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March 12, 2023 | Third Sunday of Lent



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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: (except Holy Saturday) 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,

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023: UPDATE

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 \$29,302,40 from 142 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. Every donation makes a difference!

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 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.

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.

In the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew: "Whatever you did for one

of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:31-46)

Thank you to all who have contributed to date!

PATRON OF THE 2023 CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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 Ladv 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.

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.

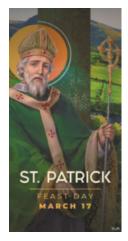
Strengthen our hearts that we may live and serve with that same compassion for those who, in our time, are poor, oppressed, or troubled.

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, pray for us!



HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY: Friday, March 17

Please note that the 12:10 p.m. Mass on Friday will be celebrated in the Upper Basilica to accommodate the number of people who attend the Annual Saint 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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 13—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk (Anniversary of Death) by Pat and Daughters

12:10 pm Robert Gugino, Sr. by Judith Slowik

Conrad Lauer by Arthur & Regina Lauer

TUESDAY, MARCH 14—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph 12:10 pm Raymond MacNaughton by Judith Slowik

Brian Martin by Susan Ostrowski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

Judith Merrick by Joe & Chris Ceccarelli

12:10 pm Geraldine Iannuzzelli by Family

Dan Reidy by the Williams Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 16—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

12:10 pm Special Intentions for James J. Saniewski (living) by Family

Carol Abraham Krestos by Sisters & Families

FRIDAY, MARCH 17—Saint Patrick, Bishop

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

Michael X. Allman by wife Patty & Family

8:15 am OLV Spiritual Association Members

12:10 pm Friends of St. Patrick by the Patriots Club

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Kathleen "Cookie" Such by Family & Friends

SATURDAY, MARCH 18—Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

12:10 pm Shirley Motyka by Joe & Marta lannicelli4:30 pm Joseph Sasiadek by grandson David

SUNDAY, MARCH 19—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of St. Joseph 10:00 am Joan C. Downey by the Downey Family

12:00 pm Bernadette McDowell by A.J. and Samantha Ball4:30 pm Henry Kusmierczyk by Paula, Phil & Tina Karaszewski



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 at the host parish each
remaining Friday in Lent as
listed below:

- Friday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Host: St. Anthony, Lackawanna
- Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. Host: Our Lady of Bistrica, Lackawanna
- Friday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.
 Host: Our Lady of the Sacred
 Heart, Orchard Park



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA team and the entire OLV family humbly asks for 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

PARISH NEWS

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

THIS WEEKEND

KINDRED: TRADITIONAL CELTIC MUSIC

With a rare blend of voice, cello, guitars, and percussion, musical duo Kindred has delighted audiences for years. They will provide music this weekend at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and at the Noon Mass on Sunday.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES AFTER WEEKEND MASSES



Girl Scout Troop 31478 is here this weekend at the Basilica, 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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We gather this weekend at the 10:00 a.m. Mass for our Children's Liturgy. All are welcome!

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

Following the 10:00 a.m. Children's Mass this weekend, 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!



OLV GIFT SHOP

The OLV Gift Shop offers Catholic books and gifts to enhance your faith year round. There is no better time than the Season of Lent to pay a visit to the OLV Gift Shop. conveniently located on the lower level of the Basilica, next to the Father Baker Museum. You can find a variety of devotional touchstones to enrich your Lenten journey, including Way of the Cross booklets, spiritual reading materials, crosses and rosaries, inspirational wall art, and much more. Throughout the season, all sterling silver iewelry is on sale. Save 20% when you purchase Christian jewelry at our gift shop. The OLV Gift Shop is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for lunch).

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.

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 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.

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 Sunday 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, please call Allison Milligan at 716-208-9014. Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE OLV SERVICE CLUB

Thursday, March 16 • 6:00 p.m.

Our Service Club will be volunteering at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Kathryn Schultz with any questions at 716-361-3109.

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 the thought-provoking, one-hour sessions is Michael Sherry, former member of the faculty and academic dean at Christ the King Seminary. 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+). Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the Rectory, School, or online at olvbasilica.weshareonline.org. For questions, call the Rectory (716-828-9444) or School Office (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!

TAKE-OUT FISH FRY DINNER

Good Friday, April 7

The 8th Grade OLV Class of 2023 is sponsoring another take-out Fish Fry to help defray the cost of their end-of-year class trip. The Fish Fry will be held on Good Friday, April 7. Tickets are \$15 and include fish, fries, coleslaw, potato salad, bread, butter, lemon wedge and tarter sauce. A \$12 shrimp dinner option is also available, which includes 6 pc. shrimp instead of fish. Tickets are available through the school office at 716-828-9434.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Requests due by Monday, April 10

The OLV Service Club offers a college scholarship each year. Applicants must be a high school senior who is involved in the OLV Service Club or a high school senior who is a member of OLV parish and has shown exemplary service to our community. Email KathrynSchultz@hotmail.com no later than April 10 for an application.

OLV SERVICE CLUB BOARD MEETING

Sunday, April 16 • 5:30 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in getting more involved with a more formal role in our group is welcome to attend. We will be transitioning roles this next year and are looking for a couple of extra responsible, hard-working individuals. Please text Kathryn Schultz at 716-361-3109 to let her know you will be coming.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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Weekly	\$11,555.50
Weekly Online	\$1,527.00
Monthly	\$398.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Fuel	\$1,227.15
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$15.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$106.06
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$1,786.86
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 3/18	4:30 pm	Glenn Reid	Jean Dulak, Joanne Setlock, Mary Anne Jackson
Sun. 3/19	8:00 am	Ryan Harrington	Catherine Bergen, Michalene Murray
	10:00 am	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Carolyn Kipler, Patricia Osborne, Patricia Jarosz
	12:00 pm	Linda Smolen	Molly McClenathan, Christopher Swan, Sandy Swiech
	4:30 pm	Richie English Amanda English	Richard Grasso, Robert McDonough, Stefan Gelle

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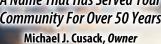


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