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Sunday: 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Monday- Friday: 6:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Saturday:

7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

There is an additional Mass at 8:15 a.m. on Fridays when school is in session.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: (except Holy Saturday)

3:00—4:00 p.m. and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 3:00—4:00 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 3:00—4:00 p.m.

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Please call the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444 if you are interested in scheduling a group tour.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

2025 MISSION APPEAL: JULY 5—6, 2025

This weekend, we welcome Father Andrew Siasa, a religious priest from the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the *Opus Spiritus Sancti*, who will speak at all weekend Masses here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica. We will also take up a special collection at all Masses in support of his missionary appeal.

Fr. Andrew was ordained a priest in 2014 in Moshi, Tanzania. Since his ordination, he has served in parish ministry as the Administrator of a parish in Tanzania and worked at the Seminary as a teacher, Vice Rector, and Spiritual Director. Currently, Fr. Andrew is a graduate student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

As a young Missionary Community, the Apostolic Life Community of Priests has many needs. At present, they are facing the challenge of meeting the tuition fees for 77 major seminarians studying both Philosophical and Theological Studies at Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. This Mission Appeal will help support the formation of these young men who will soon move into the priesthood. Those who will directly benefit cannot thank you enough for your consideration. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference!

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Diocese of Buffalo. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to this special collection to help support the missionary community. **To donate, please place your contribution in any blank envelope and clearly label it "Mission Appeal."** In your new offertory envelope packet, there will also be a preprinted Mission Co-Op envelope dated July 13, which can be used for this same purpose. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



PENNIES TO HEAVEN VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

Saturday & Sunday, July 26—27

Please join us for this year's two-day celebration! On Saturday, July 26, we will celebrate our annual Jazz Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by a tent party and band. Sunday, July 27, will feature our annual Noon Mass to honor the Anniversary of Father Baker's date of death on July 29, 1936, and will give us the opportunity to pay tribute to his great legacy. In addition, Sunday will include our 2025 Penny Drop, a chicken BBQ and Family Carnival. Please visit penniestoheaven.org for more information. All are welcome!

We do need volunteers to lend a hand and contribute their time and talents to help make Pennies to Heaven a success. **To volunteer, please scan the QR code on page 5 of this bulletin and fill out the brief contact form online, or ask a volunteer at the Pennies to Heaven table after weekend Masses for a paper form to fill out.**

We are also seeking donations for our basket raffle. Donations can come as a fully assembled basket, individual items or a few themed items, gift cards to local businesses, or monetary contributions. Also, the Knights of Columbus will host a Wine Toss game, so consider donating a bottle or two of wine. Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory during office hours.

Your assistance will help make this year's event a resounding success! Proceeds support the *Save the Dome* campaign to defray costs of restoring the Shrine's iconic dome, so I thank you for any support you can provide.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY: PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

I am happy to announce an upcoming pilgrimage opportunity through OLV Charities for this Fall. Please consider joining me as we travel to Portugal and Spain from September 22—October 1, 2025. The pilgrimage includes round trip airfare from Buffalo (other airports available), eight nights in four-star hotel accommodations, daily private Mass, a professional tour guide, and breakfast and dinner daily as we explore Fatima, Avila, Madrid, Barcelona, and much more. Cost is \$5,795 per person (double occupancy). For details, or to join the pilgrimage, please contact Catholic Journeys at 1-800-715-6670 or www.CatholicJourneys.com.

May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones. God bless you!

**GRATEFULLY,
FR. DAVID**



All of the seminarians of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in Tanzania

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 5—Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7:30 am	Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Virginia Chmielowiec
11:30 am	Wedding: Sarah Georges and Joseph Dagher (no 12:10 pm Mass today)
1:30 pm	Wedding: Mary Moussa and Dominic Khoury
4:30 pm	Henry & Florence Zacharyasz by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

SUNDAY, JULY 6—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Michael & Lucy Maiorano by sister, Marian
10:00 am	Ernest Hatem by Evelyn Hatem & Family
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Anelia Sasiadek by grandson, David

MONDAY, JULY 7—Weekday

7:30 am	Dr. Kenny Kingston, Catherine Kaye Kingston, Catherine Walsh Clark by Rev. Msgr. Paul J. E. Burkard
12:10 pm	Norma Bure by Marshall & Carol Lipkus Judi Stecher by all her nieces

