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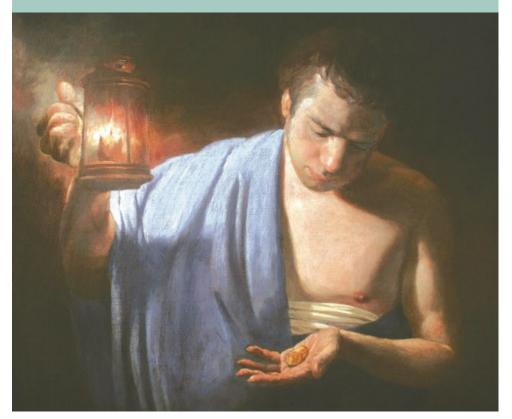
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November 19, 2023 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



GET IN TOUCH!

RECTORY OFFICE

 Mon.—Fri.:
 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

 2:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
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 Saturday:
 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

 716-828-9444
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 9:00 a.m.

SCHOOL

Mary Doyle-Szlosek, Principal 2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna 716-828-9434 elementary@olvbasilica.org www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org

FAITH FORMATION

 Sunday:
 7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

 M, T, W, F:
 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

 Wed. Evening:
 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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GIFT SHOP AND MUSEUM

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Open Daily 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for lunch) **James Murphy, Gift Shop Manager** 716-828-9433

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.

WELCOME

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WELCOME TO OLV NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA

As a National Shrine, we are a destination site for upwards of 30,000 pilgrims and visitors from all over the world. People come to visit the tomb of Venerable Nelson Baker, our founder, who is a candidate for canonization and whose final resting place is inside the Basilica.

Many worshippers, pilgrims, and visitors find the Basilica a place of great comfort and peace as they come to pray for themselves and their loved ones. Many others come to take in the beauty of the Basilica itself.

The Our Lady of Victory parish includes an elementary school for PreK through 8th Grade and an active Faith Formation program, along with a variety of parish-based organizations and activities.

If you are interested in joining the Basilica parish, please call 716-828-9444 or email **olvrectory@olvbasilica.org**. All are welcome!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

JOIN VICTORIOUS HEARTS: A NEW MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY AT OLV

I am pleased to share with you that we are beginning a new ministry here for the married couples of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Parish. I have asked Richie & Amanda English, who were married here at the Basilica last December, to be the coordinators for this new ministry. They also serve together as Lectors at our weekend liturgies.

Couples are invited to OLV's Inaugural Couples' Meet & Greet on Saturday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lower Basilica Brevnik Community Room.

What to expect: Time to mingle and enjoy light beverages and charcuterie. A short message from me on plans to support our parish families and other possible ministries. There will be a piano performance from Richie English, classical pianist and co-host on Classical WNED 94.5 FM Radio. The goal of this event is to gather your invaluable feedback on how we can best support married couples on their faith journey. Engaged couples and newlyweds are also encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Deacon Mark, at: **mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org**. You may also access information and a survey at this new website: https://www.olvbasilica.org/couples.

Lastly, mark your calendars for February 10, 2024, which is the tentative date set for our next gathering in celebration of World Marriage Day. Stay tuned for more details.

OLV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION

I wish to acknowledge the great work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society as they are busy preparing to serve those in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as all they continue to serve every week throughout the year. You can help them now by placing <u>non-perishable</u> food items in the designated bins that are placed at the entrances of the Basilica throughout the month of November.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:

Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching. It is one of my favorite holidays and truly a holy day in which we gather to give thanks to God for all of our blessings. It is <u>not</u> a Holy Day of Obligation, but rather a Holy Day of Opportunity to come and give thanks to God.

