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Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 4:30 p.m.

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Monday—Saturday:

7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

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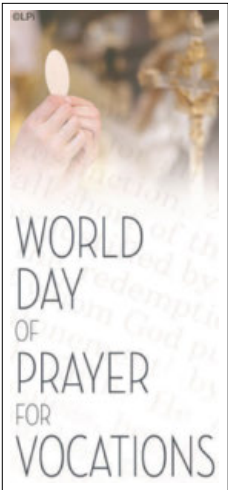
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Sunday, April 30, 2023

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed this weekend, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest." (Mt. 9:38; Luke 10:2). We need vocations, especially vocations to the Priesthood, more than ever today. Please join me in prayer that young men and women from our parish hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.



We have many wonderful young people. How can you help them hear the call? Pray for vocations and encourage vocations... never be afraid to tell a young person in our parish or in your family or circle of friends, if you see they have the potential of being a priest, religious or deacon.

Let us pray, through the intercession of our beloved Father Baker, that more young people may say yes to a life of consecrated service to God and the Church. Please join me in praying the *Prayer for Vocations* by Pope Francis:

#### VOCATION PRAYER

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others

to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023: UPDATE

As you know, our Parish Goal here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica for this year's appeal is \$131,058. **To date we have raised \$71,152.40 from 238 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 donating to this year's appeal. Due to the lingering effects of the pandemic and the financial challenges that so many in our community are facing, the need for assistance is greater than ever for those who are struggling financially, emotionally and physically. Every donation makes a difference!

You may also make a pledge, which I do every year. In doing so, I find that I can make a larger contribution spread out in four payments throughout the year. To make a gift, please mail in your donor card to Appeal 2023, visit [ccwny.org/donations](https://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 information about Catholic Charities, visit [ccwny.org](https://ccwny.org). In the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 25:31-46) "*Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*" Thank you to all who have contributed to date!

#### PATRON OF THE 2023 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL: VENERABLE NELSON BAKER

Our patron this year is our very own beloved founder, Venerable Nelson Baker. One hundred years ago when

Catholic Charities of Buffalo was established, Father Baker, who served as Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo in addition to all that he did here at Our Lady of Victory Institutions, was one of the initial signers of the Charter for Catholic Charities.

Father Baker continues to serve as a model for our entire diocese of deep devotion and selfless love and service. 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.

#### 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!

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

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

### MONDAY, MAY 1—Saint Joseph the Worker

7:30 am	Sgt. John Kupkowski by Family Walter Pankow by Joanne Brunner
12:10 pm	Clarence E. & Teresa A. Neamon by Estate Kathleen DeRooy (living) by Lois Hammell

### TUESDAY, MAY 2—Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am	Kevin & Mary Lou Dillon by Caitlin Dillon Charlotte McAuley by Mary Ellen McAuley
12:10 pm	Jodi Cardinale Harris by Family Francis Cloudin by Denise Clouden

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3—Saints Philip and James, Apostles

7:30 am	Ray Nelson (living) by Jack Zimmerman Stann & Tola Markut by Mary Solecki
12:10 pm	Jane Mattimore by the Steinwald Family Jeannine Moje by Susan Ostrowski

### THURSDAY, MAY 4—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	Joan Otwell by loving family
12:10 pm	The Orr Family—Florence, Walter, John, and Noreen by Mary Staniszewski

### FRIDAY, MAY 5—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	Casimir M. Slaski & Family Robin Govenitto by husband, Dominic
8:15 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
12:10 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Bayerl and Pettit Families by Family Rev. Msgr. Michael E. Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

### SATURDAY, MAY 6—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	Jeanette Grasso by Regina A. Del Vecchio
10:00 am	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
12:10 pm	Norman Thor by Norm & JoAnn Schaaf
1:30 pm	<b>Wedding: Ronald Rubino and Linda Martinsen</b>
4:30 pm	Eugene Gary McCann by the McCann Family

### SUNDAY, MAY 7—Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Msgr. John J. McMahon by Arthur J. Smith & Family
10:00 am	Mary Ann Bialkowski and Deceased Members of the Bialkowski Family by Deacon Mark Bialkowski
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Helen McCormick (Birthday Remembrance) by Family



## 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!*



## VOCATION REFLECTION



Jesus is still calling shepherds to care for His flock. Very few answer the call, and so many souls go without this care. Change the trend! Consider the priesthood. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



