

March 19, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



## GET IN TOUCH!

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(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.

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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 \$36,197.40 from 164 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](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.

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 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.

**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!*

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH,  
SPOUSE OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

Due to the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, falling on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the observance of this Solemnity will be celebrated on Monday, March 20. Masses are at 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

March 19 is also Father Baker's Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood as he was ordained 147 years ago on March 19, 1876. Let us continue to pray for his canonization as well as for his intercession as we care for our beautiful Basilica for the next 100 years!

Saint Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of the Diocese of Buffalo, so let us pray:

*O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Amen!*

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 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 Iannicelli
4:30 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 Ball
4:30 pm	Henry Kusmierczyk by Paula, Phil & Tina Karaszewski

### MONDAY, MARCH 20—Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am	Victor Paul Olejniczak by Chester Partacz
12:10 pm	John A. Molisse (Wedding Anniversary) by loving wife Wilma

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:10 pm	Lois Hooper by Gregory Stachowski Joseph J. DelVecchio by the DelVecchio Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Brian Maraschiello by mom Geraldine
12:10 pm	Anthony Saniewski Sr. (Anniversary) and Stella & Anthony Saniewski Jr. by Family Henry & Florence Zacharyasz by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23—Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:30 am	All Souls Intentions Ruth St. George by James & Sally Hohensee
12:10 pm	Shaun Joseph Vona (Birthday Remembrance) by the Vona Family Francis E. "Bud" Downey by the Downey Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Maureen Mullaney by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
8:15 am	OLV House Blessing Intentions
12:10 pm	Joseph C. Tripi II by a friend
7:00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7:30 pm	Margaret "Peggy" Kessler by Dick & Karen O'Dell

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 am	Patrick J. Gallagher (Birthday Remembrance) by loving wife, Marilyn
12:10 pm	Eileen Powers by Maureen O'Hara and Family
4:30 pm	Roy, Theresa & Margaret Klink by Tim & Dawn Fiust-Klink

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Laura Mancuso (Birthday Remembrance) by David & Susan Fandie
10:00 am	Alice Comerford by Deacon & Judie Comerford
12:00 pm	Ettore Damiani, Jr. by Amy Damiani
4:30 pm	Kevin Kowalczyk by Maxine Kotowski



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 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  
Michael Laughlin



## 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.

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

#### Sunday, March 19 & 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.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

#### Monday, March 20 • 6:30 p.m.

The Catholic Daughters Court Msgr. Baker #1043 will hold its next meeting on Monday in the Basilica's Marian Room. Upcoming events will be discussed. There will also be a Lenten reflection. Any Catholic woman age 18+ is welcome 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](http://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org). For questions, call the Rectory (716-828-9444) or School (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!

### EASTER DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### Good Friday, April 7 • after the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

As we prepare to celebrate the upcoming Easter season, volunteers are needed to help decorate the Basilica. If you would like to help, please join us in the Basilica on Friday evening, April 7. For questions about volunteering or more information,

please contact Gregory Stachowski at 716-949-1085. All are welcome to come and help us prepare our beautiful Basilica for the celebration of Easter!



### 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.

### SOUTHTOWNS CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

#### Tuesdays, April 11—June 13 10:30 a.m. OR 6:30 p.m.

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## OLV SERVICE CLUB

All are welcome to participate in our upcoming activities. Please contact Kathryn Schultz with any questions at 716-361-3109.

### SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, April 16 • 5:30 p.m.**  
**Board Meeting**—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.
- **Thursday, April 20 • 6:00 p.m.**  
Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Saturday, May 13 • 10:00 a.m.**  
We will place flowers at the Infant Garden graves at Holy Cross Cemetery. All are welcome.
- **Thursday, May 18 • 6:00 p.m.**  
Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Saturday, June 3 • 6:00 p.m.**  
Inclusive picnic for all the OLV Human Services Homes, friends, and volunteers to be held at the Martin Road Campus
- **Thursday, June 15 • 6:00 p.m.**  
Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Coming Soon:** A new food pantry! Please continue to “take what you need and leave what you can” in the current pantry until a new one arrives.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The OLV Service Club offers a college scholarship each year. Applicants must be high school seniors involved in the OLV Service Club or a member of OLV parish who has shown exemplary community service. Email [KathrynSchultz@hotmail.com](mailto:KathrynSchultz@hotmail.com) no later than April 10 to obtain an application.



