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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.

GUIDED BASILICA TOURS

Please call the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444 if you are interested in scheduling a group tour.



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!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN CHRIST,

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY:
JANUARY 16, 2023:

In observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us pray for an end to racism, hatred and violence in all of its forms. Let us resolve to honor and respect every human being as created in the image and likeness of God. And let us resolve to restore peace, justice and love in all that we say and in all that we do.

Here are some quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King to inspire change and make our society and our world a better place to live and raise our children:

- “The time is always right to do what is right.”
- “Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.”
- “If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”
- “Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”
- “Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope.”
- “For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory.”

Amen! Alleluia!

**WE HAVE BEGUN THE NEW
PHASE IN OUR LADY OF VICTORY
NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA
RESTORATION PROGRAM:**

As you know, over the past number of months, we have done a considerable



amount of restoration work on the outside of the Basilica, including the drainage system, roof replacement and repairs, as well as ongoing work with the stained glasses windows in the nave.

Our Basilica Restoration Program is now shifting into a new phase with the restoration of the pews and floors. For some time, we have had a section roped off near the St. Joseph Altar to demonstrate what will be done.

I am very excited to announce that the famed Kittinger Furniture Company, located here in Clarence, New York, has been selected to refinish and restore our 100 year old African mahogany pews. Kittinger has a long, distinguished history, including creating furniture for the White House and the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. The pews will also have new padded kneelers and, when re-installed, will allow us to widen the main aisle.

The removal of the pews has commenced as of January 9. Approximately one-quarter of Basilica pews will be removed at any one time. While certain sections of pews will be offsite, the corresponding floor areas will be worked on and restored. Under the pews, an epoxy surface will be applied. Contiguous marble aisle walkways will be repaired, burnished, and coated. It is our hope that a majority of the work will be completed by **the beginning of Holy Week, April 2.**

We should all be prepared for a fair amount of disruption in the Basilica.



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!*

I kindly ask for your patience and understanding, but our goal is to keep the Basilica open throughout the construction period.

When you enter the Basilica, signage will indicate if daily Mass will take place in the upper Basilica or the Brvenik Community Room (former Choir Room), located on the lower level of the Basilica. Weekend Masses will still be accommodated in the Basilica as per usual, but with modified seating and location of a temporary altar. Daily visitors are still welcome, but may be restricted in certain areas of the Basilica and please be aware that there will be noise and disruption.

This is truly an exciting new stage in our Basilica restoration efforts. All of this is being done as part of our five year Centennial Celebration of the building of the Basilica, begun by our beloved founder, Fr. Baker, in August of 1921 and completed for the Dedication/Consecration of the Basilica in May of 1926.

In May of 2026, we look forward to a grand celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Basilica and ensuring that this magnificent treasure that has been handed on to us will be cared for now for the next 100 years.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sentiments of deepest gratitude and appreciation to David Kersten, CEO for

OLV Charities, Yordan Kovatchki, Director of Facilities, Michael Sullivan, Diocesan Director of Buildings & Properties, and a very talented team of architects and engineers, who meet every two weeks to guide and direct our Basilica Restoration Program. You can be assured that our Basilica is in good hands!

I am also profoundly grateful to all those who have donated towards our *Centennial Capital Campaign* to allow us to continue the legacy of Father Baker and to care for our magnificent basilica.

If you are also interested in helping, please contact OLV Charities' Mission Advancement Office at 716-828-9572 or contact me at the rectory regarding how you can participate in our *Centennial Capital Campaign*.

Once again, I sincerely want to thank all of you for being wonderful parishioners, benefactors, and friends of OLV. None of this would be possible without your support.

May Father Baker intercede for you, may Our Lady of Victory protect you, and may Almighty God bless you abundantly with His love and peace.

**GRATEFULLY,
FR. DAVID**

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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.

RCIA
...A Journey in Faith

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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
Joshua Malecki

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14—Weekday

7:30 am	Kenneth Preston by Anita Juda
12:10 pm	James F. Harris by Bob Makin
4:30 pm	Antoinette M. "Toni" LiPuma by Kathleen Stock

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Arthur & Mary J. Damstetter by daughter, M. Alessi
10:00 am	Mary Ann Krajcer by the Gawel Family
12:00 pm	Donald Guay by Marcia Turner
4:30 pm	Carmela Aquino by Carol Mahiques

MONDAY, JANUARY 16—Weekday

7:30 am	Frank Ricotta by the Italian American Police Association Arlene Lauer by Arthur & Regina Lauer
12:10 pm	Pasquale J. "Luke" Orsini by Deacon Michael & Judie Comerford Ted & Ruth McCann by sons

