

April 23, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter



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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.

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Saturdays:

3:00—4:00 p.m. and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023:

As you know, 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 \$52,387.40 from 228 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. 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 to date! For more info about Catholic Charities, please visit ccwny.org.

Our patron this year is our very own beloved founder, Venerable Nelson Baker. As we know, Father Baker spread a tremendous amount of charity over his 60 years as a priest. He sheltered the homeless, fed the hungry, cared for the sick and gave hope to people of all ages. Today, his legacy lives on here in his "City of Charity" through OLV Charities, OLV Human Services and OLV National Shrine & Basilica, which provide many similar services to those he began decades ago.

Please join me in making Father Baker proud of our OLV parishioners by supporting this year's Catholic Charities Appeal 2023 by surpassing our parish goal and continuing to care for the most vulnerable and needy of our community.

SWEEPSTAKES 2023

We had a very successful Sweepstakes Raffle Night on Saturday, March 25th after selling 940 Sweepstakes tickets! Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the Sweepstakes, basket raffles, and 50/50 drawing. We paid out \$26,000 in cash prizes and our net income was \$23,535.39. All proceeds go to benefit Our Lady of Victory Elementary School.

Special thanks to all who donated baskets and volunteered their time to assist with this amazing event. I am deeply grateful for the leadership of our wonderful Sweepstakes Committee co-chairs Rick Diamond and Jill Oehler, our OLV Elementary School Principal, Mary Szlosek, and our OLV Charities CFO, Melinda Buckley, as well as for the assistance of our dedicated OLV Charities staff members Fern Adams, Mike Allaire, Lee Dzury, Vanessa Freeman, and Scott Weigley. You all did a tremendous job in helping to make this such a successful event!

Congratulations to the Prize Winners! Here are the winners for the Cash Prizes:

Early Bird Drawings

| | | |
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| 12/3 | \$100 | Jane Harrington |
| 12/3 | \$200 | Elaine Jaromin |
| 12/3 | \$400 | Elaine Jaromin |
| 1/7 | \$150 | Bob Lohr |
| 2/11 | \$150 | Colleen Lelito |

Sweepstakes Drawings

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|---|----------|----------------|
| 1 | \$10,000 | Gina Eagan |
| 2 | \$4,000 | Roni Starr |
| 3 | \$2,000 | Rose Hynes |
| 4 | \$1,000 | Richard Meyers |

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| 5 | \$1,000 | David Dudek |
| 6 | \$1,000 | Bill Muth |
| 7 | \$500 | Melissa Wollschlager |
| 8 | \$500 | John Brandle |
| 9 | \$500 | Ellen Taylor |
| 10 | \$500 | Sue Zdrojewski |
| 11 | \$500 | Linda Rautenstrauch |
| 12 | \$200 | Msgr. David LiPuma |
| 13 | \$200 | Dr. John Twist |
| 14 | \$200 | Dolores Tefft Marie Elliott |
| 15 | \$200 | Lisa Felschow |
| 16 | \$200 | Tim Fiust-Klink |
| 17 | \$200 | Michelle Radominski |
| 18 | \$200 | Jim Starr |
| 19 | \$200 | Steven Podkulski |
| 20 | \$200 | Renee & Chris Stampone |
| 21 | \$200 | Mark Plandowski |
| 22 | \$100 | Sharon Kozlowski |
| 23 | \$100 | Fucina Family |
| 24 | \$100 | Mary Frost |
| 25 | \$100 | Dawn Fiust-Klink |
| 26 | \$100 | Jennifer Patronik |
| 27 | \$100 | Marion Strycharz |
| 28 | \$100 | Mark Gomez |
| 29 | \$100 | Gus Potkovick |
| 30 | \$100 | Yordan Kovatchki |
| 31 | \$100 | Jane Sawicki |
| 32 | \$50 | Zack Koch |
| 33 | \$50 | Deborah Wisholek-Fischer |
| 34 | \$50 | Susan Dreier |
| 35 | \$50 | Franciscan Friars / Fr Romulus |
| 36 | \$50 | David Melohusky |
| 37 | \$50 | Michael & Joe Balon |
| 38 | \$50 | Theodore Marrocco |
| 39 | \$50 | Mary Ann Schmigel |
| 40 | \$50 | Tiffani Lavacvente |
| 41 | \$50 | Christine Ciminelli |

Be assured of my grateful prayers for all that you do for Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. May this Easter Season bring you renewed hope, deeper faith and the grace of God's unconditional love and mercy. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones.

