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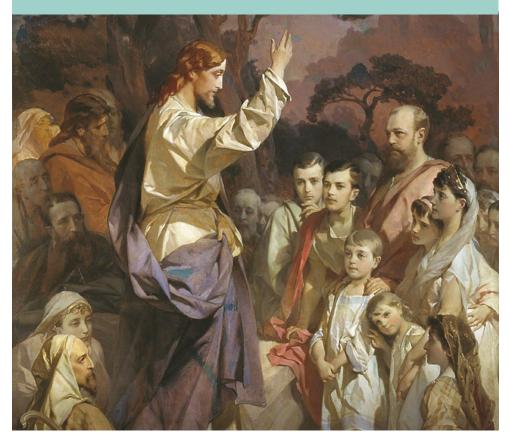
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## January 29, 2023 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### **COME & WORSHIP**

#### **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 this 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 quardians 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 this 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 tour with our Principal.

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.

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

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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

7:30 am Shirley Ptak by Theresa Kania

12:10 pm William I. and Florence Mayback by children4:30 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

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 30—Weekday

7:30 am OLV House Blessing Intentions

12:10 pm Valentina Rojas (living) by Joe & Edie Kibler

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31—Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:30 am Mary Marcotte by Ben Marcotte, Julie and Michelle 12:10 pm Cynthia A. Sherman by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1-Weekday

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:10 pm Ann Tarnowski by Ed & Pat Jarosz

Thomas "Tom" Puleo, Jr. by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2—The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 am Mary Gromoll by Deacon Michael & Judie Comerford12:10 pm Barbara Strusienski by Deacon Jose E. Rivera & Family

Maureen Mitskoff by the Podkulski Family

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3—Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:30 am Novena for the Sick

Casimir M. Slaski & Family

8:15 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions

12:10 pm Paul A. Mann by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4—Weekday

7:30 am Novena for the Sick

12:10 pm Joseph V. Schmigel, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance) by Mary Ann Schmigel & Family

4:30 pm Diane Nottingham by friend, Linda Klice

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Novena for the Sick

10:00 am Richard Startek by wife, Susan Startek & Family

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

4:30 pm Teodoro Ramos by Paula Katrina Ramos



# 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.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please join us for our next Children's Liturgy on Sunday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Practice will take place on Saturday, February 4 in the Community Room. Singers practice from 9:00—9:45 a.m. and readers, greeters, gift bearers, and collectors practice from 9:45—10:30 am. All ministers must attend the practice unless excused by Tina. See page 6 for the names of those already scheduled. Please call Tina at 716-826-5075 to have your child volunteer or with any questions.

We also invite the parish community to join us for our refreshments in the Marian Room after Mass. Donations of baked goods are always welcome!

As always we look forward to seeing you!

#### **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.





#### 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 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 Monday, January 30 to Paula at the School Office at 716-828-9435.

#### 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.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The difficulties faced by our children today are some of the most daunting seen in generations. Right now, they are struggling through challenging times unlike any seen for more than 100 years. Each day, they find themselves trying to navigate a digital era, one marked by relentless social media bullying and online cyberthreats, not to mention a national mental health crisis arising from both of the issues listed above and compounded by the traditional ups and downs of adolescence.

I frequently ask myself what I can do to help my children better deal with these seemingly insurmountable obstacles. I find that now—given the challenges they face—there may be no time in which the qualities instilled by a Catholic education are more needed.

I am grateful to my parents for making the sacrifices they did so that my brother, sister, and I could attend Catholic schools and grow in a strong, faith-based academic environment. Doing so helped shape us into quality people with sound moral compasses.

The eighth-grade motto at our school reads: Once strangers. Then friends. Now Family. The atmosphere of Catholic schools is one in which students feel comfortable taking risks and finding successes in a variety of ways. The "family feel" encourages students to be supportive of one another in classrooms and on athletic fields and stages. And ask any of your friends or family members who have attended Catholic schools, and they will tell you that the bonds formed during their school-aged years connected them with friends for life.

According to the National Catholic Educational Association, Catholic schools consistently outperform others by as much as 20 percentage points on national and standardized tests. While curriculums are aligned with state standards, the extra resources available to Catholic school students—along with generally smaller class sizes—provide more enriching activities and individualized attention, both proven

catalysts to success. Catholic schools also allow for additional exploration and accept each child as a person, rather than just a student.

Catholic schools are financially supported by local parishes that absorb some tuition costs. In addition, thanks to the generous support of alumni, friends, and benefactors, more assistance is available to families who otherwise would not be able to enroll their children.

Each and every day, parents make decisions that impact their children's lives. Without question, some of the most important revolve around choosing the highest quality education.

I encourage you, if you are investing in the future of your children, to continue to explore and capitalize on the unique and critical benefits a Catholic education can provide.

MARY DOYLE-SZLOSEK PRINCIPAL

# 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!



## 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.

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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 <a href="https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org">https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org</a>. We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

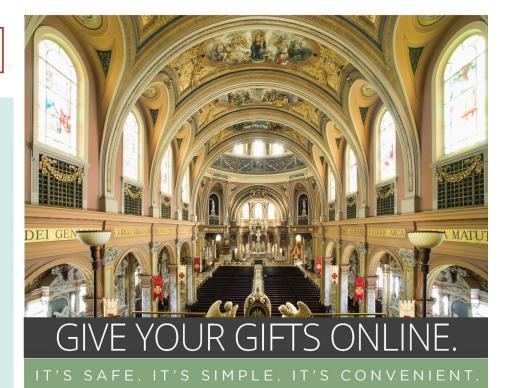
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY				
Sunday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.				
Readers	Josephine Burton, Lyla Oehler, Erin Bialkowski			
Collectors	Thomas Sweeney, Sebastian Bialkowski			
Gift Bearers	Jacob Sweeney, Henri Burton			
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Singers	Hannah Sweeney, Noah Takacs, Lyla Oehler			

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Sat. 2/4	4:30 pm	Richie English Amanda Torrelli	Jean Dulak, Joanne Setlock, Mary Anne Jackson	
Sun. 2/5	8:00 am	Ryan Harrington	Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen, Michalene Murray	
	10:00 am	Children's Liturgy	Terrence McCann, Patricia Osborne	
	12:00 pm	Art Smith	Linda Smolen, Sandy Swiech, Jon Paul Trabucco	
	4:30 pm	Scot Simmons	Richard Grasso, Robert McDonough, Kathy Dimitrievski	

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