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17—Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:30 am	Brook Tyler (living) by Jack Zimmerman
12:10 pm	Dan Nye by Ed & Joanne Ricotta Richard M. Lata, Sr. by Marianne Honan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18—Weekday

7:30 am	Judy Diviak by Dianne Bosinski
12:10 pm	Lillian Beasley by Carol Tokarczyk Mark Deacon by the Steinwald Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19—Weekday

7:30 am	Philip J. Marks by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
12:10 pm	Marian Check by Family Jen-i m. Sikorski by Robert, Richard & Carolyn Sikorski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20—Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

7:30 am	Marion A. Michael by Estate
8:15 am	OLV Spiritual Association Members
12:10 pm	Evelyn Albohn by the Powers Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21—Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 am	Albin Sasiadek by son, David
12:10 pm	Colin J. MacDonald by Barbara, Tim and Colin Regis
4:30 pm	The Dillon Siblings: Joanne, Bill, Theresa and Peggy by the Dillon Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Rose Orzech by the Orzech Family
10:00 am	Dennis Catalano by Barb Catalano
12:00 pm	Ann T. O'Leary by the O'Leary Family
4:30 pm	Luigi Tummino by Angela Tumminno

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Rectory Office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 16 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 7 and 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.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS
Adeline Belle LaCroix, daughter of Maurice & Ashley LaCroix, was baptized at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, January 7, 2023.
Lyla Mary Larusch, daughter of Justin & Bridgett Larusch, was baptized at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

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. Sweepstakes tickets can also be purchased online through our parish WeShare site at olvbasilica.weshareonline.org. For questions, 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.

VOCATION REFLECTION

John the Baptist was called to a unique role in God’s plan of salvation. Every call to ministry is crucial. There are people that you can reach who would otherwise never know the hope of the Gospel. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, please contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



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THANK YOU

for your generosity

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>.

Due to the December blizzard and the Lackawanna travel ban, there was no offertory collection for the weekend of December 24-25, 2022. The offertory deposit for December 31—January 1 will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

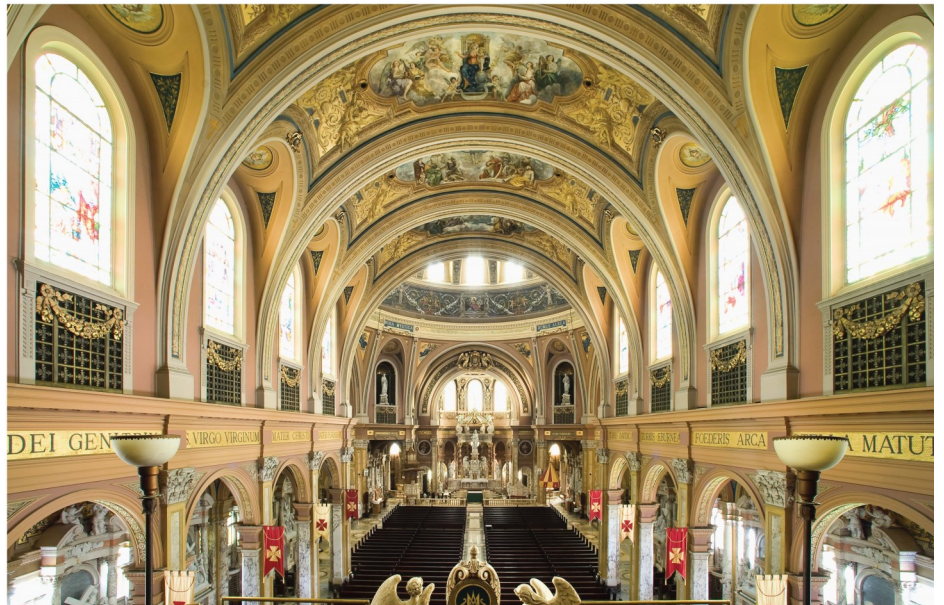
We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

VISIT OUR BASILICA GIFT SHOP

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.)

We encourage visitors to stop in to the Gift Shop to see what we have to offer. Your purchases support OLV and help us to continue the legacy of Father Baker.



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 1/21	4:30 pm	Glenn Reid	Frances Dehlinger, Jean Dulak, Mary Anne Jackson
Sun. 1/22	8:00 am	Miriam Trojanovic Chris Heyden	Catherine Bergen, Ryan Harrington
	10:00 am	Melissa Mulqueen	Patricia Osborne, David West, Doreen West
	12:00 pm	Linda Smolen	Molly McClenathan, Robert McDonough, Bridget Wood
	4:30 pm	Linda "Mickey" Pawenski	Richard Grasso, Marsha Lipke, Scot Simmons

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