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April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



GET IN TOUCH!

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. 716-828-9444 • 716-828-9429 fax olvrectory@olvbasilica.org

SCHOOL

Mary Doyle-Szlosek, Principal 2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna 716-828-9434 elementary@olvbasilica.org www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, 7:30 am—11:30 a.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Carmelann Zomeri, Director 2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna 716-828-9437 religioused@olvbasilica.org

GIFT SHOP AND MUSEUM

Open Daily 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for lunch) James Murphy, Gift Shop Manager 716-828-9433 olvgiftshop@olvbasilica.org

COME & WORSHIP

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.

GUIDED BASILICA TOURS

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

WELCOME

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it! Alleluia! I extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for the joyous celebration of Easter. I am so filled with joy and so grateful to God for the gift of each and every member of our parish family.

In the words of St. Augustine, "We are Easter people and alleluia is our song!" The resurrection of Jesus is the centerpiece of our Catholic faith. On this Easter Day and throughout the coming fifty days of the Easter season, may we give glory and praise to God, singing our alleluias and bearing witness to the Risen Christ by the way we live our lives.

When our Risen Lord appeared to Mary Magdalene that first Easter morning, He sent her to announce the Good News to His disciples that He had truly risen from the dead. Our Lord sends us out to do the same. He calls us to live our faith in such a way that others will come to know, love and believe in Him, because they will see the difference our faith in Jesus Christ makes in our daily lives.

During this beautiful season of Easter, please reach out to all those who need to hear this message of hope and the promise of New Life that only our Risen Lord Jesus can give. Invite others whose faith has grown lukewarm, or who for whatever reason have drifted away, to return to the Lord Jesus and the Sacraments of the Church, which we are so privileged to celebrate and receive. Please join me in praying this Easter prayer:

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER): APRIL 16, 2023

Next Sunday, we will have a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. for Divine Mercy Sunday. It will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Liturgy of the Word, Reflection, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, and Intercessions, and will conclude with Benediction and the Divine Praises. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2023

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 \$44,047.40 from 199 donors from our parish. I encourage everyone to consider making a gift to this year's appeal. Due to the continuing effects of the 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. Every donation (large or small) makes a difference. For information about Catholic Charities, visit ccwny.org. Thank you to all who have contributed; may God bless you for your generosity on behalf of those most in need throughout WNY.

SISTER ELLEN O'KEEFE, SSJ ANGEL FUND

The unique gift of Catholic education forms the mind, body, and spirit of youth to be faith-filled individuals who will serve their community. Though the times and the faces of the students have changed over the decades, OLV's commitment to forming young minds in the Catholic tradition has not. OLV Elementary, following the example of Venerable Nelson Baker, strives to provide the best possible experience by addressing the unique needs of each student in their care.

As you may imagine, the cost to provide this individualized education is outside the means of some of the families who want to enroll their children at OLV. Recognizing this reality, the Sr. Ellen O'Keefe, SSJ Angel *Fund* was established to provide needed financial assistance to families unable to cover the cost of tuition. Sr. Ellen devoted nearly her entire religious life to the children and families she encountered through OLV Elementary School. The Sr. Ellen O'Keefe, SSJ Angel Fund continues her legacy of providing Catholic education for youth, especially those with financial challenges.

For more information on how you can become a "Sr. Ellen Angel" and help give the gift of

Catholic education, please go to https://www. olvcharities.org/ sister-ellen-angelfund or use this QR code with your smartphone.



THANK YOU

On behalf of Fr. Paul, Fr. Romulus, Fr. Rob, Deacon Michael, Deacon Mark, and myself, we thank all of you for your wonderful dedication and generous support of our parish throughout the year. May God bless you and your loved ones with a blessed and joyous Easter! May Father Baker intercede for you, and Our Lady of Victory watch over and protect you!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	8-Holy	Saturday
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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			
	PRIL 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.			
MONDAY.	APRIL 10—Monday within the Octave of Easter			
7:30 am	Cornelius P. Downey, Sr. by the Downey Family			
	Wendy Jardin (Racine) (living) by Sylvia M. Vasconcellos			
12:10 pm	Joseph Sasiadek by grandson, David			
	APRIL 11—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter			
7:30 am	Thomas Raab, MD by Pat, Tracey & Deenah Simchick			
12:10 pm	Jacek & Theodora Saniewski by Family			
	Lorraine Moulthrop by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma			
WEDNESD	AY, APRIL 12—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter			
7:30 am	Rita Foltz & niece Bucky (living) by Jack Zimmerman			
7.50 ann	John Otwell by John Otwell			
12:10 pm	Walter & Mary Melohusky and children, Walter G., Joseph & James			
	by Gene & Janet Pluta, Jr.			
	, APRIL 13—Thursday within the Octave of Easter			
7:30 am	Edward I. Kaczmarczyk (Anniversary of Death) by Pat and Daughters Pearl M. Racine (Barrett) by Sylvia M. Vasconcellos			
12:10 pm	Helen Rys by niece, Linda Klice			
12.10 pm	Henry Olejnik by Jean Genek & Family			
FRIDAY, AF	PRIL 14—Friday within the Octave of Easter			
7:30 am	OLV Spiritual Association Members			
	Matthew O'Neil (Anniversary of Death) by parents, Kevin & Mary Ann O'Neil			
8:15 am	Brian Joseph Dillon by Caitlin Dillon			
12:10 pm	Walter Burdzy by the Swiech Family			
	John Niziol by Susan Ostrowski			
SATURDAY	, APRIL 15—Saturday within the Octave of Easter			
7:30 am	Anelia Sasiadek by grandson, David			
1:30 pm	Wedding: Ryan Sess and Stephanie Macchia			
4:30 pm	Victor J. Stachowski, Jr. by Gregory Stachowski, son			
SUNDAY, APRIL 16—Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)				
8:00 am	Gerald Kozlowski by Deacon Mark Bialkowski			
10:00 am	Mary Brennan by Ray & Patty Jakubowski			
12:00 pm	Anne Damiani by Amy Damiani			
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Service			
4:30 pm	Dorothy Jernigan by Don & Julie Popple			

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!



