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# 1st Sunday OF LENT

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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:

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 BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS IN CHRIST,

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023:

The Season of Lent always coincides with our Annual Catholic Charities Appeal and Fund for the Faith. 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, which in 2022 served more than 134,000 individuals and families through 57 programs in 80 different locations across Western New York.

Catholic Charities is a beacon of **HOPE** for individuals, children and families in need across the eight counties of WNY. We serve people from all walks of life, without regard to faith. We **strengthen** and **empower** people to achieve meaningful, healthy and productive lives. We deliver support to meet immediate needs, and then assess for other needs to ensure long-term success.

#### How We Serve:

Number of people helped through:

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| • Basic Needs:                              | 16,196 |
| • Behavioral Health:                        | 11,651 |
| • Family safety and stabilization services: | 4,147  |
| • Food Pantries & WIC:                      | 92,934 |
| • Immigration and Refugee Assistance:       | 620    |
| • In-School Counseling & Support:           | 5,452  |
| • Old Adults Support:                       | 1,397  |
| • Workforce Development:                    | 1,866  |

You too can make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling and in need of assistance. Every donation (large or small) made to Catholic Charities makes a difference. **Last year in 2022 alone, here in Lackawanna, more than 72,964 individuals and family members from our immediate community were served by Catholic Charities. 17,416 of these lives were**

**children under the age of 18. We hope to continue making a difference for our neighbors here in Lackawanna.**

The Diocesan Goal for Appeal 2023 is \$9,500,000. 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 \$21,830 from 95 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 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.

You may also make a pledge, which is what 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 or visit [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org) or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321. Please identify yourself as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, so our parish is credited to ensure we make our parish goal. For info about Catholic Charities, visit [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org).

Please remember that HOPE starts with you. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus' message is clear: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Your support of Appeal 2023 carries out Jesus' call to us and brings HOPE and help to the lives of 125,000 children, families and adults in every corner of Western New York. 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. 100 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!

May God bless you for your generosity on behalf of those most in need throughout WNY.

Be assured of my grateful prayers. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you.

FR. DAVID

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25—Saturday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 am	Pam Pomorski-Chrzanowski by the Roward Family
12:10 pm	Robert Brooks by Linda Brooks
4:30 pm	David Jeffrey by Elizabeth Willard

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Carl Wappman, Jr. by Family
10:00 am	Michael P. & Stella Sanders by son, Michael
12:00 pm	Patricia Wilson by Jack Wilson
4:30 pm	Kevin Kowalczyk by Maxine Kotowski

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27—Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am	OLV House Blessing Intentions Rose Leary & James Schaffer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer
12:10 pm	Billy Zimmerman (living) by the Zimmerman Family Mary Marcotte by Ben Marcotte, Julie and Michelle

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	For the People of the Parish Sgt. John Kupkowski by Family
12:10 pm	Monsignor Robert C. Wurtz (Birthday Remembrance) Robert Gullekson by Mary Gullekson

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Father Baker Guild Members Mamie Balon (living) by Michael Beal
12:10 pm	Monsignor Robert C. Wurtz Mr. Marcy A. Just by Ken & Florence Horton & Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Deceased Members of the Idzior Family by Pat
12:10 pm	Jean DePasquale (Anniversary of Death) by Daughters Walter & Esther Wilk by Joanne Scofield

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3—Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:30 am	Casimir M. Slaski & Family
8:15 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
12:10 pm	Margaret Battista by the Battista Family & Diana McGuire Barbara Matuski by her club family
7:00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7:30 pm	Walter Walls by Joanna Beres

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4—Saint Casimir

7:30 am	Feliksa Misuna and Anton Misuna by Oleksiy Koshkin
12:10 pm	Jeanette Salmon by Derek & Diane Smith
4:30 pm	Cheryl Ann and Stella Gawel by the Gawel Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Angeline M. Olivieri by the Teach Family
10:00 am	Agnes Bengert, Bruce & Agnes Holmes by Jim & Karen Dillon
12:00 pm	OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Walter Balon by Norm & Paulette Mendrysa



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:00—4:00 and 7:00—7:30 p.m. In addition, Confessions will also be heard on the Eve of First Friday, which is **Thursday, March 2 from 3:00—4:00 p.m.** You may also call the Rectory Office to make an appointment.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will continue to have **Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent here at OLV Basilica at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.** However, if you wish to visit neighboring churches, you are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross at the host parish each remaining Friday in Lent as listed below:

- **Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Host Parish – Queen of Angels, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Host Parish – Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell
- **Friday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Host Parish – St. Anthony, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Host Parish – Our Lady of Bistrica, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Host Parish – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park



## 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 March 7 & 21 and 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.