GRATEFULLY,
FR. DAVID

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22—Easter Weekday

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| 7:30 am | John P. Shea by Regina A. Del Vecchio |
| 12:10 pm | George E. & Marion A. Michael by Estate |
| 1:30 pm | Wedding: Michael Ostrich and Margaret Walker |
| 4:30 pm | Ron & Joan Bonafede by sister and sister-in-law Diane Zak |

SUNDAY, APRIL 23—Third Sunday of Easter

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| 8:00 am | James B. Downey by the Downey Family |
| 10:00 am | Stella Lalka by the Powers Family |
| 12:00 pm | Jodi Cardinale Harris by Robert & Joanne Rand |
| 4:30 pm | John & Stephanie Studzinski by the Powell Family |

MONDAY, APRIL 24—Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

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| 7:30 am | Edward Ormsby (Anniversary of Death) by Chuck Wenzel Neil & Camille Zephro by Norm & Paulette Mendrysa |
| 12:10 pm | Gregory DeCecco by Monica McGinty Joseph J. Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family |

TUESDAY, APRIL 25—Saint Mark, Evangelist

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| 7:30 am | Rosa Wilson and her family (living) by Rosa Wilson |
| 12:10 pm | Colleen O. Mahoney by Cronan & Kelly Long Michalene Conti by the Ross Family |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26—Easter Weekday

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| 7:30 am | Elaine M. Preisach by Mary Ann Bowman |
| 12:10 pm | Mrs. Shirley M. Heilig by James & Peggy Velasquez Ruth E. Gorney by Pamela Gorney |

THURSDAY, APRIL 27—Easter Weekday

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| 7:30 am | Marion A. Michael by Estate |
| 12:10 pm | Dennis Sanders by brother, Michael George Stipanovich by Joanne Scofield |

FRIDAY, APRIL 28—Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montford, Priest

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| 7:30 am | Eileen Colavecchio by Martin & Colleen Ford |
| 8:15 am | OLV House Blessing Intentions |
| 12:10 pm | Timothy Downs by the Downs Family |

SATURDAY, APRIL 29—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

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| 7:30 am | For the People of the Parish |
| 12:10 pm | Roseanne Scahill by Peggy Pfalzgraf and Rosemary Scahill |
| 4:30 pm | Thomas Pluta by Stephen & Jean Nowicki |

SUNDAY, APRIL 30—Fourth Sunday of Easter

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| 8:00 am | Patricia Ebert by the Del Vecchio Family |
| 10:00 am | Michael Bona by Gregory Stachowski |
| 12:00 pm | Joseph C. Tripi II by a friend |
| 4:30 pm | Renee Sobaszek by Kathy Dimitrievski |



CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Loving God,
we thank you for
the faith, vision and
heroic ministry of
Venerable Nelson
Baker, who entrusted
his full confidence
to the powerful
intercession of
Our Lady of Victory.

As we celebrate
the Centennial
of our Basilica,
may it continue to
be a place of healing
prayer, inspiration
for the conversion
of hearts, and
encouragement
for charitable service
to those in need.

We ask this in the
name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns
forever and ever.
Amen.

*Our Lady of Victory,
pray for us!*



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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 25, May 9, May 23, June 6, June 13

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.

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. Questions? Call Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

OLV SERVICE CLUB EVENTS

May and June Activities

All are welcome to participate in our upcoming activities. For questions, contact Kathryn Schultz (716-361-3109).

• 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 OLV Human Services' homes, friends, volunteers to be held at 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.



Ryan Sess and Stephanie Macchia were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, April 15, 2023.



Joseph Andre Piscoya, son of Daniel & Holly Piscoya, was baptized on Sunday, April 9, 2023.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Become a Knight!

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

—St. Pope John Paul II

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VOCATION REFLECTION

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 29

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
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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. The day 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.

OLV CINCO DE MAYO MEAT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NEW TREATMENT CENTER

Friday, May 5 •

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Baker Hall School Gym,
777 Ridge Road, Lackawanna

Let's fiesta! Win premium meats, a gas grill, raffle baskets, and more. \$15 each or \$100 for a table of 8. Draft beer, wine, soda, chips and salsa. Bring your own snacks (no outside alcoholic beverages), lots of singles and a cooler for your winnings. To purchase tickets, contact Latisha James at ljames@olvcharities.org. Proceeds benefit OLV Human Services' new evaluation and treatment center.

ST. FRANCIS OPEN HOUSE

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

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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 to share memories at Mr. Goodbar on Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo from 5—9 p.m. Festivities really get going at Camp Turner for alumni on Saturday, July 15 with activities beginning at 1 p.m., a special Mass with Bishop Fisher at 4 p.m., dinner and, of course, a campfire to round out the evening.