During this Mass we will take up a collection of non-perishable food items to be used by our St. Vincent de Paul Society to feed those in need during the holidays. Please invite your family and friends to join you for Thanksgiving Day Mass here in our beautiful and historic Basilica. All are welcome!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18—Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

7:30 am Ralph Horton by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

- 12:10 pm Paul Radder by the Cullen Family
- 4:30 pm Louis, Ann & Donna Manzo by Frank & Jean Dulak

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Gerard (Gerry) Addison by Mary Gullekson
- 10:00 am Susan Krencik by Jon & Maureen Powers & Family
 12:00 pm James N. Schmigel by Mary Ann Schmigel & Family
 4:30 pm Kathleen "Cookie" Such by Joyce Gifford

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20—Weekday

7:30 am Francis E. "Bud" Downey by the Downey Family Pauline Keller by Family
12:10 pm Sam & Jeanette Grasso by children

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am	Helen, Joseph and Anthony Strek by the Strek Family
	John E. Girdlestone by Marcia Lorrens
12:10 pm	Barbara A. Roedel by the Tomaszewski Family
	Joseph Sperazz by John & Lynne Manning

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22—Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

 7:30 am Sister Linda Talbot, SSJ by Brenden & Maureen Gannon Rick Jeanneret by Derek & Diane Smith
 12:10 pm Rose Eckman (Birthday Remembrance) by daughter Mary and grandchildren Roxanne Scheuer by Marge Hamm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23—Thanksgiving Day; Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

- 7:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
- 10:00 am Thanksgiving Day—St. Vincent de Paul Society Mass & Food Procession

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24—Saint Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

7:30 am	n Daniel & Patricia Schaefer and Denise Albano by Dave & Cindy Sch			
	Leonard F. Bryniarski (Birthday Remembrance) by Elizabeth Bunich			
12:10 pm	Jennie Swiech by the Swiech Family			
	Albin & Eleanor Jarosz by Jeffrey Jarosz			

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25—Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

- 7:30 am Judith Davila by Kevin & Janis McNamara
- 12:10 pm Thomas Flower by the Cummings Sisters & Family
- 1:30 pm Wedding: Jheanelle Kerr and Blessing Ewansiha
- 4:30 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:00 am James, Frances, and Mary Kathryn Schaeffer by Estate
- 10:00 am Rebecca Smolen by Linda Smolen
- 12:00 pm Emmett O'Leary by the O'Leary Family
- 4:30 pm Joseph, Greta and Eileen Powers by Family

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE at the Sacred Heart Altar in the Basilica

Throughout the month of November, the **Book of Remembrance** will be available for you to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones.

The Book of Remembrance is a reminder that our loved ones will never be forgotten. We will remember them with great love and the stories of their lives and how they touched our lives and made us who we are. And we look forward to the day when we will see them again in heaven.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen!

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 Nov. 28 and Dec. 12

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 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

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OLV ANGEL & MITTEN GIVING TREE

In preparation for Christmas, we have set up a giving tree in the Basilica with angel and mitten cutouts.

The red angel tags are matched to children who are served by the many programs of OLV Human Services. The green



mitten tags are matched to older children who attend Baker Hall

School, which is also part of OLV Human Services.

To participate, please choose an angel or mitten cutout for one of our boys or girls and purchase one or more gifts for them. The children provide wishes on the tags, but you are not obligated to purchase those exact items. <u>Items must</u> <u>be in new condition</u>; we cannot accept used donations.

Please attach the tag to the gift and return it <u>unwrapped</u> to the rectory office by Monday, December 11. This will give the OLV Human Services staff time to pick up, sort, and distribute the gifts in time for Christmas. When you come to the rectory, there will be large barrels in our front waiting area where you can place your gifts.

We appreciate your help in making our children feel special this Christmas season!



UPCOMING EVENTS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING

Monday, November 20 • 6:00 p.m.

The Catholic Daughters, Court Msgr. Nelson H. Baker #1043, will hold its next meeting on Nov. 20th. We will hold a memorial service in the Basilica's lower level chapel for members who passed away during the last two years, followed by a business meeting in the Marian Room. Plans for the holiday season will be discussed, as well as the results of our financial review. Catholic women ages 18+ are always welcome to attend a meeting and find out what we're about.

THE WORD BEYOND SUNDAYS

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20

Looking for a way to get into the true spirit of Advent? Take some time to reflect on God's *Word Beyond Sundays*. Join us each Wednesday of Advent to take a prayerful and deeper look at Sunday's readings. Sessions take place in the Basilica's Community Room, beginning **Wed. Nov. 29 at 1:00 p.m.** (immediately following 12:10 p.m. Mass) and 6:30 p.m. We will meet weekly until Christmas. Feel free to come to one session or all four of them.