### OLV SERVICE CLUB MEETING

#### Sunday, March 5 • 5:30 p.m.

The OLV Service Club will meet in the Elementary School Cafeteria to assemble Easter Baskets (to be distributed by St. Luke's Mission of Mercy) and care packages for people recently been released from prison (to be distributed by Peace Prints of WNY). All are welcome! We are also looking for the following donations:

#### Easter Baskets—

small stuffed animals, large chocolate bunnies (7-8 oz), coloring books, crayons, nerf balls, small wrapped candies, popper or fidget toys, books

#### gifts for released citizens—

boxers and undershirts (all sizes) pillows, blankets, hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, soaps, etc.), towels and washcloths

Please contact Kathryn Schultz at 716-361-3109 by 2/28 for donation pickups.

### TAKE-OUT FISH FRY DINNERS

#### Friday, March 3 & Good Friday, April 7

The 8th Grade OLV Class of 2023 is sponsoring two take-out Fish Fries to help defray the cost of their end-of-year class trip. The Fish Fries will be held on Friday, March 3 and also 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 (716-828-9434) or after Masses.

### KINDRED: TRADITIONAL CELTIC MUSIC

#### 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 11 Noon Mass on Sunday, March 12

With a blend of voice, cello, guitars, and percussion, musical duo Kindred has delighted audiences for years. They will provide music at 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 11 and at Noon Mass on Sunday, March 12.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

#### Sunday, March 12 • 10:00 a.m.

Have you ever attended a Children's Liturgy? We have them once a month. These Masses teach our children about Catholic worship and their role in it. The prayers, music and homily are directed to the younger members of the Church, but many "grown-ups" like them as well. See for yourself at **our next Children's Liturgy on Sunday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Practice for this liturgy will take place on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00—10:30 a.m. in the Basilica's Community Room.** Singers practice from 9:00—9:45 a.m. and all others practice from 9:45—10:30 a.m. See page 6 for the names of those scheduled. We need 2 or 3 greeters and more singers! **Please call Tina Hatem (716-826-5075) if your child wants to volunteer.** Everyone must practice unless excused by Tina. We look forward to seeing you there!

### EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISER AT BUFFALO'S BEST BAKERY

#### Sunday, March 12—Sunday, March 19

The 8th Grade OLV Class of 2023 is also sponsoring a fundraiser at Buffalo's

Best Bakery. Visit the bakery at 4510 Lake Avenue, Blasdell 14219 between Monday 3/12—Sunday 3/19 and 10% of your food order will be given to the class. While there, take a chance on the basket raffles and 50/50 split; 100% of these raffles benefit the class. Winners will be notified on 3/19. Prizes can be picked up at the restaurant on 3/20—3/21. For questions, call Allison Milligan at 716-208-9014. Thank you!

### 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 parish WeShare page at [olvbasilica.weshareonline.org](http://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!

### OLV ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE

#### Weekend of March 25-26

The OLV Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a bake sale after all Masses. We appreciate your support! For questions or more info, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

### 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 or more information, or if you would like to register, please call Father Romulus at the Rectory Office at 716-828-9425.**

## OLV GIFT SHOP

The OLV Gift Shop offers Catholic books and gifts to enhance your faith year round. There is no better time than the Season of Lent to pay a visit to the OLV Gift Shop, conveniently located on the lower level of the basilica, next to the Father Baker Museum. At the OLV Gift Shop, you can find a variety of devotional touchstones to enrich your Lenten journey, including Way of the Cross booklets, spiritual reading materials, crosses and rosaries, inspirational wall art, and much more. Throughout the season, all sterling silver jewelry is on sale. Save 20% when you purchase Christian jewelry at our gift shop. The OLV Gift Shop is open 7 days a week from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Baker Council #2243 are sponsoring a daily number raffle. Daily prize is \$25, with \$100 prizes on St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Days. The winning ticket is determined by the NYS evening daily number. Tickets must be received by 2/28. Donation is \$5. Winners will be paid by check and mailed on April 3. For tickets, call John at 716-597-8893 or Gene at 716-207-9036.



