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April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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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. 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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

We gather on this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord to begin Holy Week. Today the Church throughout the world recalls the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery of His passion, death and resurrection. May we take time out of our busy lives this week to come to church, to pause, to pray, and to thank God for the greatest gift of His love, and to accompany our Lord Jesus Christ through the liturgies of this Holy Week.

ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Priests will be available to hear confessions during the following times:

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confessions

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Lower Basilica Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

On Holy Thursday, there is no morning Mass, as we gather at 7:00 p.m. for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in which we commemorate the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the Priesthood, and the commandment of the Lord Jesus concerning fraternal charity. The celebration concludes with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. The Basilica will remain open until 10:00 p.m. for the people to come and silently pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be communal Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. All are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Lower Basilica Conference Room)

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
(inside the Basilica)

12:00 Noon Outdoor Stations of the Cross (beginning at the South Park entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery)

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Cross
- The Adoration of the Cross
- Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday we gather at 3:00 p.m. for the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. This service will include the Liturgy of the Word with Proclamation of the Passion, followed by the Solemn Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion. The service will conclude in silence. The Basilica will remain open for the remainder of the day for people to come and pray in silence before the wood of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Lower Basilica Conference Room)

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
(Main Basilica)

8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil
- Sacraments of Initiation

On Holy Saturday there is no Mass until the celebration of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (after sundown). The entire celebration is to take place at night. In the first part of the Liturgy, we will have the Blessing of the Fire, the Blessing of the Easter Candle, and the solemn chanting of the Exultet (The Easter Proclamation). The second part of the Liturgy is the extended Liturgy of the Word proclaiming the events of salvation history leading up to the Gospel of the Resurrection. The third part of the Liturgy is the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for our RCIA Catechumen and Candidates, along with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises for all who are present. The celebration concludes with the fourth part: The Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is truly a most holy night!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon

Please note there is no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

May this Holy Week and celebration of Easter be filled with many graces and blessings for you and your loved ones. All are welcome here at Our Lady of Victory!

CONGRATULATIONS: Altar Server of the Year Award

On Saturday, March 18 at St. Joseph Cathedral, **Nathaniel Powers and Madelyn Powers** received the Altar Server of the Year Award from Bishop Michael Fisher. I am deeply grateful to these dedicated altar servers for their faithful service here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

We are in need of more altar servers here at OLV. Anyone who has received First Communion is welcome to become an altar server. Please contact Fr. Rob at the Rectory Office (716-828-9444) to receive the necessary training. Parents, please encourage your children to consider becoming an altar server.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL:

Our Parish Goal here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica for this year's appeal is \$131,058.00. **To date we have raised \$40,097.40 from 185 donors from our parish.** I encourage everyone to consider making a gift to this year's appeal. If you have donated in the past, please consider an increase in your gift this year. If you have never donated, please consider making a donation to this year's appeal. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the need for assistance is greater than ever for those who are struggling financially, emotionally and physically. To make a gift, please mail in your donor card, visit ccwny.org/donations, or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321. Please identify yourself as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, so that our parish is credited to ensure we make our parish goal. For more info about Catholic Charities, please visit ccwny.org. **As we heard on Ash Wednesday, the three disciplines of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. There is no better way to exercise the call to almsgiving than to support our Catholic Charities Appeal. In the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:31-46)** Thank you to all who have contributed!

Be assured of my grateful prayers for all that you do for Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones. Again, I wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and a most Joyous Easter!

**GRATEFULLY,
FR. DAVID**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Casimir M. Slaski & Family
12:10 pm	Mary Ellen Edwards (Birthday Remembrance) by Mary J.
4:30 pm	John J. Kordrupel by wife, Judy

SUNDAY, APRIL 2—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am	Thomas Pluta by Stephen & Jean Nowicki
10:00 am	Shaun Joseph Vona by the Vona Family
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Joseph Fabio and Francis Suwanto (Anniv. of Death) by Fabiola Suwanto

MONDAY, APRIL 3—Monday of Holy Week

7:30 am	Walter Kupkowski by Family George Brunow by Pat Serio
12:10 pm	Michael & Mildred Idzior by Ron & Donna Kraus David Regan IV (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 4—Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
12:10 pm	Lawrence M. Carden, MD (Birthday Remembrance) by Jules & Beth Pasciak Rev. Msgr. Michael E. DelVecchio by the DelVecchio Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5—Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 am	OLV Father Baker Guild Members Cornelius P. Downey, Jr. by the Downey Family
12:10 pm	Francis P. Wenzel (Birthday Remembrance) by Family Haws Solberg by Deanna Pacini