OLV SERVICE CLUB FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, Dec. 1 • 4:30—7:00 p.m.

The OLV Service Club will host their annual FREE Spaghetti Dinner in the school cafeteria on Dec. 1st! We will need lots of volunteers to help greet and serve our dinner guests. New members are welcome anytime.

The dinner on Dec. 1st is dine in or take out. This dinner helps meet one of our corporal works of mercy by feeding the hungry. If you are able, please bring toy or gift card donations for emergency foster children and participate in the holiday raffle (see page 5). Proceeds help provide Christmas presents for the emergency foster care program.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE EXHIBIT

Sunday, Dec. 3 • after Noon Mass

Start your Advent Season in a special way by experiencing a one-of-a-kind exhibit on the *St. John's Bible* here in OLV Basilica. The exhibit **will open on** Sunday, December 3 after the Noon Mass with a special kick-off presentation given by Rev. Dr. John Ross, executive director of the Heritage Program. This artistic masterpiece will be on display from December 3, 2023 through January 7, 2024. For other events and programming, visit olvbasilica.org/bible.

OLV BASILICA GIFT SHOP

'Tis the season at the OLV Gift Shop. While you're here, be sure to stop in and check out our Christmas holiday selection, including Nativity sets, Oplatki wafers, Advent calendars, candles and wreaths, tree ornaments, holiday figurines, and Christmas greeting cards featuring beautiful images of Our Lady of Victory Basilica. The Gift Shop, located next to the Father Baker Museum, is **open 7 days a week** (except for certain major Catholic and federal holidays) **from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in today's special collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. In the US, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. This collection supports programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection. For more information, please visit **usccb.org/cchd**.

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for:

- non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism or a Profession of Faith
- those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist

RCIA sessions are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica. If interested, please contact Fr. Rob at 716-828-9428 or rcontarin@olvbasilica.org.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center needs your help. Due to recent increased family need, we are in URGENT need of:

- bottles: slow flow and medium flow
- diapers: specifically sizes 1, 5 and 6
- pull-ups: specifically size 3T/4T
- baby wash and lotion
- clothing: specifically sizes 0-3 months, 3T and 4T (for both boys and girls)

Every donation counts and is greatly needed and appreciated! Please contact us at 716-842-2229 for more info or to arrange a drop-off time. We could not reach so many women and their children without your generosity.



OLV is a licensed STREAM institute that has a forwardthinking curriculum. Our new, state-of-the-art Technology Lab is a vibrant place, filled with laptops and tablets, room for individual and group work, robotics stations, VR headsets and even two new 3-D printers, 3-D Pens and Tinker Cad. It's every budding scientist or engineer's dream!

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Elementary School... our first 100 years were awesome, the next 100 will be even better! *The Legacy Lives On*, join us!



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Baked Goods Sale— Weekend of Nov. 18 & 19

The OLV Altar & Rosary Society will hold a baked goods sale after all Masses this weekend. Please stop down to make a purchase, or make a monetary donation, which can be put in an envelope labeled *Altar & Rosary Baked Goods Sale*. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Party Raffles— Sunday, Dec. 3 • 2—4 p.m.

Attend the annual Christmas Party at the White Elephant Restaurant on Abbott Road for \$35/person. For reservations, call Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747 or Linda Smolen at 716-692-3973. Consider donating a raffle basket for the party. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses on the lower level of the Basilica until Dec. 2.

OLV SERVICE CLUB

Spaghetti Dinner Raffle— Friday, Dec. 1 • 7:00 p.m.

The OLV Service Club will hold the drawing for their "Big Payout Raffle" at their annual FREE Spaghetti Dinner in the school cafeteria! (see dinner details on page 4).

Raffle tickets are available for purchase after weekend Masses or online at https://olvbasilica. weshareonline.org. Raffle proceeds help provide Christmas presents for children in the emergency foster care program. There are 5 chances to win: Grand Prize \$500, Buffalo Sport package, lotto wreath, \$100 Amazon gift card, \$50 gas gift card. Your support would be greatly appreciated!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Charitable & Benevolent Cash Raffle

Please support OLV Basilica Parish by purchasing a booklet of raffle tickets from the Knights of Columbus. Each book of 4 tickets is \$12. (Booklets were previously mailed to our parishioners.) For more tickets, contact the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444.

