

March 26, 2023 | Fifth 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.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: (except Holy Saturday)  
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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# WELCOME

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER:

I am pleased to announce the schedule for Holy Week Masses, Services & Confessions here at OLV National Shrine & Basilica:

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD & DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS:

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 p.m. Confessions

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 Noon Mass

4:30 p.m. Mass

#### ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confessions

#### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross (inside the Basilica)

12:00 Noon Outdoor Stations of the Cross (beginning at the South Park entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery)

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Cross

- The Adoration of the Cross  
- Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil  
- Sacraments of Initiation

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 Noon Mass

*Please note: There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.*



#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL:

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!

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 info about Catholic Charities, visit [ccwny.org](https://ccwny.org). 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 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.

Be assured of my grateful prayers for all that you do for Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones.

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 27—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Ignacy, Aniela, Andrew, Edward, Peter Kaczmarczyk & Nell Vidrine by Pat
12:10 pm	Walter G, Joseph & James Melohusky by Gene & Janet Pluta, Jr.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Isabella D. Rivera by Marilyn Ross
12:10 pm	Matthew & Eleanor Woloszyn by Sons

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Wanda Slaski (Birthday Remembrance)
12:10 pm	Ted Swiech by the Swiech Family Victor J. Stachowski, Jr. by Gregory Stachowski, son

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Patrick Dillon (living) by Caitlin Dillon
12:10 pm	Robert J. Nicaise by Ruth Smokowski & Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 31—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	For the People of the Parish
8:15 am	James B. Wenzel by Joseph & Diane Beres and Family
12:10 pm	Timothy Carroll by Bill & Joanne Stanton Derek A. Zakrzewski by Denise Miller
7:00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7:30 pm	Haws Solberg by Geraldine Zimmer

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Casimir M. Slaski & Family
12:10 pm	Mary Ellen Edwards (Birthday Remembrance) by Mary J.
4:30 pm	John J. Kordrupel by wife, Judy

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am	Thomas Pluta by Stephen & Jean Nowicki
10:00 am	Shaun Joseph Vona by the Vona Family
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Joseph Fabio & Francis Suwanto (Anniv. of Death) by Fabiola Suwanto



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 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 April 11, 18, and 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 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 the second session of our Scripture- and reason-based series as we 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 session is Michael Sherry, former member of the faculty and academic dean at Christ the King Seminary. No charge to attend.

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE

**Weekend of March 25—26**

The Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a bake sale after all Masses this weekend. We appreciate your support!

### 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. The 8th Grade students would greatly appreciate your support!

### SOUTHTOWNS CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

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

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3688 South Park Ave, Blasdel**

Join the Southtowns Catholic Bible Study for a breathtaking, 10-week journey that combines Scripture, history, prophecy, and the lives of the saints, revealing God's merciful love for you. "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is presented by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Choose your way to participate: Full Participant includes guidebook (\$20 cost) or Lite Participant allows you to watch the video and join the group discussion (free). Registration is required. Call or text Deacon Michael Dulak at 716-913-0476.

### VOCATION REFLECTION

"Lazarus, come out!"  
Sometimes we feel dead on our feet with no purpose. Find a new purpose in life by seeking God's will. If Jesus is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Become a Knight!

Men at least 18 years old and practicing Catholics are invited to put your Faith into Action!  
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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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**For more information or to schedule a personal tour, please call our school office at 716-828-9434.**

## 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, pray for us!*

## COMMUNITY EVENT

### CATHOLIC 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.

Visit [CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org](http://CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org) for details and tickets.



## WE ARE GRATEFUL!

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 26, 2023

#### PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$10,886.00
Weekly Online	\$1,885.00
Monthly	\$496.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,095.15
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
Fuel	\$135.00
Holy Day: Immaculate Conception (12/8)	\$0.30
Pennies to Heaven	\$8.00
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$2,509.64

#### ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00
Black & Native Missions	\$6.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$15.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$62.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,133.09</b>
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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