THURSDAY, APRIL 6—HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 am	Morning Prayer (lower Basilica conference room)
7:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 7—GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 am	Morning Prayer (lower Basilica conference room)
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (inside the main Basilica)
12:00 pm	Outdoor Stations of the Cross (beginning at the South Park entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery)
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Cross (Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 8—HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 am	Morning Prayer (lower Basilica conference room)
1:00 pm	Blessing of Easter Baskets (inside the main Basilica)
8:00 pm	The Easter Vigil—For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 9—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:00 am	For the People of the Parish
12:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Please Note: There will be <u>no 4:30 p.m. Mass</u> on Easter Sunday.	

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL PRAYER 2023

Heavenly Father, your servant, Father Nelson Baker, showed us how to meet the needs of the young, the poor and those who are homeless.

Strengthen our hearts that we may live and serve with that same compassion for those who, in our time, are poor, oppressed, or troubled.

For what you have helped us to do for these sisters and brothers, we thank you.

For what we have yet to do, lend us your strength.

Bless our 2023 Appeal through his intercession. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Venerable Nelson Baker, pray for us!



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. When you contribute, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



This past week, Thursday, March 30, marked the last class for our tremendous RCIA students. They now await their full entry into the Church at the Easter Vigil, culminating Holy Week here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. Thanks to all for praying for our candidates, and please continue to keep them in prayer. Thank you and God bless you all.

Our parish looks forward to welcoming the following candidates into our faith community:

Aaron Birkby, Timothy Boatman, Ashley Cannon, Sara Chase, Michaela Clark, Kelly Dlugosz, Delaney Dynas, Vanessa Freeman, John Hruby, Michael Laughlin, Terrika Pereira, James Taylor, and Chelsea Withey

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

The new Lector and Extraordinary Minister schedule for Spring 2023 is now available online and in the sacristy. Please visit the sacristy if you would like a print copy. If you are interested in becoming a lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Deacon Mark at deaconmarkb333@gmail.com.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Tuesday Evenings • 6:00 p.m.

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

**Tuesday Evenings • 6:30 p.m.
on April 11, 18, & 25**

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

Friday Afternoons

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

GOOD FRIDAY OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are looking for children and teens to participate in our **living Stations of the Cross** in Holy Cross Cemetery on Good Friday, April 7. We need a few readers, but the actors do not have

any dialogue to learn. The only practice is held one hour before the Stations at 11:00 a.m. on Good Friday in the Marian Room on the lower level of the church. You do not need experience to help, just a willingness to be a part of something special! If you or your child or teen is interested in volunteering, please call Tina Hatem at 716-826-5075. Thank you for your help!

EASTER DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Good Friday, April 7 • after the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

As we prepare to celebrate the upcoming Easter season, volunteers are needed to help decorate the Basilica. If you would like to help, please join us in the Basilica on Friday evening, April 7. For questions about volunteering or more information, please contact Gregory Stachowski at 716-949-1085. All are welcome to come and help us prepare our beautiful Basilica for the celebration of Easter!

TAKE-OUT FISH FRY DINNER

Good Friday, April 7

The 8th Grade OLV Class of 2023 is sponsoring another take-out Fish Fry to help defray the cost of their end-of-year class trip. The Fish Fry will be held on Good Friday, April 7. Tickets are \$15 and include fish, fries, coleslaw, potato salad, bread, butter, lemon

wedge and tarter sauce. A \$12 shrimp dinner option is also available, which includes 6 pc. shrimp instead of fish. Tickets are available through the school office at 716-828-9434.