**Michael Ostrich and Margaret Walker** were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, April 22, 2023.



**Olive Ghada Srouji**, daughter of Bashar & Julie Srouji, was baptized on April 16, 2023.

**Dean Vincent Bruzga**, son of Jeffrey Bruzga & Colleen Clavin, was baptized on April 23, 2023.

**Brooke Evelyn Rizzo**, daughter of Christopher & Annette Rizzo, was baptized on April 23, 2023.

**Jack Benjamin Colangelo**, son of TJ & Elizabeth Colangelo, was baptized on April 23, 2023.

## 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 May 9, May 23, June 6, and 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 after all Masses next weekend. They will be selling house plants (2 ½ inch size) for \$7 each. There will also be a display of three plants in a planter decorated for Mother's Day for \$21. Please stop down after Mass on the lower level of the Basilica next weekend; the ladies would appreciate your support!

New members are also welcome to join the Altar & Rosary Society. May is the month of their membership drive; dues are \$10/year. To join or renew, simply enclose your fee in the envelope in your parishioner offertory packet or visit <https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org> and select the Altar & Rosary option under "Second Collections." Meetings are the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am in the Basilica's Marian Room. All ladies ages 18+ are welcome to join!

For questions or more info, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

### ECCE PANIS: A CONCERT FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**Sunday, May 21 • 3:00 p.m.**

The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum will present "Ecce Panis: A Concert for Eucharistic Revival" in the Basilica on Sunday, May 21. "Ecce Panis" in Latin means "Behold the Bread" and is the theme for this concert, which will celebrate the Year of Eucharistic Revival in our Diocese. The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum, directed by Steve Quebral, is an "a cappella" choir dedicated to preserving, promoting and performing sacred choral works from the great treasury of music of the Catholic Church. Choral works by Bruckner, Allegri, Tallis, Byrd, Rheinberger, Pitoni and others will be performed by the choir. Free-will offerings will be accepted to support the ongoing efforts to preserve the OLV Basilica. For more information, follow the choir on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola, or email them at [JP2Schola@gmail.com](mailto:JP2Schola@gmail.com).

### 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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### OLV CINCO DE MAYO MEAT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NEW TREATMENT CENTER

Friday, May 5 •  
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

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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](mailto:ljames@olvcharities.org). Proceeds benefit OLV Human Services' new evaluation and treatment center.

Volunteers are also needed to assist from 4:30—9:30 p.m. If interested, contact Scott Weigley at 716-828-9657 or [sweigley@olvcharities.org](mailto:sweigley@olvcharities.org), or register to volunteer online at [www.olvcharities.org/olv-meat-raffle](http://www.olvcharities.org/olv-meat-raffle).

### YOUNG CATHOLIC FAMILIES RESOURCE DAY

Saturday, May 20 • 9 a.m.—Noon  
St. Amelia Church, 2999 Eggert Rd.,  
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Join us for a morning of resources to support you as you raise your Catholic family! Hear expert speakers and learn about education choices. \$15/person or \$25/couple. Free babysitting. Refreshments. For details or to register, go to <https://www.stameliaschool.org/resourceday>.

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Thursday, May 25 • 4:30—6:30 p.m.  
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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](http://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](http://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](mailto:sweigley@olvcharities.org).

### YOUNG ADULTS OF THE WAY

Introducing the Southtowns' newest community for young adult Catholics in their 20's! Discover new opportunities for fellowship, growth in faith, and fun! Join the GroupMe and Facebook groups by scanning the codes below. For more info, contact Rosalie Constable at [rosaliecon15@gmail.com](mailto:rosaliecon15@gmail.com) or Emily Cappello at [ejcappello27@gmail.com](mailto:ejcappello27@gmail.com).



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### 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 details, please contact me at 716-828-7494 or [czomeri@olvbasilica.org](mailto:czomeri@olvbasilica.org).

**CARM ZOMERI, DRE**

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<b>PARISH COLLECTIONS</b>	
Weekly	\$14,577.50
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Monthly	\$2,246.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Easter	\$205.00
Easter Flowers	\$436.15
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Shrine / Votive Candles	\$1,880.06
<b>ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 5/6	4:30 pm	Amanda & Richie English	Kathleen Clark, Mary Anne Jackson, Cindy Schaefer
Sun. 5/7	8:00 am	Jodie O'Connor	Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen, Ryan Harrington
	10:00 am		Patricia Osborne, Doreen West, Timothy Wing
	12:00 pm	Linda Smolen	Christopher Swan, Sandy Swiech, Jon Paul Trabucco
	4:30 pm	Eleanor Wieleba	Richard Grasso, Marsha Lipke, Robert McDonough

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