TUESDAY, JULY 8—Weekday

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory Dolores Fahey by T. Walkow
12:10 pm	Joseph J. Del Vecchio by Regina A. Del Vecchio Jim Needham by the Collins Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9—Saint Augustine Zha Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory Michael A. Smerka by daughter, Cheryl Smerka
12:10 pm	Mark Deacon by the Steinwald Family Edwin E. Schultz by the Carver Family

THURSDAY, JULY 10—Weekday

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory Mary Roche by Kathleen Roche
12:10 pm	Special Intention for Candy G. Saniewski (living) by Family Lynn Krol by the loving Krol Family

FRIDAY, JULY 11—Saint Benedict, Abbot

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory Ann Coleman by Sister Ellen O'Keefe
12:10 pm	OLV Father Baker Guild Members Susan Iannicelli by Joseph & Marta Iannicelli
2:00 pm	Wedding: Erin Gehenz and Michael Zannella

SATURDAY, JULY 12—Weekday

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory
11:30 am	Wedding: Mary Rola and Kevin Matuszak (no 12:10 pm Mass today)
1:30 pm	Wedding: Jenna Machina and John Duffy
4:30 pm	Eric Brege by Aunt Chris Brown, Kathy Balcarczyk, and Maureen O'Hara

SUNDAY, JULY 13—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	Dennis M. Sanders by brother, Michael Sanders
12:00 pm	Stella Struzyk Unus by Matthew & Veronica Starr
4:30 pm	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory

TELEVISED & ONLINE MASSES

The Basilica's Sunday Mass is available each weekend online at olvbasilica.org by clicking on the link that will appear in the popup box, or by selecting *Digital Mass Archive*.

The Sunday Mass is also televised on WGRZ Ch. 2 at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Daily 12:10 pm Masses (Monday—Saturday) are livestreamed. To view these live Masses, go online to olvbasilica.org and click the "Live Streaming" button in the top right corner.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for Peace on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** in the Basilica.

JOIN OUR PRAYER GROUP

Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m.
July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19

Join our "Victory for Christ" prayer group in the Basilica's chapel on the lower level to praise, thank, and give witness to God.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us each week for Eucharistic Adoration in the Basilica on Fridays after the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an almost 200-year-old international volunteer organization that seeks to help people in need through in-person home visits. OLV has a chapter (called a Conference) that has been active for almost 75 years, providing food, clothing,

furniture, household goods, and in various other ways to make a difference to families, right here in our local community.

Through the generosity of parishioners and our partners (OLV Charities and FeedMore WNY), we have visited over 1000 families in the last twelve months, serving almost 3000 children, adults and seniors.

You can help us to help others through your contributions placed in the two St. Vincent de Paul Society donation boxes near the Ridge Road entrances to the Basilica, or mailed/dropped off at the Rectory Office. (Checks should be made payable to OLV St. Vincent de Paul.)

Gifts of your time are also always welcome, as we deliver food to homes every Tuesday and Friday around Noon. For more info, call the Rectory to leave your contact info and a SVDP member will call you back.



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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

OLV Elementary is now hiring for the 2025-2026 school year. We are currently seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

- UPK Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Classroom Aide
- Cafeteria Manager

For more information, please contact Mary Doyle-Szlosek at mszlosek@OLVBasilica.org.

OLV CHARITIES JOB OPENINGS

OLV Charities has several jobs available with the opportunity to work alongside dedicated, mission-focused people:

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- Camp Counselors
- Activity Assistants
- Activity Assistant — Horse Corral
- Babysitter

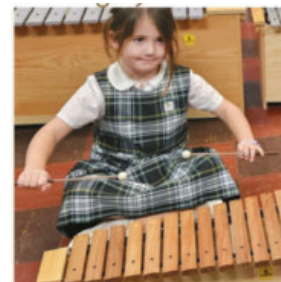
Visit www.olvcharities.org/careers for info.

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OLV Elementary School places a strong emphasis on a Christian attitude, academic achievement, and self-discipline for all our students PreK 3 – 8th grade.

