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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:**  
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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Please call the Rectory Office at  
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# WELCOME

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

#### OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: WELCOME BACK!

This week our OLV Elementary School will begin classes on Wednesday, September 6. On Tuesday evening, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. we will have the "Blessing of Backpacks" outside by the Pavilion. We are excited to begin this new school year.

I encourage all of our parishioners to be great "Ambassadors" for our OLV Elementary School by sharing the good news of our school that welcomes all children and families. We have an exemplary leader in our Principal, Mrs. Mary Szlosek, and a dedicated faculty and staff, a state of the art computer lab and updated technology, as well as many other opportunities for our students to learn and grow and thrive in a safe environment. We provide an affordable tuition with tuition assistance.

Please encourage parents and families of school-age children to come and see for themselves the "gem" we have in OLV Elementary School. All are welcome!

#### A CALL FOR NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

I really want to grow our Liturgical Ministry for our wonderful Basilica parish. We are in need of **Ministers of Hospitality** (individuals who are willing to be at the doors of the Basilica before our Weekend Masses and other special celebrations to welcome people and to be of assistance for any questions parishioners and visitors might have).

We also need **Ushers** (to take up the collection and to assist as Greeters as well), **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors** and **Altar Servers** (Any boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are most welcome!).

If you are interested in any of these important Liturgical Ministries, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Deacon Mark Bialkowski, at the Rectory (716-828-9420).

Training will be provided for these special liturgical ministries. It is truly a meaningful way to deepen your faith and to draw closer to our Lord Jesus present in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

#### DIOCESAN ROAD TO RENEWAL:

Let us continue to pray for the renewal of our diocese. The *Prayer for Renewal* cards can be found at the entrances to the Basilica. Please take one home and I encourage everyone to pray this prayer often throughout the week.

##### Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### ASSISTANCE FOR MAUI:

In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to support Hawaiian parish and school communities. The Diocese of Honolulu has set up a

dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for community members affected by the Maui wildfires. You can make a tax-deductible contribution at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

This is an opportunity to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much.



I would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend! Labor Day, as you know, is an annual holiday to celebrate the economic and social contributions of workers to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Let us pray in thanksgiving for all who labor to serve our fellow men and women.

Let us also remember in a special way the unemployed and the under-employed, that they may find work that allows them to receive a just wage and benefits to care for themselves and their families. May we always be grateful for all those who labor on our behalf.

Be assured also of my special prayers and blessings for all of our children and students as they prepare to go back to school, as well as for all of our teachers.

Enjoy this holiday weekend and be safe and well! May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you. God bless you!

GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—Weekday

7:30 am	Josephine J. Surdyke by Chuck Wenzel
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Wedding: Andrew Sember and Erin Moore</b> <b>(no 12:10 pm Mass today)</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding: Christian McKernon and Kalene Faricellie</b>
4:30 pm	Deceased Members of Maiorano & Strycharz Families by Marion Strycharz

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Ronald J. Simchick (Anniversary of Death) by Wife and Daughters
10:00 am	John Lalka by the Powers Family
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	David Regan IV by Family

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—Weekday

7:30 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Ed & Elaine Tierney
12:10 pm	The Wilk and Wojtanik Families by Joanne Scofield Colin MacDonald by Mike & Joan MacDonald

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—Weekday

7:30 am	Elizabeth Batt by Tim & LuAnn Batt John & Regina Filk by James M. Filk
12:10 pm	Edmund Mende Sr. (Birthday Remembrance) by Carolyn Mende Rebmann & Family

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions Emil Marc by Steve & Valerie Horvath
12:10 pm	John, Esther, & Timothy Downs and Charles Kosieh by the Downs Family

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—Weekday

7:30 am	Frank Szucko by the Lukaszewicz Family William & Eileen McHugh by Children and Family
12:10 pm	Rick Hearn by the Swiech Family Barbara Roedel and Dorothy Tomasik by Michael & Linda Zmuda

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am	Mrs. Bitterman by the Fourth Grade Class of St. Bonaventure Richard M. Lata, Jr. by Mary Lata
8:15 am	OLV Father Baker Guild Members
12:10 pm	Stella Saniewski (Anniversary) and Anthony Sr. & Anthony Jr. by Family Brother Cassian, O.P. (Living) by Anonymous

