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BASILICA HOURS

The Basilica is open for private prayer from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily (until 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays).

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. & 12:10 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00—4:00 p.m.
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Eve of First Fridays 3:00—4:00 p.m.
Eve of Holy Days 3:00—4:00 p.m.
in the lower level Marian Chapel and/or in the Baptistry

GUIDED BASILICA TOURS

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WELCOME TO OLV NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA

As a National Shrine, we are a destination site for upwards of 30,000 pilgrims and visitors from all over the world. People come to visit the tomb of Venerable Nelson Baker, our founder, who is a candidate for canonization and whose final resting place is inside the Basilica.

Many worshippers, pilgrims, and visitors find the Basilica a place of great comfort and peace as they come to pray for themselves and their loved ones. Many others come to take in the beauty of the Basilica itself.

The Our Lady of Victory parish includes an elementary school for PreK through 8th Grade and an active Religious Education program, along with a variety of parish-based organizations and activities.

If you are interested in joining the Basilica parish, please email olvrectory@olvbasilica.org or call (716) 828-9444. All are welcome!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST.

I hope and pray you are finding time this summer to enjoy gatherings with family and friends and to be refreshed and renewed in body, mind and spirit.

The best medicine for when we are feeling stressed and overwhelmed with the challenges of daily life is to spend some quiet time in praver before the Lord. Our beautiful Basilica is the perfect place to come and sit and pray throughout the day. I know for myself kneeling at the tomb of Father Baker and kneeling before the main altar gazing up at Our Lady of Victory provides me with a great sense of inner peace. I pray for all of you, our wonderful parishioners and benefactors, and I place you and your intentions before our loving God through the intercession of Father Baker and Our Lady of Victory.

As you know, Father Baker built Our Lady of Victory as a shrine in honor of our Blessed Mother in gratitude for all that he was able to accomplish throughout his 60 years of priestly ministry. As Father Baker said so often when anyone would compliment him on what he was doing for the children and families entrusted to his care... he pointed to Our Lady of Victory and said, "She did it all!" I pray that we all have the same faith and trust as we carry forward Father Baker's legacy today.

INAUGURATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA 2021-2026

We will begin the historic observance of the building of the Basilica with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Bishop Michael Fisher will be the Principal Celebrant of the Mass along with concelebrants of priests who have served here at OLV over the years. As part of the celebration, Bishop Mike will bless the cornerstone laid by Father Baker on August 14, 1921. The Bishop then will bless the Time Capsule

that has been prepared by the children of our OLV Elementary School, Parish Faith Formation and OLV Service Club. All are invited to this inaugural celebration to kick-off a series of Centennial events that will take place over the next 4 years, leading up to the Mass of Thanksgiving of the Consecration of the Basilica in the Spring of 2026.

Father Baker Day Mass & Pennies to Heaven will be celebrated on Sunday. August 15, 2021 with a special concelebrated Mass at 10:00 a.m. During the Mass, we will have the traditional procession and laying of the wreath at the tomb of Father Baker. Pennies and other coins can be dropped off in front of the Basilica beginning before the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continuing after the 12:00 Noon Mass. Once again, all are welcome to join us for this wonderful weekend to honor our beloved Founder. The Venerable Nelson Baker. and to celebrate the beginning of our Centennial Celebrations.

Sunday, August 15: Drive-through Masters Chicken BBQ will take place from 1:00—4:00 p.m. Please support our "Pennies to Heaven" & Chicken BBQ! Further details will be forthcoming. Please watch the upcoming bulletins for ticket information.

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION

Under the leadership of our new Principal, Mrs. Mary Doyle-Szlosek, we are accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 School Year. I encourage you to reach out to family and friends who have school-aged children to come and see the "gem" of a school we have here at OLV Elementary and to strongly consider registering your children in our school.

The mission of Our Lady of Victory School is to provide quality Catholic Education, modeled after the ideals of Father Baker, by fostering Christian values, academic excellence and global awareness, in order to develop well-



educated and responsible individuals. We offer small class sizes, allowing teachers to really get to know their students and to work with them to the best of their potential. It is an atmosphere where all students feel welcomed and cared for. Our challenging curriculum prepares OLV students for success in the future. Our alums go on to some of the area's most respected High Schools. We have a compassionate faculty. dedicated to the success of their students. Our tuition is affordable and we provide tuition assistance to allow parents to choose a quality Catholic education for their children.

