

March 5, 2023 | Second Sunday of Lent



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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.

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Saturdays:  
3:00—4:00 p.m. and 7:00—7:30 p.m.  
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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:

**GUEST HOMILIST :  
DEACON STEVE SCHUMER**

This weekend, I am pleased to welcome Deacon Steve Schumer, President & CEO of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Buffalo, who will preach at all the weekend Masses. Deacon Steve has a passionate commitment to promoting Catholic Charities in our diocese in order to provide for all those in need.

Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin on Catholic Charities and the impact our parish made to the Lackawanna community in 2022.

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 \$25,540.40 from 132 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 donating 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/donations](https://ccwny.org/donations) or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321. Please identify yourself as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, so that our parish is credited to ensure we make our parish goal. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit [ccwny.org](https://ccwny.org).

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 2023 served 134,000 individuals and families through 57 programs in 80 different locations across Western New York. Thank you to all who have contributed to date!

### **PATRON OF THE APPEAL: VENERABLE NELSON BAKER**

Our patron this year is our very own beloved founder, Venerable Nelson Baker. One hundred 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.

### BASILICA RESTORATION UPDATE

As you can see, this past week restoration work has begun on the main floor of the Basilica. They continue to repair areas of the floor that have been broken over the years and are preparing for the new flooring under the pews. The marble floors will continue to be repaired and eventually polished throughout the Basilica.

**To allow the work to continue with as little disruption as possible, both daily**

**Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. (Monday – Saturday morning) will now take place in the "Susan Brvenik Community Room" (former Choir Room), located on the lower level of the Basilica. 7:00 a.m. Daily Morning Prayer will also take place in the Lower Basilica.**

Weekend Masses will still be accommodated in the Basilica as usual, but with modified seating and location of the temporary altar. Daily visitors are still welcome, but may be restricted to certain areas of the Basilica. 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 being done as part of our five year Centennial Celebration of the Building of the Basilica, begun by our beloved founder, Father Baker, in August of 1921 and completed for the Dedication/Consecration of the Basilica in May of 1926. We should all continue to be prepared for a fair amount of disruption in the Basilica. I am most grateful for your patience, flexibility and understanding, but our goal is to keep the Basilica open throughout the construction period and hopefully to have 50% of the work completed in time for Holy Week & Easter. Father Baker & Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Friday, March 17**

**Please note that the 12:10 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Upper Basilica** to accommodate the number of people who attend the Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass and the Parade afterwards to Lackawanna City Hall.

Bishop Michael Fisher has also granted a commutation of the discipline of abstaining from meat on March 17, 2023. A commutation of this discipline means that those Catholics who choose to eat meat on Friday, March 17 are obliged to choose another day before March 24, 2023 to abstain from eating meat.

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

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 6—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Spiritual Society Intentions Bob & Charmaine Twist by Family
12:10 pm	Samuel J. Chiodo II by Sara, Jil, Amanda & Claudia Vincent F. Ferraro by Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7—Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:30 am	Vincent Dominiak by Rosemary Scahill
12:10 pm	Carol Ann Denny by Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8—Saint John of God, Religious

7:30 am	Msgr. Michael E. DelVecchio by the DelVecchio Family John Lawrence Johnson, Jr. by Thomas and James Johnston
12:10 pm	For the People of the Parish Lydia Puccini by Michael & Kathleen Pack

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9—Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

7:30 am	Robert E. Klier by Chuck Wenzel
12:10 pm	Rina Sartini by Giulia Stefanelli and Diana Stefanelli Corrine Giermek and the deceased and living members of her family by her two Marys

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Jeanne Kudlets (Anniversary of Death) by daughter, Marilyn Gallagher Jim Styles by Ken & Beth Mazur
8:15 am	OLV Helping Hands Club Members
12:10 pm	Kevin Bartosz (Anniversary of Death) by wife Denise & Children Winifred Carden (Birthday Remembrance) by Children
7:00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7:30 pm	Margaret "Peg" Kessler by the Ross Family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
12:10 pm	Marilyn Schott by Dawn and Courtney Griffin
4:30 pm	Louis, Ann and Donna Manzo by Frank & Jean Dulak

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	Daniel Petrie by Kenneth Zulawski
12:00 pm	Carol Delaney by Joe & Chris Ceccarelli
4:30 pm	Oliver Stefanelli by Giulia Stefanelli & Diana

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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,*

## 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 10 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Host Parish – Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdel
- **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.

