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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Mary Doyle-Szlosek, Principal 2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna 716-828-9434 elementary@olvbasilica.org

www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, 7:30 am—11:30 a.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Carmelann Zomeri, Director 2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna 716-828-9437 religioused@olvbasilica.org

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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.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

DISCOVER AND CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023:

Beginning next Sunday, January 29 -February 4, we will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week with Catholic Schools across our country. The theme for 2023 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Here at Our Lady of Victory, we are proud to be one of 34 Catholic Elementary Schools across the Diocese of Buffalo. Through a Catholic education, our children benefit from religious guidance, prayer, and the support the parish provides to build a strong faith-based community. By focusing on faith, excellence, and service, the children entrusted to our care learn the importance of family, community, and serving others. Our mission is to educate our children to reach their full potential in an atmosphere rooted in Catholic tradition and Gospel values.

Our students truly are grounded in Faith...Excellence...Service...and Succeed here at OLV and for a promising future!



The benefits of a Catholic education have been studied and welldocumented. Results show that students who attend Catholic school receive a challenging, high-quality



academic experience in a supportive environment, with an emphasis on Catholic Christian values and preparation for High School. The self-discipline developed by students, along with learning to accept responsibility and to respect others, work together to create excellent life-long learners.

As your Pastor, I am extremely proud of Our Lady of Victory School and the high quality of Catholic education, academic excellence and the moral and spiritual formation we provide to our students. We are a Catholic School that forms and educates Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All are welcome!

I wish to express my sentiments of deepest gratitude and appreciation first and foremost to our parents and guardians for choosing Our Lady of Victory School for the education and formation of their children. I know our parents realize that sending their children to our school is a wise investment that will promise to pay huge dividends in the future of these boys and girls, who will grow to become productive members of our Church and society, rooted in strong moral values and respect for all people. With that being said, I wish to acknowledge the exemplary

leadership of our Principal, Mary Szlosek, and our excellent faculty and staff. We could never pay our teachers enough for all that they do for our children. Please join me in thanking them for their great work and ministry as teachers.

I also extend huge thanks to OLV Charities, our Parish Finance Council, and to all of our parishioners and benefactors who support our school through our various fundraisers and our "Sister Ellen O'Keefe Angel Fund," which provides tuition assistance to those in need. Your generosity and support allow us to do many things for our school and to keep the tuition affordable for our families.

Finally, I encourage everyone to become "ambassadors" for OLV School by informing the surrounding community of Lackawanna, Blasdell, Orchard Park, Buffalo and beyond of the great treasure we have here in our faculty, students and families. Please invite parents of school-aged children that you know to come and see and tour our wonderful school. Our Open House is Sunday, January 29, immediately following our 10:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate Catholic Education here at OLV until 1:00 p.m. You can also call the School Office (716-828-9434) anytime during the school week to schedule a personal

Our Lady of Victory School has been educating and forming children for over 120 years and I pray that we will continue to serve our community for many more years to come. I pray every day to Father Baker and our Patroness, Our Lady of Victory, to watch over and protect our children, families, teachers and staff and to keep our school strong and viable.

tour with our Principal.

May God bless Our Lady of Victory School and may God bless our parishioners for your support!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

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 Tuminno

MONDAY, JANUARY 23—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30 am Shirley Wilczewski (Birthday Remembrance) by Kathy Stepnowski

12:10 pm Mary M. Stachowski by grandson, Gregory Stachowski

Todd Robinson by Dale & Lorie Steinwald

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24—Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am David Greenway by the Arcuri Family

Al Rohloff by Paul & Lucy Schaefer

12:10 pm Peter & Concetta Battista by the Battista Family

Rev. Msgr. Michael E. Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25—The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

7:30 am Pam Pomorski-Chrzanowski by the Roward Family

Peter Sartori by wife, Elizabeth Sartori

12:10 pm Walter Burdzy Jr. by the Swiech Family

Mildred E. Idzior by Gregory Stachowski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26—Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:30 am Raymond Stoklosa by Arlene Stoklosa

Robert Michel by Harold & Olive Michel

12:10 pm Lillian Melohusky by the Melohusky Family

Kenneth Preston by Dave & Trish Lanz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27—Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

7:30 am Anthony D. Mancinelli by Regina A. Del Vecchio

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

12:10 pm Sam & Jeanette Grasso by children

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28—Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Shirley Ptak by Theresa Kania

12:10 pm William I. and Florence Mayback by children 4:30 pm Emil Mascelllino, Jr. by Darlene Nieman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Patrick J. Gallagher (Anniversary of Death) by loving wife, Marilyn

10:00 am Joseph J. Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

12:00 pm Charles Wilson by Morgan & Rita O'Brien

4:30 pm William F. Kihl by Peggy Pfalzgraf



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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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

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.