Please be "Ambassadors" for OLV School and encourage families you know to call and take a personal tour of the school to see for themselves all that we have to offer. All you have to do is call the school at 828-9435 and Mrs. Szlosek and our wonderful school secretary Paula Dalfonso will be happy to provide you with more information and arrange for a personal tour. All are welcome... please come and see for yourselves. OLV Elementary is truly a happy and safe and nurturing environment to provide quality education for the most precious gift of our children!

SUMMER BLESSING FOR FAMILIES:

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

Amen!

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

GRATEFULLY, FATHER DAVID

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Kinsley Monroe Hibbard, daughter of Amanda Hibbard, was baptized on Friday, July 2, 2021.

Lylah Rose Cohen, daughter of Ryan & Rachelle Cohen, was baptized on Sunday, July 11, 2021.

Giovanni Michael Pantera, son of Jonathan & Lindsay Pantera was baptized on Sunday, July 11, 2021.

Erik Yariel Vargas, son of Erik & Caryline Vargas, was baptized on Sunday, July 11, 2021.

Karyelis Marie Vargas, daughter of Erik & Caryline Vargas, was baptized on Sunday, July 11, 2021.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Brittany Anthon and Jeffrey Michael Persutti were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on July 3, 2021.

Kaitlin Elizabeth McGuire and Joseph David Khreis were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on July 9, 2021.

Christine Seuad Bitar and Rabi Yacoub were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on July 11, 2021.



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TELEVISED & ONLINE MASS

The Basilica's Sunday Mass is available each weekend at **olvbasilica.org**. Simply click on the link that will appear in the pop-up box. The Sunday Mass is also televised on WGRZ Ch. 2 at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.

In addition, our daily 12:10 p.m. Masses from Monday through Saturday in the Basilica are live-streamed on our website. To view the live Masses, type olvbasilica.org/live-streaming in your Internet browser, or go to olvbasilica.org and click the "Live Streaming" button in the top right corner of the page.

TUESDAY EVENINGS—

PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome to join our Rosary Prayer Group as we pray the Rosary for Peace on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica.

TUESDAYS, JULY 20 & 27 AND AUGUST 10, 17, & 24—

JOIN OUR PRAYER GROUP

Join our "Victory for Christ" group as we praise, thank, and give witness to God the Father, his Son Jesus, and the Advocate the Holy Spirit. We meet from 6:30— 7:30 p.m. in the Basilica's lower level chapel. Please join us!

FRIDAY, JULY 23—

JOIN THE COLUMBIETTES

There will be an informational meeting on Friday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Matthew Glab Post, 1965 Abbott Road, Lackawanna. All women over the age of 18 are invited to join. For details, contact Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 17—WEEKDAY

7:30 am	Daniel Schaefer and James Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer
12:10 pm	Marion DiTullio by Neil & Carmen Buono
1:30 pm	Wedding: Anna Honan & Joseph Gentile
4:30 pm	Louis, Ann, and Donna Manzo by the Manzo Family
	Raquel Perricelli by Ernest & Michele Wilson

SUNDAY, JULY 18—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am	James, Frances and Mary Kathryn Schaffer
10:00 am	Ernest Hatem by Bernie & Arlene Romanowski
12:00 pm	Julio & Bernadina Ceccarelli by Gemma Ceccarelli & Family
4:30 pm	Robert & Janet Gawel by the Gawel Family

MONDAY, JULY 19—WEEKDAY

7:30 am	Judith Ann Moore by David & Jan Michaelek
12:10 pm	Joseph & Sophie Piotrowski by son Stanley Piotrowski
	Sophie Ruotolo by OLV Charities

TUESDAY, JULY 20—SAINT APOLLINARIS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

7:30 am	Edwin J. McGuire by loving daughter Michelle George E. Michael by Family
12:10 pm	David Honan by the Honan Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21—SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST

7:30 am	Carole Hageman by Ron & Mary Hageman
	Marion A. Michael by Family
12:10 pm	Thomas Raiff by loving family
	Shirley Nicaise (living) by Ruth M. Smokowski

