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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 on Christmas Eve) 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.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

JANUARY 1, 2023: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

We begin the New Year honoring our Blessed Mother Mary, as the Holy Mother of God. Mary humbly, selflessly, and obediently bore Christ to the world. May we follow her example in this new year and bear Christ to all God's children in our own little corner of the world.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023:

I know we are all looking forward to a safer, happier and healthier New Year 2023. Here are some thoughts you might find helpful in your own spiritual journey throughout this New Year 2023:

Practice Gratitude: Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. Seeing the good in your life will allow you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.

Encounter the Lord each day: Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it is for ten minutes or an hour. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

Be present to others: There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in people's lives. What a blessing it is to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence is much more valuable than you realize.

Resist overwork: There is pressure to produce, meet goals, and be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance.

Nurture family relationships and friendships: Our family and friends are those we choose to be with. They are a gift from God and give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. They need our time and our love.

Give more: Realize that everything that we have is a gift from God entrusted to us and needs to be shared. Consider living more simply and be healthy.

Don't give up: People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small manageable changes over time.

Turn to the Lord: Ask the Lord for guidance, strength and perseverance in achieving your resolutions. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Phil 4:13)

If Jesus is at the center of our New Year's resolutions, they have a better chance for success.

God bless you and your loved ones with a Happy & Healthy New Year 2023!



GRATITUDE:

On behalf of Fr. Paul, Fr. Romulus, Fr. Rob and myself, we wish to thank all those who sent us Christmas gifts, baked goods and other wonderful surprises at Christmas. You filled our rectory with love and peace.

I am also deeply grateful to all of our parishioners and benefactors who continue to give through their weekly contribution envelopes, whether brought to Mass or mailed or dropped off at the rectory. Your generous support enables us to maintain our beautiful Basilica as well as to support our ongoing mission and ministries. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DECORATORS:

On behalf of all of our parishioners here at OLV. I wish to thank the following individuals who came on Monday evening, December 19, to decorate the Basilica for Christmas: Gregory Stachowski (Director of Environment!) and a team of wonderful volunteers: Alan Miller. Diane Perfetto, Pia Perfetto, Brant & Cathy Jones, Frank D'Avanzato, Stephen & Kelly Phillips, Judy Slowik, Debbie Friend, Eric & Cherie Patcyk, Paula Sandy, Carol Maracle, Paul & Sue Koerner, the Hawrylczak Family (Daniel, Christine, Danny, Marguerite), Sue Zdrojewski, Daniel Moreno, and the Bialkowski Family (Deacon Mark, Stephanie, Erin and Zeb).

I also want to thank the OLV Charities Facilities Team for setting up the trees and the indoor and outdoor mangers and Christmas wreaths. I know we all agree they did a magnificent job and have made the Basilica all the more spectacular by the gift of their time and talent!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31—Saint Sylvester I, Pope

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Stachowski & Sikorski Families

by Gregory Stachowski

12:10 pm Gregory A. Mytych (Birthday Remembrance) by Lee and Barb Mytych

1:30 pm Wedding: Jordan Doyle & Kimberly Brignon

4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

(There will be no 4:30 pm Mass on New Year's Day.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2—Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

7:30 am George E. Michael by Estate Martha Kupkowski by Family

12:10 pm

Gianna Daddi by Ruth Smokowksi & Family

Richard & Carol Castiglia (living) by Catherine Chatwood

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Society Intentions

Dorothy A. Downey by the Downey Family

12:10 pm James Fawls by Msgr. David G. LiPuma

Roseann Kroboth by Phyllis Senick

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:30 am June Korejsza by Joseph & Diane Beres and Family

Pam Pomorski-Chrzanowski by the Roward Family

12:10 pm Pat Orsini by Sharon Puckhaber

Corrine Giermek and the Deceased & Living Members of her family

by her two Mary's

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5—Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:30 am Joan M. Horton by Msgr. David G. LiPuma

12:10 pm Justin Wiles by John Grandits

Erich Nikischer by Marion Brush

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6—Saint André Bessette, Religious

7:30 am Casimir M. Slaski & Family

Angelo Catanzaro by the Italian American Police Association

8:15 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions

12:10 pm Deceased Members of the Burkard & Heim Family by Msgr. Paul J. E. Burkard

Lillian Melohusky by the Melohusky Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7—Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

7:30 am Keith Matthews by Peggy Pfalzgraf and Rosemary Scahill

12:10 pm Daniel C. Verdi by wife, Carol A. and son, Daniel T.

4:30 pm Heather Anne Kelly by Elizabeth Willard

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society

10:00 am Joe Sciortino by Angela

12:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society

4:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Bayerl and Pettit Families 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!

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:00 — 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 — 7:30 p.m.

In addition, Confessions will also be heard on the Eve of First Friday:

Thursday, January 5 3:00 — 4:00 p.m.

You may also call the Rectory Office to make an appointment.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIVITY SETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Daily until January 6

Add another family-friendly Christmas tradition to your list and come see dozens of unique nativity sets from around the world. Featuring items made of all sorts of materials, hand-crafted by artisans from dozens of countries, this must-see exhibit—made possible by the Saint Francis Nativity Museum—can be viewed daily through January 6 in the lower level of the Basilica during normal visiting hours.