To sign up for these events, go to www.campturner.com/events. For more info about Camp Turner's upcoming celebration, contact Scott Weigley at OLV Charities at 716-828-9657 or sweigley@olvcharities.org.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Congratulations to this student who achieved honors in the third quarter of the 2022-2023 school year:

Canisius High School, Buffalo
Patrick Gibbons

Congratulations to these students who achieved honors in the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year:

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart
Amelia Strittmatter

Mount Mercy Academy, Buffalo
First Honors: Samantha Benes, Ryan Geary, Kendall Markiewicz, Nora Paul;
Second Honors: Kayla Pietrkiewicz;
Merit Roll: Emma Colello

St. Francis High School, Athol Springs
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST COMMUNION

- Practice will be on **Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Basilica.
- Our First Communion Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Basilica.

For questions, please contact me at 716-828-7494 or czomeri@olvbasilica.org.

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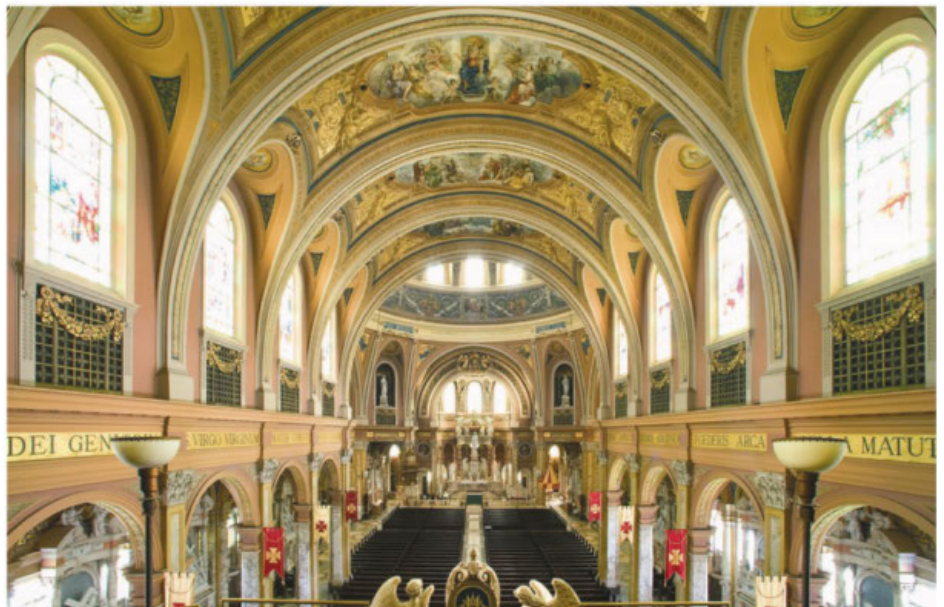
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

PARISH COLLECTIONS

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly | \$10,968.81 |
| Weekly Online | \$1,677.00 |
| Monthly | \$91.00 |
| Easter | \$60.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$709.00 |
| Fuel | \$55.00 |
| Pennies to Heaven | \$5.00 |
| Shrine / Votive Candles | \$2,155.00 |

Total **\$15,720.81**



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OLV PARISH

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue | \$587,523 |
| Less Expenses | \$1,084,926 |
| Net Surplus (Loss) | (\$497,403) |

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Revenue | \$359,135 |
| Less Expenses | \$703,346 |
| Subsidy from Parish | (\$344,211) |
| Parish Net Surplus (Loss) | **(\$841,614) |

** Currently, OLV Charities is providing deficit funding to cover this loss.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| DATE | TIME | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS |
|--------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| Sat. 4/29 | 4:30 pm | Glenn Reid | Jean Dulak, Robert McDonough, Joanne Setlock |
| Sun. 4/30 | 8:00 am | Chris Heyden | Richard Grasso, Mary Check, Michalene Murray |
| | 10:00 am | Christopher Swan | Sal Howard, Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann |
| | 12:00 pm | Art Smith | Molly McClenathan, Linda Smolen |
| | 4:30 pm | Linda "Mickey" Pawenski | Gregory Stachowski, Stefan Gelle, Mary Anne Jackson |

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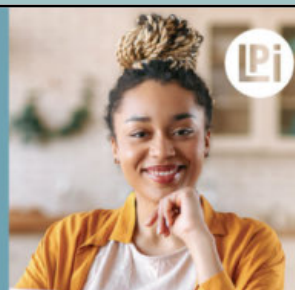
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