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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.



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

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. The next program weekend is January 27—29. For details or to register, please call 716-474-9371 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

CATHOLIC FERTILITY CARE INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS

Understanding how your body works puts you in charge and frees you of drugs or devices. The Creighton Model FertilityCare System offers couples a scientifically sound, morally acceptable way to be proactive about health decisions and family planning, and is effective in achieving and avoiding pregnancy. An Introductory Session will be held at the Sisters' Hospital Seton Building (2121 Main Street, Suite 100, Buffalo 14214) on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. Call 716-862-1944 for questions or to pre-register.

OLV ELEMENTARY

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OLV SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29 ● 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Open to all families with children entering PK4—8th Grade in September 2023.

- Meet teachers to learn more about curriculum and student activities available at all grade levels
- Student-led tours
- Technology Lab demonstrations

Beyond NYS standards-based curriculum, OLV School offers Regents level courses to 8th Grade students, a vocal music program, a 1:1 technology device program, STREAM, and athletics throughout the year, all within a faith-filled child-centered environment!



ALUMNI REUNION

Friday, February 3 • 5:30 —7:30 p.m.
OLV School Cafeteria

Open to ALL OLV alumni! Spread the word!! Come gather with classmates and other alum. Reminisce about your school days and learn about the OLV of today! Light refreshments and beverages will be served. Special Guest: Sr. Ellen O'Keefe. RSVP by Friday, January 27 to Paula at the School Office at 716-828-9435.



OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OLV Elementary School has provided students with a vibrant, safe, and nurturing environment for more than 120 years! Whether in classrooms, computer labs, or sports fields, our teachers shape the leaders of tomorrow and provide the building blocks for unlocking each child's vast potential.

OLV offers small class sizes, spiritual formation, and a proven track record of preparing children for high school and life! Additionally, we offer a morning / after school care program to further the social and educational development of our children.

OLV is a licensed STREAM institution that has a forward-thinking curriculum that focuses on Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics.

For more information or to schedule a personal tour, please call our school office at 716-828-9434.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR JANUARY 22

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth

and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He relocates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir ©LPi PAGE 06 | SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

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.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

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Monthly	\$1,843.00
All Souls	\$5.00
Christmas	\$7,698.65
Christmas Flowers	\$154.00
Fuel	\$201.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$16.00
Holy Day: Imm. Conception (12/8)	\$308.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$4,916.65
Pennies to Heaven	\$597.04
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$4,362.00
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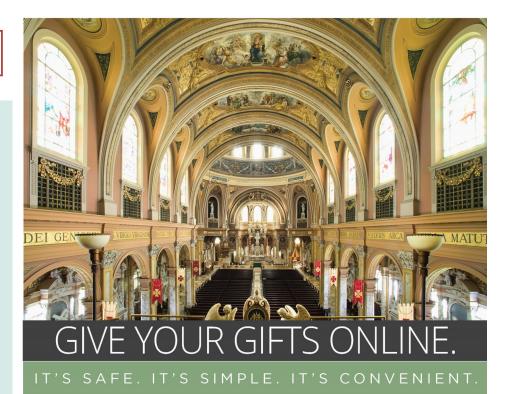
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Campaign for Human Develop.	\$10.00
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Holy Name Society	\$5.00
Religious Retirement Appeal	\$134.00

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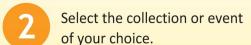
BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Andrew Jay Benzo, son of Andrew Jay Benzo, Sr. and Chelsea Withey, was baptized at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, January 15, 2023.



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DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
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Sun. 1/29	8:00 am	Ryan Harrington	Mary Patricia Allman, Richard Grasso, Molly McClenathan	
	10:00 am	Christopher Swan	Sal Howard, Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann	
	12:00 pm	Sandy Swiech	Linda Smolen, Jon Paul Trabucco	
	4:30 pm	Kathy Dimitrievski	Stefan Gelle, Marsha Lipke, Gregory Stachowski	

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