If this is what you desire for your children or grandchildren, give us a call at 716-828-7592 to set up a private tour or visit us online at OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org. You can also check us out on Facebook and Instagram at Our Lady of Victory Elementary.

Our first 100 years were awesome; the next 100 will be even better!
The Legacy Lives On, join us!





Visit PenniestoHeaven.org for details on the many events and activities planned for July 26 & 27!



Chicken BBQ

Scan the code to order chicken BBQ dinners (\$15 each) for Sunday, July 27th.



Be a Sponsor

Donations of any amount from families, businesses, and friends of OLV are appreciated!



Volunteer

Help is needed with setup, teardown, ticket sales, and onsite support throughout the weekend. Complete the online form to volunteer.

Liturgical Ministries



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Are you feeling called to get more involved at Mass? Then register for one of our upcoming interest meetings or training sessions! Please register using the listed link, scanning the QR code, or calling/texting Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767. All meetings take place in the Basilica. Sessions only run if volunteers are registered to attend.

For Adults Interested in Liturgical Ministries: <https://bit.ly/OLVTraining>

Extraordinary Minister Interest Meeting—Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector Training—Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Sacristan Training—Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Greeter & Usher Training—Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Baptism



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. • July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, or November 18

If you are a new parent looking to have your baby baptized, please plan to attend one of our upcoming Baptism Preparation classes. Choose the date that best fits your schedule! Sessions are held in the Basilica's Marian Room. To register, scan the QR code to the left. For questions, contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

Vacation Bible School



Monday, July 21—Friday, July 25 • 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Join us for our **"Christmas in July"** Vacation Bible School! Open to all youth ages 4-11. (To enroll, children must be independent in the bathroom.) Stories, snacks, crafts, and songs. \$25 per child. To register, please scan the QR code to the left or contact Carm Zomeri at the Faith Formation Office at 716-828-7494 or CZomeri@olvbasilica.org.

SUPPORT OLV

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Offertory

Donate to the general offertory collection to support OLV National Shrine & Basilica.



Vigil Candles

Pay the requested offering (\$5 each) to light a candle inside the Basilica.



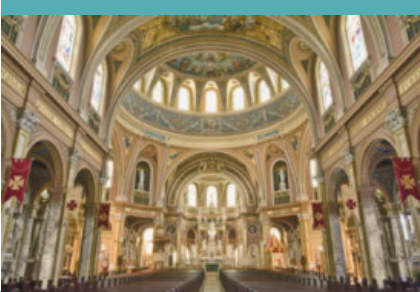
Save the Dome

Adopt an angel! Assist with the cost of replacing our deteriorating copper dome. Questions? Call Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.



Volunteer

Become an OLV Parish Volunteer! Fill out a form to indicate your interests.



GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE.

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- 1 Go to olvbasilica.org and click *Donate*.
- 2 Select a collection or event.
- 3 Set up your donation using a credit or debit card, checking or savings account, PayPal, or Venmo. That's it!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In order to maintain our beautiful Basilica and support the mission and ministries of our parish, we depend on weekly offertory donations.

Offertory envelopes can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office at:
**767 Ridge Road,
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or you may give online.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday, June 8, 2025

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$20,125.40
Monthly	\$1,338.00
Easter	\$100.00
Holy Day: Ascension (5/29)	\$155.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$358.00
Processing Fees (online)	\$10.40
Votive Candles / Shrines	\$2,595.00

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00
Communication Campaign	\$565.00
Church in Latin America & Africa	\$5.00

TOTAL **\$25,261.80**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 12—13

	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. 7/12	4:30 pm	Rosalie Constable	Susan Zakrzewski, Michael Zakrzewski, Jean Dulak	
Sun. 7/13	8:00 am	Chris Heyden	Lynn Velasquez, Catherine Bergen	
	10:00 am	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Kathleen Roche, Timothy Wing	
	Noon	Sandy Swiech	David West, Doreen West, Molly McClenathan	
	4:30 pm	Richie & Amanda English	Patricia DiVito, Richard Grasso, Joanne Setlock	

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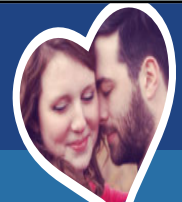


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