TELEVISED & ONLINE MASSES

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

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

The livestream of our daily 12:10 pm Masses (Monday— Saturday) is temporarily unavailable due to the pew and floor renovations.

PARISH NEWS

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VOCATION REFLECTION

The Lord is truly risen! Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. You must now decide how you are going to live that new life.

Will you answer His call? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit **buffalovocations.org**.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Congratulations to our newly initiated members of the Church, who received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil!

Please continue to pray for 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.

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 Ave., 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 required. Call or text Deacon Michael Dulak at 716-913-0476.

ALTAR & ROSARY PLANT SALE

Weekend of May 6-7

The OLV Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a plant sale on the weekend before Mother's Day. For questions, call 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
- 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes resume on Sunday, April 16. Our last class will be Sunday, April 30.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT will be held in the OLV School Cafeteria. Please choose from either 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 will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Basilica. (Practice will be on Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica.) For questions, contact me at 716-828-7494 or czomeri@olvbasilica.org.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

"MOVING BEYOND WHITE FRAGILITY" PRESENTATION

Sunday, April 23 • 3:00 p.m. SS. Columba-Brigid Church 75 Hickory Street, Buffalo

The SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence will present "Moving Beyond White Fragility" with Nanette Massey, a local author, activist, and educator. \$25 cost. Reception follows.

ST. GIANNA PREGNANCY OUTREACH CENTER BANQUET

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

Join Bishop Michael Fisher at the 12th Annual Banquet in support of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center with keynote speaker Toni McFadden, author of *Redeemed: My Journey After Abortion.* Gift baskets / raffle / cash bar. Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 17. To reserve, email **StGianna@buffalodiocese.org**, call 716-847-2205, or register online at https://www.buffalodiocese.org/stgianna. \$80 per person. Reserved table or open seating (no tickets issued).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 29

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute 845 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo

Catholic Women of Buffalo are excited to bring back their annual conference. All women are invited to join us from 7:45 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 presale or \$40 at the door. Includes 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.

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS WITH CAMP TURNER

In honor of Camp Turner's upcoming Centennial Celebration, a number of activities are being planned for the summer of 2023 for prospective campers, current and former staff members, and alumni.

Kids ages 7 to 16 can celebrate Camp Turner's 100th birthday by attending a week of overnight camp this summer. Birthday themed activities will be celebrated each week. Register at www.campturner.com. On Thursday, July 13, Camp Turner alumni will meet up to share memories and stories at Mr. Goodbar on Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo from 5:00—9:00 p.m. Festivities really get going at Camp Turner for alumni on Saturday, July 15 with activities beginning at 1:00 p.m., a special Mass featuring Bishop Michael Fisher at 4:00 p.m., dinner and, of course, a campfire to round out the evening. For more info or to sign-up for these Centennial events, go to www.campturner.com/events. If you cannot attend or would like additional info about Camp Turner's upcoming celebration. contact Scott Weiglev. OLV Charities' Director of Strategic Community Engagement, at 716-828-9657 or sweiglev@olvcharities.org.

ST. FRANCIS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 25 • 4:30—6:30 p.m. 4129 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg

Looking for a school with a rigorous academic curriculum, strong athletics, and leadership opportunities? We'd love to meet you and your son at our High School Open House. Pre-register at **stfrancishigh.org** for a tour and meet our admissions team, administration, coaches, faculty/staff, and students. For questions, contact **admissions@stfrancishigh.org**.



OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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! We also 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 Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. For information or to schedule a tour, please call our school office at 716-828-9434.

SUPPORT OLV

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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!

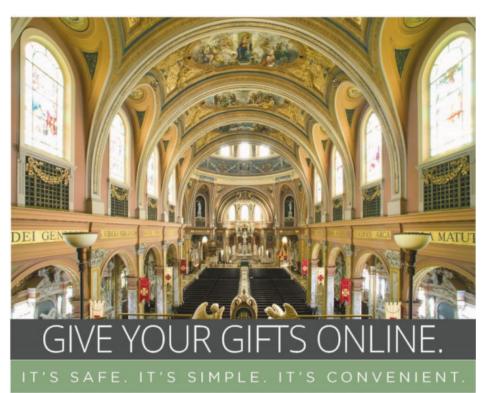
OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 4/15	4:30 pm	Glenn Reid	Jean Dulak, Joanne Setlock	
Sun. 4/16	8:00 am	Stanley "Russ" Plandowski, Jr.	Molly McClenathan, Ryan Harrington	
	10:00 am	Laura Schuh	Sal Howard, Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann	
	12:00 pm	Art Smith	Christopher Swan, Sandy Swiech, Jon Paul Trabucco	
	4:30 pm	Scot Simmons	Stefan Gelle, Richard Grasso, Marsha Lipke	