Please return ticket stubs with cash or check (payable to Knights of Columbus), as well as all UNSOLD booklets, to the Rectory Office at 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna.

\$6 from each booklet will be donated to OLV Basilica, while the other \$6 goes to the KoC State Council. Cash prizes include: 1st: \$25,000; 2nd: \$10,000; 3rd: \$5,000, and ten \$1,000 prizes. Good luck to all who purchased tickets for the final drawing scheduled for Dec. 2.

SUPPORT OLV

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In order to continue to maintain our beautiful Basilica and 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 online giving, go to https:// olvbasilica.weshareonline.org. We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$12,320.00
Weekly Online	\$2,111.00
Monthly	\$275.00
All Souls	\$5.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$15.00
Holy Day: Assumption (8/15)	\$5.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$358.68
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$2,974.05

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Total	\$18,208.73
World Mission Sunday	\$15.00
Seminarian/Diaconate Formation	\$5.00
Respect Life for Moms & Babies	\$110.00
Holy Name Society	\$5.00
Catholic Education	\$5.00
Altar & Rosary Society	\$5.00

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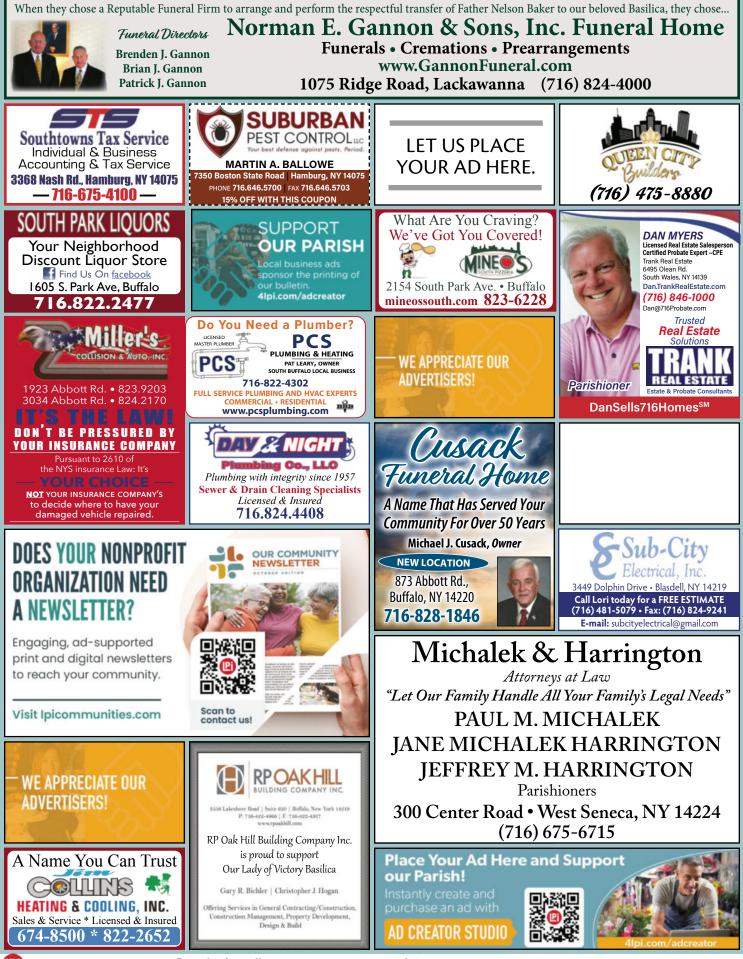




MINISTRY SCHEDULE						
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
Sat. 11/25	4:30 p.m.	Jeffrey Stenzel	Joanne Setlock, Mary Stenzel			
Sun. 11/26	8:00 a.m.	Jodie O'Connor	Richard Grasso, Catherine Bergen, Mary Check			
	10:00 a.m.	Christopher Swan	Patricia Jarosz, Carolyn Kipler, Michael (Mickey) Kipler			
	Noon	Doreen West	Lydia Zielinski, Robert McDonough, Linda Smolen			
	4:30 p.m.	Stefan Gelle	Donna Gelle, Gregory Stachowski			







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