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:30 am	Irene Sasiadek by son, David
12:10 pm	Dr. Joanne Ernst Langan by OLV Charities
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding: Michael Melohusky and Melanie Motz</b>
4:30 pm	Matthew & Connie Zak by daughter, Diane Zak

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	Joe & Shirley Wilczewski (Wedding Anniversary) by Kathy Stepnowski
12:00 pm	Joan Ann Keicher (Birthday Remembrance) by Louis Earsing & Family
4:30 pm	David Regan by Family



## CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Loving God,  
we thank you for  
the faith, vision and  
heroic ministry of  
Venerable Nelson  
Baker, who entrusted  
his full confidence  
to the powerful  
intercession of  
Our Lady of Victory.

As we celebrate  
the Centennial  
of our Basilica,  
may it continue to  
be a place of healing  
prayer, inspiration  
for the conversion  
of hearts, and  
encouragement  
for charitable service  
to those in need.

We ask this in the  
name of Jesus,  
who lives and reigns  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

*Our Lady of Victory,  
pray for us!*



## TELEVISED & ONLINE MASSES

The Basilica's Sunday Mass is available each weekend online at [olvbasilica.org](http://olvbasilica.org). Simply click on the link that will appear in the popup box, or click under *Digital Mass Archive*. The Sunday Mass is also televised on WGRZ Ch. 2 at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Also, our daily 12:10 pm Masses (Monday—Saturday) are livestreamed. To view the live Masses, go to [olvbasilica.org](http://olvbasilica.org) and click the "Live Streaming" button in the top right corner.

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Rectory Office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4.



For Jeremiah, God's Word was "like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in." Why fight the call to ministry? Embrace it! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## 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 September 12 & 19 and  
October 10 & 24**

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.

### DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

**Sunday, September 3 •  
after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses**

This Sunday, stop down in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica after the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Mass for coffee, juice, and doughnuts. As disciples we are called to love our neighbors, and the first step to loving our neighbors is to get to know them. Please stop down for our informal social and enjoy a doughnut, a drink, and some time for discipleship. Our parish's Doughnuts & Discipleship is being sponsored by the generosity of the Father Baker Council of the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Columbiettes. Representatives from both groups will also be present if you would like to find out more about them and what they do.

### ROAST BEEF DINNER

**Sunday, September 24 • 1—5 p.m.  
Thomas E. Tehan Post 1449,  
2075 Electric Avenue, Buffalo 14219**

The Father Baker Catholic Daughters of the Americas present a dine-in or take-out dinner. Tickets are \$10 for roast beef, salad, and dessert and can be purchased after Mass on Sept. 2—3 or call Mary Anne at 716-864-0747.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Tuesdays from  
September 27—November 5**

"40 Days for Life" runs from **September 27 to November 5** at the women's clinic at 2500 Main Street. Tuesdays will be OLV's days. We need volunteers from 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. who are willing to pray and say the Rosary. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.



### PRO-LIFE DONATION DRIVE

**Weekend of Sunday, October 1**

Sunday, October 1st is Respect Life Sunday. We will hold a donation drive that weekend during all Masses. OLV has been so generous and supportive of our Pro-Life ministry and we would love to have a strong showing on Respect Life Sunday.

We accept new and gently used baby clothing, sizes NB-4T, as well as other baby items as long as they're clean and ready for use with all the safety straps included. The following items are an urgent need: new slow flow bottles, baby wash and lotion, new bibs, 0-3 month clothing, diapers (especially sizes 1, 5, and 6) and wipes, and receiving blankets (especially for girls).

Please bring all items to the Marian Room that weekend. We will also have a table with info about our Pro-Life ministry. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to assist that day, please contact Sarah Lindstrom at [olvprolife@gmail.com](mailto:olvprolife@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued generosity!

## FAITH FORMATION

### 2023-2024 START DATES

We are so excited to roll out our program changes this year!

**Family Sunday will take place on Sunday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m.**, beginning with Mass, followed by a family gathering and guest speaker in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria. This will be the first of four family sessions that will take place this year.