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### THEOLOGY ON TAP: “Your Conversion Is Your Faith”

**Wednesday, March 22 • 7:00 p.m.**  
Hamburg Brewing Company

Presented by St. John Paul II Parish & St. Bernadette and sponsored by Buffalo Deacons. An evening for young adults in their 20's and 30's with speaker: Fr. Michael LaMarca.

### ST. FRANCIS PIEROGI SALE

**St. Francis of Assisi Social Center**  
**4263 St. Francis Drive, Athol Springs**

The Pierogi Team is back in the kitchen working on an assortment of farmer's cheese, sauerkraut, and potato with cheese. \$7 per half dozen and \$14 per dozen. Over-the-counter sales available from 10:00 a.m. to

Noon on Wed. 3/22 and Sat. 3/25, depending on inventory. For questions, call 716-822-1599.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: “For Such a Time as This”

**Saturday, April 29 •**  
**St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute**  
**845 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo**

Catholic Women of Buffalo are excited to bring back the annual Women's Conference. All women are invited to join us for a full day event from 7:45 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 presale or \$40 at the door. Day includes continental breakfast, Mass with Bishop Fisher, three national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, and vendors. Please visit [CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org](http://CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org) for details and ticket ordering.

## 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.

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

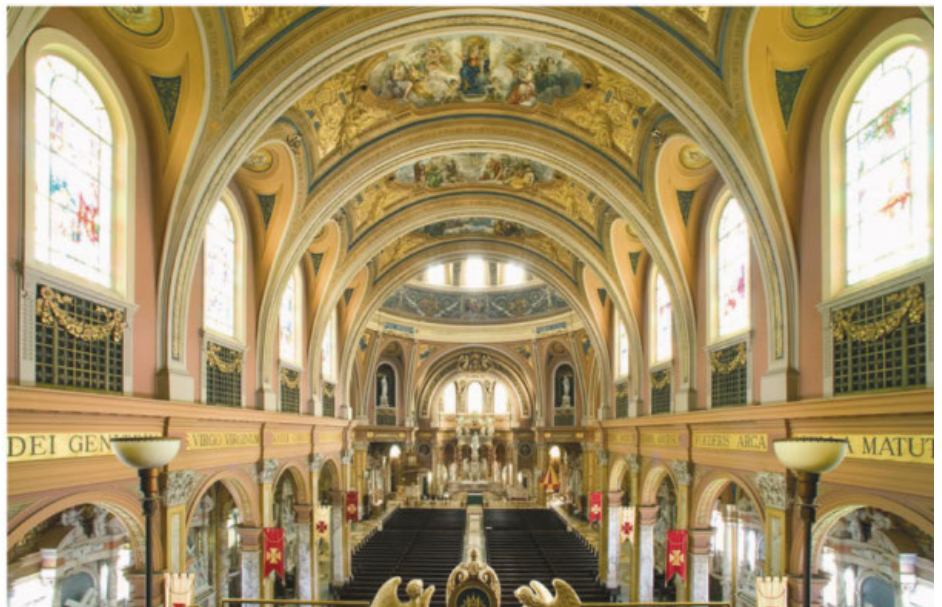
### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

#### PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$9,937.00
Weekly Online	\$2,354.00
Monthly	\$60.00
Ash Wednesday	\$50.00
Fuel	\$168.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$110.00
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—St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 3/25	4:30 pm	Jeffrey Stenzel	Frances Dehlinger, Mary Anne Jackson, Cindy Schaefer
Sun. 3/26	8:00 am	Chris Heyden	Richard Grasso, Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen
	10:00 am	Christopher Swan	David West, Doreen West, Timothy Wing
	12:00 pm	Sandy Swiech	Robert McDonough, Bridget Wood
	4:30 pm	Kathy Dimitrievski	Stefan Gelle, Gregory Stachowski



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