### 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 will also be volunteering at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry on **Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join us!

Please contact Kathryn Schultz with any questions at 716-361-3109.

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

**Weekend of March 11—12**

Girl Scout Troop 31478 will be back again this year selling delicious Girl Scout cookies after all weekend Masses. The girls use these funds to learn new skills, go on new adventures, pay for badges, and for community service projects. Cookies are \$6 a box this year. The girls truly appreciate you helping them achieve Scouting goals!

### 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.**

Join us next weekend for our next Children's Liturgy. (Please call Tina Hatem at 716-826-5075 if your child wants to volunteer; practice will be on Saturday, March 11 from 9—10:30 a.m. in the Basilica's Community Room.) We look forward to seeing you!

### CENTENNIAL EVENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES— or anyone wanting to have a bit of fun exploring our beautiful Basilica!

**Sunday, March 12 • 11:00 a.m.**

Following the 10:00 a.m. Children's Mass, come to the Marian Room to get a copy of a hands-on Scavenger Hunt of OLV! You can complete the scavenger hunt before the Noon Mass. This is just a small taste of a larger scavenger hunt to come. Also, pick up some coloring pages of Fr. Baker and OLV to practice for a children's art exhibit. More information on the contest is forthcoming; please watch the bulletin for announcements. We look forward to seeing you on March 12!

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

**Sunday, March 12—Sunday, March 19**

The 8th Grade OLV Class of 2023 is 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!

### LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES: Easter: The Path of Life (Jn 14:6)

**Sunday, March 19 & Sunday, March 26  
9:00 a.m. (between Masses)**

Amid our increasingly dark and unstable world, the Gospel proclaims that the light of hope and security can be found in Jesus, even today. Consider... Precisely what did Jesus do and what can he do for us—now, throughout the rest of our lives, and into a longed-for eternity. Join us for a Scripture- and reason-based series that will explore this complex question, as well as touch upon topics such as the nature of the human person, the soul, sin, salvation, and faith. Leading these thought-provoking, one-hour sessions is Michael Sherry, former member of the faculty and academic dean at Christ the King Seminary. There is no charge to attend.

### 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 [olvbasilica.weshareonline.org](http://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org). For questions or more information, please call the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444 or the School Office at 716-828-9434. Thank you for your support!

## ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE

Weekend of March 25-26

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

## HEALING MASS

Wednesday, March 29 • 7:00 p.m.

Please 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!



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher, the Bishop of Buffalo, presided at the Rite of Election this past Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral in downtown Buffalo. The Rite of Election takes place each year on the First Sunday of Lent. Catechumens (*unbaptized individuals*) indicate their desire to join the Church by signing the Book of the Elect (*a formal record of the names of those from the parish who have been elected for Baptism*), giving them the title "*members of the elect*." These *members of the elect* are on their way to being initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, we are very excited to welcome our following catechumens: **Kelly Dlugosz, Terrika Pereira, and Sara Chase.**

We are proud to announce that the following individuals are anticipating full communion into the Church at this year's Easter Vigil: **Timothy Boatman, James Taylor, and Chelsea Withey.** Timothy, James, and Chelsea felt the calling from the Holy Spirit to transition from other Christian denominations into full communion with the Catholic Church. The RCIA program here at OLV is also overjoyed to announce that **Ashley Cannon, Delaney Dynas, John Hruby, and Michael Laughlin** (who have all been previously baptized into the Catholic Church) are ready to receive the remaining sacraments of initiation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, at the Easter Vigil.