Online classes will kick off on **Sunday, October 8th**. Wednesday classes for Grades 4—9 will begin on **Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m.** in OLV Elementary School. Sunday in-person classes for Grades 1—9 begin on **Sunday, October 15th at 8:40 a.m.** in OLV Elementary School.

Our office is open for in-person registration Tuesday—Thursday from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 716-828-9437.

**CARM ZOMERI**  
Director of Faith Formation



**Joseph Harris & Morgan Colosti** were married here on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

**John Proudman & Heather Stachowiak** were married here on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

**Jacob Honan & Erica Homme** were married here on Friday, August 25, 2023.

**Liam Kruger & Elisabeth Snowdy** were married here on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

**Raffaele Ruggiero & Joanna Dunn** were married here on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

### CLASS STYLE DESCRIPTIONS

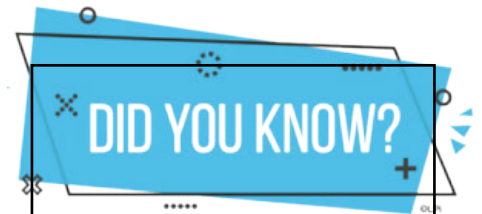
**Traditional**—Students attend weekly IN-PERSON sessions in a classroom setting. Options are:

- **Sundays (Grades 1—9) from 8:40—9:50 a.m.**
- **Wednesdays (Grades 4—9) BIWEEKLY from 6:00—7:15 p.m.**

Families are also required to attend the family sessions in October, December, February, and April.

**Parent-Led**—Parents help their children complete lessons AT HOME, including online videos, discussion, and quizzes. These lessons will be provided and reviewed by the Faith Formation Director. Families are required to attend the family sessions in October, December, February, and April.

**Family Sessions**—During these IN-PERSON sessions, the students and their families will gather with other families and explore our faith. These sessions will take place in October, December, February, and April. Sessions start at 10:00 a.m. with Mass in the Basilica. Immediately following Mass, we will gather in the school cafeteria for our Family Faith Session.



Did you know that OLV Elementary School has bus service from Buffalo, Lackawanna, West Seneca, Orchard Park, Frontier and Hamburg?

If you are looking for a great school for your child(ren) or grandchildren, look no further than OLV Elementary.

Call 716-828-7492 and take a tour today!

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## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

**Easton Patrick Simchick**, son of James Vasquez and Tracey Simchick, was baptized here on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

**Reese Marie Martin and Cole David Martin**, children of Todd & Kelly Martin, were baptized here on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

**Osaze Nelson Ewansiha**, son of Blessing Ewansiha and Jheanelle Kerr, was baptized here on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

**Connor Patrick Murray**, son of Ryan Murray and Jennifer Smith, was baptized here on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

## PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP

We are looking for OLV participants for a Rosary group at the Planned Parenthood in West Seneca. If you are interested in joining a group that currently meets to pray the Rosary, or if you would like to start your own OLV group, please contact Bill Mayback at 716-957-2669.

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, go to <https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org>.

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023**

<b>PARISH COLLECTIONS</b>	
Weekly	\$12,897.00
Weekly Online	\$1,809.00
Monthly	\$139.00
Holy Day: Assumption (8/15)	\$3.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$2,776.00
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$2,583.44
<b>ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Catholic Communication Camp.	\$10.00
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- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation.



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The OLV Basilica Gift Shop, located on the lower level next to the museum, carries a wide variety of Catholic gifts and religious merchandise, including materials related to Fr. Baker and OLV Basilica. **The gift shop is open seven days a week, including weekends, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** (It is closed daily from 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. for lunch.) Stop in to see what we have to offer! Your purchases support OLV and help us to continue the legacy of Fr. Baker.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 9/2	4:30 p.m.	Laura Schuh	Kathleen Clark, Joanne Setlock
Sun. 9/3	8:00 a.m.	William O'Rourke	Catherine Bergen, Mary Check, Ryan Harrington
	10:00 a.m.	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Molly McClenathan, Patricia Osborne, Timothy Wing
	Noon	Art Smith	Robert McDonough, Linda Smolen, Christopher Swan
	4:30 p.m.	Linda "Mickey" Pawenski	Gregory Stachowski, Stefan Gelle



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