SOUTHTOWNS CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

Tuesdays • January 3—March 21 10:30—11:45 a.m. OR 6:30—7:45 p.m.

Our Mother of Good Counsel Activity Center 3688 South Park Avenue, Blasdell

Each Sunday at Mass, Catholics recite the Nicene Creed and profess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? This 10-week program will address common misunderstandings and provide answers that are clear, thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical.

Participate as a **Full Participant** (with a workbook that includes video notes, reading assignments, and discussion questions—\$10 cost) or a **Lite Participant** (watch video and join group discussion—free). Registration is required. Call or text Deacon Michael Dulak at 716-913-0476.

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 Jan. 10, Feb. 7, and Feb. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, January 8 • 10:00 a.m.

Happy New Year! Please join us next Sunday for our Children's Liturgy. See our Ministry Schedule on page 6 of this bulletin for the list of those scheduled to participate. We need greeters and another reader, collector, and gift bearer. We can always use more singers. For questions or to volunteer, please call **Tina Hatem at 716-826-5075**.

Practice will take place on Saturday, January 7 in the Basilica's Community Room. Singers will practice from 9:00—9:45 a.m. and readers, greeters, collectors, and gift bearers will practice from 9:45—10:30 a.m. All ministers must attend the practice, unless previously excused by Tina.

We invite the parish community to join us for our refreshments in the Marian Room after Mass. Donations of baked goods, bought or homemade, are welcome. We look forward to seeing you and we hope you will bring others.

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 are available at the Rectory or School Office. For questions, please call the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444 or the School Office at 716-828-9434. Thank you for your support!



Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room on the Basilica's lower level.

If you are considering entering the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), please contact Fr. Rob at the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444. All are welcome!

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

Terica Pereira, Timothy Boatman, James Taylor, Ashley Cannon, Kelly Dlugosz, Delaney Dynas, John Hruby, and Joshua Malecki

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? The Retrouvaille program is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health and is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register, call 716-474-9371 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. The next program weekend is January 27—29.

2023 CALENDAR COLLECTION

Have a 2023 calendar? Donate it to someone in prison by dropping it off at the OLV Rectory Office. Calendars cannot have any spirals. For more information, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.



Happy New Year! Is giving back one of your goals for 2023? If so, become a Catholic Charities volunteer.

View all our current opportunities at www.ccwny.org/volunteer and start the year by becoming a beacon of HOPE in your community!

If you have an urgent need or you are facing a crisis situation, visit www.ccwny.org to complete an online assistance form. Help and HOPE are available!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

God gives Moses the Priestly Blessing in today's first reading. We have the blessing; now we just need the priests to say it!

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, please contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit our website at buffalovocations.org.

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BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Lucy Charlotte Hess,

daughter of Robert II & Katherine Hess, was baptized on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

Palmer Olivia Piotrowski, daughter of Marc & Christina Piotrowski, was baptized on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Jackson Gabriel Lis, son of Gregory & Rebecca Lis, was baptized on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Juliette Cecelia Trabucco and Scarlett Emilia Trabucco, daughters of Dominic & Lisa Trabucco, were baptized on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Ronald Charles Trabucco III, son of Ronald Jr. & Carrie Trabucco, was baptized on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Leonardo Mack Colangelo, son of Zachary Sigl and Laura Colangelo, was baptized on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. PAGE 06 | SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL!

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!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

DADISH COLLECTIONS

| PARISH COLLECTIONS | |
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| Weekly | \$11,744.00 |
| Weekly Online | \$1,407.00 |
| Monthly | \$875.00 |
| All Souls (11/2) | \$5.00 |
| Christmas | \$195.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$717.00 |
| Easter | \$10.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$15.00 |
| Fuel | \$85.00 |
| Holy Day: All Saints (11/1) | \$5.00 |
| Holy Day: Ascension (5/26) | \$5.00 |
| Holy Day: Immaculate Conception (12/8) | \$495.15 |
| Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1) | \$50.00 |
| Shrine / Votive Candles | \$2,226.00 |
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| Campaign for Human Development | \$15.00 |
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| Holy Land | \$10.00 |
| Holy Name Society | \$30.00 |
| Religious Retirement Appeal | \$1,705.15 |

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

| Sunday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. | | | |
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| Readers | Nathan Kimzak, Erin Bialkowski | | |
| Collectors | Thomas Sweeney, Sebastian Bialkowski, Hunter Takacs | | |
| Gift Bearers | Jacob Sweeney | | |
| Greeters | (volunteers needed) | | |
| Singers | Hannah Sweeney, Noah Takacs | | |

| MINISTRY SCHEDULE | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------------|--|
| DATE | TIME | LECTOR | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS |
| Sat. 1/7 | 4:30 pm | Richie & Amanda English | Frances Dehlinger, Jean Dulak, Mary Anne Jackson |
| Sun. 1/8 | 8:00 am | Ryan Harrington | Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen, Molly McClenathan |
| | 10:00 am | Children's Liturgy | Sal Howard, Patricia Osborne |
| | 12:00 pm | Robert McDonough | Linda Smolen, Christopher Swan, Bridget Wood |
| | 4:30 pm | Stefan Gelle | Richard Grasso, Marsha Lipke, Gregory Stachowski |

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