

OLV NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA PAINT OUT/PAINT IN 2026

Paint Out ~ Saturday, June 13th, and Sunday June 14th from 9:00am – 4:00pm

Paint Out Rain Date ~ June 20th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Paint In ~ Sunday, June 14th from 1:30 – 4:00pm

1. Eligibility & Registration

- Open to all artists
- Artists register in advance at (insert link here).
- Pre-registration is strongly encouraged by Friday, June 12th at noon.
- All artists must sign in at the OLV Pavilion, located in the parking lot of OLV National Shrine and Basilica, 9am – 10am for Paint Out sessions; and 12:30pm – 1:30pm for Paint In sessions.
- All participants must check in to have **blank surfaces stamped/approved** before painting begins.

2. Painting Timeframe

- All artwork ***must be substantially created*** during the official event hours.
- No pre-painted or pre-event work is allowed.
- Work must not be started before check-in.

3. Location Boundaries

- Artists must paint **on location** within designated event boundaries.
- For Paint Out, please refer to map provided at check in.
- For Paint In, all work must be on main floor of the Shrine, not including the altar.
- Work created from photos outside the event is not permitted.

4. Materials & Medium

- Permitted: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel & ink.
 - Not permitted: digital artwork or heavily photo-based work.
 - Artists must supply their own materials, including drop cloths for the Paint In.
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5. Artwork Guidelines

- All work must be **original and substantially created on-site** during the days & times provided.
 - Limit of 2 entries per artist.
 - Duplicate images from same vantage point will not be accepted.
 - OLV reserves the right to refuse paintings
 - Size limits: framed 27 x 23
 - Artwork must be suitable for public display.
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6. Framing & Presentation Guidelines (Required) Mandatory Framing

- **Artwork must be framed** and supplied with wire hanging by artists.
 - Exception will be made for 3” gallery -wrapped canvases without frames that have D-ring with wire hanging.
 - We cannot accept claw hanging options or paintings that are oversized.

 - Frames must be:
 - Clean, sturdy, and in good condition
 - Professionally presented (no damage or instability)
 - Frames should be simple and not distract from the artwork.
 - Work that is not properly wired/framed will not be displayed.
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7. Labeling

- Each piece must include on the back:
 - Artist name and contact information
 - Title
 - Medium
 - Price (if for sale)
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8. Submission Process

- All artwork must be submitted by Friday, July 10th to OLV Charities, Mission Advancement Office, 780 Ridge Rd, Lackawanna, NY, 14218.
 - Office hours: Monday – Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.
 - Work must be exhibition-ready upon submission.
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8. Judging & Awards

- Judging criteria may include:
 - Composition
 - Technique
 - Creativity
 - Interpretation of location
- Judges' decisions are final.
- An independent judge will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners with \$300, \$200 and \$100 dollars awarded.
- Winners will be announced on Sunday, August 2nd during the Artist Reception which will take place in the Father Baker Meusem at 2:00 pm during the Pennies to Heaven event.

9. Sales & Commission (if applicable)

- Artwork may be offered for sale.
- Sold work must remain on display until the close of the Artist Reception on August 2nd.

**** Artwork must be removed no later than August 14th, 2026. ****