THURSDAY, JULY 22—SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

7:30 am	Jacob & Helen W. George by Family
12:10 pm	Loretta Fetterolf & Family by June Kij & Family
	Jeanne M. Wright by Jim & Janet Scanlon

FRIDAY, JULY 23—SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

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7:30 am	OLV Spiritual Association Members
	Phyllis Infantino by Msgr. David G. LiPuma
12:10 pm	Whitney Willis by Cynthia Cosman
	Mark Clifford by wife Carole Clifford

SATURDAY, JULY 24—SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

7:30 am	Arthur, John and Francis Eagan by Dave & Cindy Schaefer
12:10 pm	A Special Intention for Michelle Lake (living) by Jim Filk
4:30 pm	Ronald (Ron) Handzlik by sister Linda Klice

SUNDAY, JULY 25—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am	Nicholas & Filomena Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family
10:00 am	For the People of the Parish
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12:00 pm Daniel Welsh by Sophie Welsh4:30 pm Jane E. Neff by Patricia Keppel

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OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome! OLV Elementary School has provided students with a vibrant, safe, and nurturing environment for more than 120 years. Whether in classrooms, computer labs, or sports fields, our teachers shape the leaders of tomorrow and provide the building blocks for unlocking each child's vast potential.

OLV offers small class sizes, spiritual formation, and a proven track record of preparing children for

high school and life! Additionally, we offer a morning / after school care program to further the social and educational development of our children. OLV is a licensed STREAM institution that has a forward-thinking curriculum that focuses on the areas of Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics.

For more information, please call the school office at 716-828-9434.



Save the date for Father Baker's Pennies to Heaven event on Sunday, August 15th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

This event will feature a drive-thru Masters chicken BBQ dinner. Ticket prices and details will be forthcoming.

We are looking for donations of scratch-off lottery tickets for the event. If you would like to help out, you can mail them to the rectory or drop them in the Sunday collection basket.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Are you interested in sharing your faith with our parish children? Our Religious Education program is in need of Catechists! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Carm Zomeri, our DRE, at 716-828-7494 for more information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes will be in person for both our summer Confirmation program and for our Sunday program in the Fall. If you have any questions, or if you would like a registration packet, please contact our office at 716-828-9437.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Saturday, July 24

4:30 pm Joseph Franz

Sunday, July 25

8:00 am Melissa Mulqueen10:00 am Joseph Franz

12:00 pm Eleanor Wieleba 4:30 pm Scot Simmons

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, July 24

4:30 pm Deb, Mary, David Bush

Sunday, July 25

8:00 am Pat Allman; Cathy

Bergen; Mary Check

10:00 am Stephanie Bialkowski;

Frances Dehlinger;

Terrence McCann

12:00 pm Linda Smolen;

Christopher Swan;

Sandy Swiech

4:30 pm Mary Anne Jackson;

Marsha Lipke;

Gregory Stachowski

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There are many adult Catholics who have not been Confirmed. Besides the fact that they have not been received into the full initiation of the Catholic faith, it becomes a problem when they want to serve as godparents/sponsors for Baptism/Confirmation.

If you are a practicing adult Catholic (that is, go to Communion, and if married, married according to the Rite of the Catholic Church) and have completed high school (high school students should be in our teen Confirmation program), consider attending our five catechism review classes. Please register by calling Fr. Romulus (828-9425).

OUR COMMUNITY

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To maintain our Basilica and support our parish mission and ministries, we depend on weekly donations. Offertory envelopes can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory at 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218 or, to contribute online, go to olvbasilica.weshareonline.org. We are deeply grateful for your continued support!

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

Weekly (Envelopes & Loose)	\$14,665.68
Weekly (Online)	\$2,312.00
Monthly	\$1,120.00
Easter	\$2.00
Holy Day: Ascension (5/13)	\$20.00
Holy Day: Assumption (8/15)	\$20.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$117.00
Shrine / Candles	\$2,377.00
Retired Priests' Medical Fund	\$10.00
Mission Co-Op	\$25.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$20,693.68



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Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:30—4:00 p.m. through September 3

This mobile YMCA offers free programs aimed to help youth of all ages stay active and engaged in mind, body, and spirit. We provide healthy meals, activities, educational enrichment, games and more! Y on the Fly will be at Taggart Playground on Odell Street in Lackawanna on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30—4:00 p.m. Join us there!

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofbuffalo or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

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