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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
*In re The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Case No. 20-10322*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Court entered an Order (the "Supplemental Bar Date Order") setting April 17, 2023, at 11:59 P.M. (prevailing Eastern time) (the "Supplemental Bar Date") as the deadline to assert claims against the Diocese arising from or relating to abuse that occurred when the survivor was 18 years of age or older, and which, prior to the enactment of the Adult Survivors Act (S.66A/A.648A) would have been subject to a statute of limitations defense ("Adult Claims"). If you have an Adult Claim against the Diocese you must file a claim on or before the Supplemental Bar Date. ANY CLAIM FILED PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BAR DATE ORDER SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY IN INTEREST TO ASSERT OBJECTIONS TO ANY CLAIM OR ITS TIMELINESS. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

## THANK YOU

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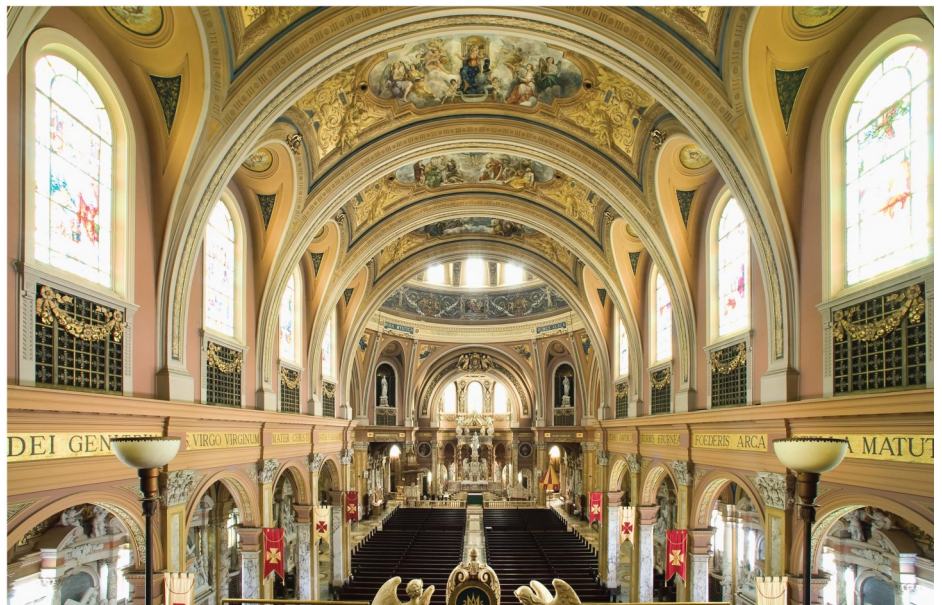
#### PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$9,184.00
Weekly Online	\$1,472.00
Monthly	\$235.00
Christmas	\$35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Holy Day: Immac. Conception (12/8)	\$10.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$30.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$85.00
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$2,165.70

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Readers	Nathan and Ryley Klimtzak, Erin Bialkowski
Collectors	Carter Cofield, Gavin Klimtzak, Kathryn Powers, Madelyn Powers
Gift Bearers	Seb Bialkowski, Jacob Sweeney
Greeters	(volunteers needed)
Singers	Noah Takacs, Hannah Sweeney

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 3/4	4:30 pm	Richie & Amanda English	Jean Dulak; Joanne Setlock
Sun. 3/5	8:00 am	Stanley "Russ" Plandowski, Jr.	Mary Patricia Allman; Molly McClenathan; Michaelene Murray
	10:00 am	Melissa Mulqueen	Patricia Jarosz; Sal Howard; Bridget Wood
	12:00 pm	Robert McDonough	Linda Smolen; Christopher Swan; Jon Paul Trabucco
	4:30 pm	William O'Rourke	Richard Grasso; Mary Anne Jackson; Scot Simmons



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