SOUTHTOWNS CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

**Tuesdays from April 11—June 13
10:30 a.m. OR 6:30 p.m.**

**Our Mother of Good Counsel
Activity Center,
3688 South Park Avenue, Blasdell**

Join the Southtowns Catholic Bible Study for a breathtaking, 10-week journey that combines Scripture, history, prophecy, and the lives of the saints, revealing God's merciful love for you. "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is presented by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Choose your way to participate: Full Participant includes guidebook (\$20 cost) or Lite Participant allows you to watch the video and join the group discussion (free). Registration is required. Call or text Deacon Michael Dulak at 716-913-0476.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY PLANT SALE

Weekend of May 6—7

The OLV Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a plant sale on this weekend before Mother's Day. For questions, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

OLV SERVICE CLUB

All are welcome to participate in our upcoming activities. Please contact Kathryn Schultz with any questions at 716-361-3109.

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- **Sunday, April 16 • 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting**—Anyone who is interested in getting more involved with a more formal role in our group is welcome to attend. We will be transitioning roles this next year and are looking for a couple of extra responsible, hard-working individuals. Please text Kathryn Schultz at 716-361-3109 to let her know you will be coming.
- **Thursday, April 20 • 6:00 p.m.** Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Saturday, May 13 • 10:00 a.m.** We will place flowers at the Infant Garden graves at Holy Cross Cemetery. All are welcome.

- **Thursday, May 18 • 6:00 p.m.** Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Saturday, June 3 • 6:00 p.m.** Inclusive picnic for all the OLV Human Services Homes, friends, and volunteers to be held at the Martin Road Campus
- **Thursday, June 15 • 6:00 p.m.** Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Coming Soon: A new food pantry!** Please continue to "take what you need and leave what you can" in the current pantry until a new one arrives.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The OLV Service Club offers a college scholarship each year. Applicants must be high school seniors involved in the OLV Service Club or a member of OLV parish who has shown exemplary community service. Email KathrynSchultz@hotmail.com no later than April 10 to obtain an application.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL BANQUET FOR THE ST. GIANNA PREGNANCY OUTREACH CENTER

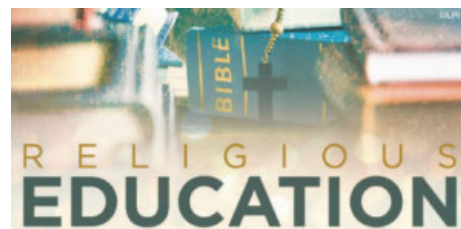
Thursday, April 27 • 6:00 p.m.
Classics V Banquet Center
2425 Niagara Falls Boulevard,
Amherst

Join Bishop Michael Fisher at the 12th Annual Banquet in support of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. The keynote speaker will be Toni McFadden, author of *Redeemed: My Journey After Abortion*. Check in begins at 5:30 p.m. Gift baskets / raffle / cash bar. Make your reservation today. Contact StGianna@buffalodiocese.org or 716-847-2205, or register online at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna>. \$80 per person. Reserved table or open seating (no tickets issued). Deadline is Monday, April 17.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: "For Such a Time as This"

Saturday, April 29 •
7:45 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
845 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo

Catholic Women of Buffalo are excited to bring back the annual Women's Conference. All women are invited to join us for a full day event from 7:45 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 presale or \$40 at the door. The day includes a continental breakfast, Mass with Bishop Fisher, three national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, and vendors. For further details and to purchase tickets, please visit CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org.



Religious Education will be off on Sunday, April 2 and Sunday, April 9 for Easter recess. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 16. Our last class will be on Sunday, April 30.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

will be held in the OLV School Cafeteria. Please choose from one of the following dates:

Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.
OR
Saturday, April 22 at 1:15 p.m.

RSVP to Mrs. Vicky at
716-828-9437 or
religioused@olvbasilica.org

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica.

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Basilica.

For any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 716-828-7494 or czomeri@olvbasilica.org.

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VOCATION REFLECTION

The crowds acclaimed Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem, then days later they demanded His crucifixion. Public opinion can change in an instant. Let's forget about what the world wants, and focus on what God desires. If Jesus is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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In order to continue to maintain our beautiful Basilica and to support the mission and ministries of our parish, including our school, we depend on weekly offertory donations. Offertory envelopes can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office at **767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218**. For easy online giving, please go to <https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org>. We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$18,762.90
Weekly Online	\$3,797.00
Monthly	\$1,015.00
Ash Wednesday	\$165.00
Easter	\$62.00
Easter Flowers	\$80.00
Fuel	\$30.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$85.17
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$2,290.95

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00
Black & Native Missions	\$601.15
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$25.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$10.00
Holy Land	\$25.00

Total	\$26,959.17
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