Therefore, the OLV community, in the spirit of gratitude, would like to ask for the continued prayers for those seeking to be fully initiated into our vibrant faith community. We would also like to thank Joshua Malecki and Kelly Eagan for their active participation in deepening their faith by attending our RCIA classes. The RCIA team and the entire OLV family humbly asks for the continued prayers for all those preparing to be fully welcomed into our community this Easter: Kelly Dlugosz, Terrika Pereira, Sara Chase, Timothy Boatman, James Taylor, Chelsea Withey, Ashley Cannon, Delaney Dynas, John Hruby, and Michael Laughlin.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Many adult Catholics 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, consider attending our catechism review classes. **For questions or to register, please call Fr. Romulus at the Rectory at 716-828-9425.**

### 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/diocesefofbuffalo> 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.

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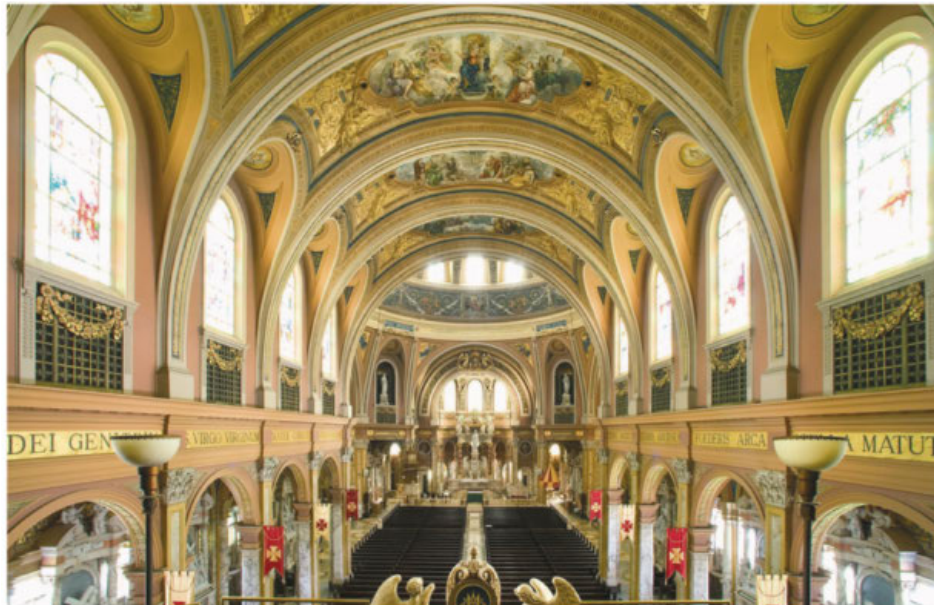
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Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$20.00
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$1,945.46

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 3/11	4:30 pm	Jeffrey Stenzel	Frances Dehlinger, Cindy Schaefer, Mary Anne Jackson
Sun. 3/12	8:00 am	Miriam Trojanovic	Richard Grasso, Catherine Bergen, Ryan Harrington
	10:00 am	(Children's Liturgy)	Michael (Mickey) Kipler, Carolyn Kipler, Terrence McCann
	12:00 pm	Art Smith	Molly McClenathan, Sandy Swiech, Bridget Wood
	4:30 pm	Stefan Gelle	Robert McDonough, Kathy Dimitrievski, Gregory Stachowski



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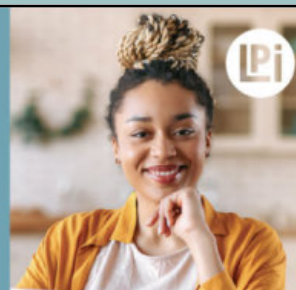
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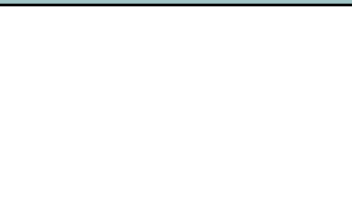
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