtual basis and Cathy Ballat, the Case Manager, will take phone calls remotely (814-232-5731) or by email (cballat@dioceseaj.org). All mailed correspondence should be sent to the Altoona Office at P.O. Box 1349, Altoona, PA 16603.

Our Lady of Victory Cub Scout Pack 383: Do you have a son in grades Kindergarten through 5th who likes the outdoors and is looking for adventure? Pack 383 has an outdoor program that teaches boys important values like Citizenship, Service, Respect and Faith in a uniquely Catholic environment. To learn more call Brent Laskowski, Cubmaster at 814-441-3699 or email us at PACK383SCOUTS@GMAIL.COM.

GSHPA Troop 40170 - Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA Troop 40170 is a multi level troop serving K-7th grade girls from several different schools. At Girl Scouts, your girl will prepare for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, no-limits place designed for and by girls! GSHPA Troop 40170 crafts our activities around the interests of our girl members and strives to expose our girls to a variety of experiences from planting pollinator gardens in our local parks to hiking up a mountain. We have a strong outdoor skills focus, but also love STEAM. We also work on all of the Catholic scouting awards. During the school year, the troop meets once a month on Sunday afternoon at Our Lady of Victory church and each level (Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette) would also have a second activity during the month. For more information, please email troop40170@statecollegegirlscouts.org.

Life After Loss - St. Paul's United Methodist Church is offering a six week series on Life After Loss on Sundays, starting Sept. 19 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, State College, in the Asbury room/Library, 12:05pm to 2:30pm. Persons who are 18 years of age or older and at least 3 months removed from a death are welcome to attend. RSVP by Sept. 13 by calling Karen Eklund (814-883-8549) or Janet Mitchell (814-861-3917).

New Catholic CDs: CD have been restocked and are available at the display in the Gathering Space.

Thank you note from Fr. Ralph

Dear Fr. George, Fr. Mike, Deacon Dave and most cherished Parishioners of OLV Catholic Church, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to see all of you again. These past six weeks have passed quickly, however I have been blessed to renew our strong bonds of friendship. I am always inspired by your immense financial support, kindness and generosity; and I am most grateful to you.

I am looking forward to seeing you again next summer with an update and examples of the good work God does by means of your generosity. May God Bless each and everyone of you. You are amazingly wonderful people! With a grateful heart. - Fr Ralph

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