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February 12, 2023 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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(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:

3:00—4:00 p.m. and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 3:00—4:00 p.m.

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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 call 716-828-9444 or email olvrectory@olvbasilica.org. All are welcome!

GOSPEL REFLECTION for February 12, 2023

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass *every* Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or

you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir © LPI

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me." Wow. My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and his Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's

commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 am	Novena for the Sick
12:10 pm	Judy Neureuter by Karen Dobmeier
4:30 pm	Stephen Check by Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	Michael J. Bona by Petrina Bona & Family
12:00 pm	Barbara McCormick by Family
4:30 pm	Henry & Anna Kusmierczyk by Robert & Joanne Rand

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13—Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Spiritual Society Intentions
12:10 pm	Sofia Koshkina by Oleksiy Koshkin Lorene Katzman by Derek & Diane Smith

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14—Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

7:30 am	Dorothy A. Downey by the Downey Family
12:10 pm	John Dusza by grandson, David

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15—Weekday

7:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:10 pm	Helen M. Opiel (Anniversary of Death) by Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16—Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Helping Hands Club Members
12:10 pm	Kay Tolsma by Ron & Donna Kraus

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:30 am	Maria Herman by brother, Michael Nayda
8:15 am	OLV Spiritual Association Members
12:10 pm	Joseph & Cora Lipkus by Marshall & Carol Lipkus Barbara Mann by Marleah Close

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18—Weekday

7:30 am	Casimir M. Slaski (Birthday Remembrance)
12:10 pm	All Souls
4:30 pm	John J. Kordrupel by wife, Judy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Lawrence & Winifred (Wedding Anniversary) by Peter & Elaine Wolf
10:00 am	Deceased Members of the Patriots Club by Patriots Club Members
12:00 pm	Eugene Staniszewski by Wife & Family
4:30 pm	Alfreda Bodziak by the Bodziak 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!*



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.

Our daily 12:10 pm Masses (Monday—Saturday) are livestreamed. To view the live Masses, go to olvbasilica.org and click the "Live Streaming" button in the top right corner.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please continue to pray for our RCIA participants here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica:

Terrika Pereira
Timothy Boatman
James Taylor
Ashley Cannon
Kelly Dlugosz
Delaney Dynas
John Hruby
Joshua Malecki

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 February 21

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.

ANNUAL OLV SWEEPSTAKES

Saturday, March 25 • 6:30 p.m.
OLV Elementary Cafeteria and Gym

Purchase a ticket for our annual sweepstakes, sponsored by OLV Elementary School, with \$25,000 in prizes and a Grand Prize of \$10,000. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a party and drawing from 7:00—10:00 p.m. Snacks / beverages provided; outside food encouraged. Each ticket admits two adults (ages 21+). Winners need not be present to win. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the Rectory, in the School Office, or online at our WeShare page at olvbasilica.weshareonline.org. For questions or more info, please call the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444 or the School Office at 716-828-9434. Thank you for your support!

HEALING MASS

Wednesday, March 29 • 7:00 p.m.

Please come and join us for a Healing Mass. The main celebrant will be Fr. Richard DiGiulio, the Director of Charismatic Renewal for the Diocese of Buffalo. All are welcome to attend.

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 catechism review classes, which will take place during the season of Lent.

For questions, more information, or to register, please call Father Romulus at 716-828-9425.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, what God has prepared for those who love him." Come and find out what God has prepared for you! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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Thank you for your generosity to the children served at Our Lady of Victory Human Services. Your kindness assisted with purchasing gifts for approximately 85 children. They would not have had Christmas without your help. The economy and all the issues facing our families can be discouraging, but you made the children have a happy Christmas. The parents/caregivers want to say thank you. May you have a blessed 2023!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

Every week of the year, the OLV Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides emergency help to people in need by assisting them in finding solutions to their difficulties. The volunteers visit families in their

homes to offer aid, such as food, clothing, furniture, appliances, household items, and even Christmas presents.

In the last year, we made about 500 visits to homes, serving over 1,200 people, delivering over \$50,000 worth of aid. All of this has been due to the thoughtfulness of our parishioners through their donations in the Poor Boxes and Food Barrels, Thanksgiving Day offertory, Children's Liturgy Santa collection, numerous other OLV ministries, and the direct contributions you have given us via the mail or rectory. In addition, we have been enormously helped through our generous partnership with FeedMoreWNY and OLV Charities. On behalf of those that need our help, we graciously thank you for thinking of us all year long!



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an OLV podcast

re-told

Do you know who Venerable Nelson Baker is? And, if you do, how well do you know his story? "Father Baker: Retold," an OLV podcast, is devoted to telling some of the fascinating stories about Western New York's saintly hero that folks may know in part or not at all. The best part? Each episode features a special guest to help bring these remarkable tales to life. Available at www.olvcharities.org or wherever you get your podcasts (i.e. Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeartRadio).

THANK YOU
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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
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For easy online giving, please go to
<https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org>.

The collection totals from the weekend of January 22 were not available at the time this bulletin was sent to be printed. They will be printed in next week's bulletin.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

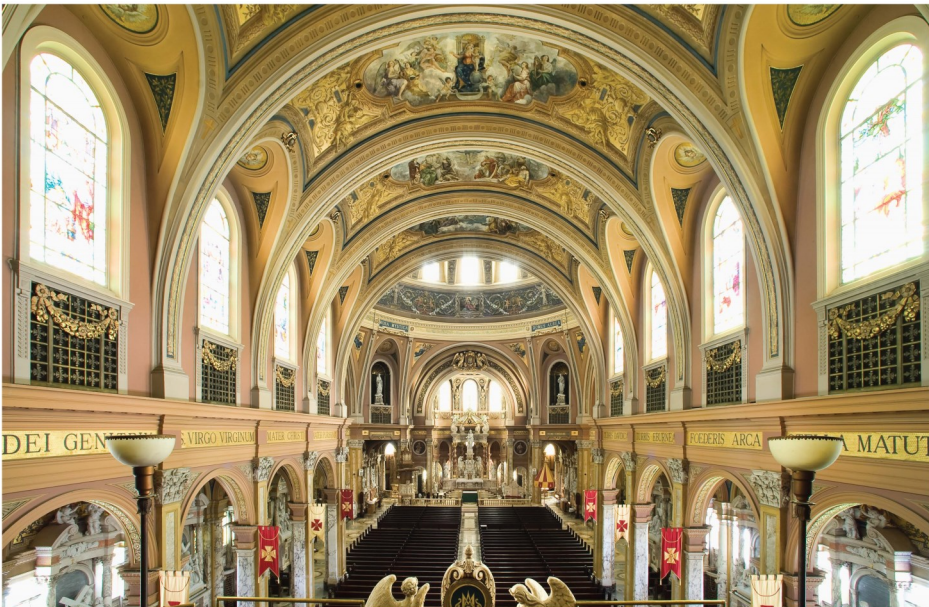


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The Basilica Gift Shop, located on the lower level next to the museum, carries a wide variety of Catholic gifts and religious merchandise, including materials related to Fr. Baker and Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

The gift shop is open seven days a week, including weekends, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (The shop closes daily from 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. for lunch.)

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DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 2/18	4:30 pm	Jeffrey Stenzel	Jean Dulak, Joanne Setlock, Mary Anne Jackson
Sun. 2/19	8:00 am	Chris Heyden	Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen, Molly McClenathan
	10:00 am	Melissa Mulqueen	Michael (Mickey) Kipler, Carolyn Kipler, Terrence McCann
	12:00 pm	Linda Smolen	Christopher Swan, Jon Paul Trabucco, Robert McDonough
	4:30 pm	Richie English Amanda English	Richard Grasso, Gregory Stachowski

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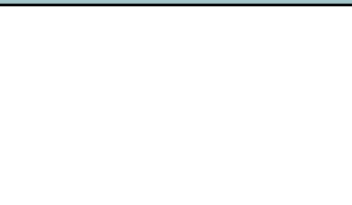
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