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Sunday: 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

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:

As you know, 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 \$48,772.50 from 183 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 making a donation to this year's appeal. The need for assistance is greater than ever for those who are struggling financially, emotionally and physically.

To make a gift, please mail in your donor card to Appeal 2024, donate online at ccwny.org, or text HOPE4WNY to 44321. Please identify yourself as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, so our parish is credited to ensure we make our goal. For more info about Catholic Charities, visit ccwny.org.

Please remember that HOPE starts with you. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus' message is clear: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Your support of Appeal 2024 carries out Jesus' call and brings HOPE and help to the lives of children, families and adults across Western New York.

SWEEPSTAKES 2024

We had a very successful Sweepstakes Raffle Night on Saturday, March 23 after selling all 1,000 Sweepstakes tickets! Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the Sweepstakes, basket raffles, and 50/50 drawing. We are still awaiting final results for our net proceeds, which go to benefit Our Lady of Victory Elementary School.

Special thanks to all who donated baskets and volunteered their time to assist with this amazing event. I am deeply grateful for the leadership of our wonderful Sweepstakes Committee chairs Renee Stampone, Rick Diamond, and Merry Schmaus, our OLV Elementary School Principal, Mary Szlosek, and our OLV Charities CFO, Mike Allaire. You all did a tremendous job in helping to make this such a successful event!

Congratulations to the Prize Winners! Here are the winners of the Cash Prizes:

Early Bird Drawings

\$100	Shad Garner
\$300	Deb Fiust
\$300	Art Smith

Sweepstakes Drawings

	<u>Prize</u>	#	Winner's Name
1	\$10,000	452	Tiffani Laracuente
2	\$4,000	525	Betty Lou Winkler
3			Renee Stampone
4	\$1,000	605	Liz Titus

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Be assured of my grateful prayers for all that you do for Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. May this Easter Season bring you renewed hope, deeper faith and the grace of God's unconditional love and mercy.

May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones.

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID



HOPE
WHEN WE ARE TROUBLED.



Please give to our 100th Appeal

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13—Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

7:30 am Edward I. Kaczmarczyk (Anniversary of Death) by Pat and daughters
12:10 pm David M. Olivieri and Joseph T. Shehadi by Renee Olivieri
4:30 pm The Thomas & Dorothy Quinn Family (living) by Jean Skelly

SUNDAY, APRIL 14—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am Matthew O'Neil by Kevin & Mary Ann O'Neil
12:00 pm Walter Burdzy by the Swiech Family
4:30 pm Richard Sokolowski by Douglas & Mary Potter

MONDAY, APRIL 15—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Paul Damian by John & Sharon McNamara
Anelia Sasiadek by grandson, David

12:10 pm John Otwell (Anniversary of Death) by loving family Rev. Migel Buela by Servants of the Lord

TUESDAY, APRIL 16—Easter Weekday

7:30 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
12:10 pm Marilyn Ross by Sam Leo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Michael Nayda Sr. by Michael Nayda Michael X. Allman (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

12:10 pm Walter Melohusky by the Melohusky Family

Philomena Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 18—Easter Weekday

7:30 am John "Jeff" Brady by Mari's Girlfriends

12:10 pm Arnold W. Beck by Cronan Long
David & Laurel Ballingall by Helen Duggan

FRIDAY, APRIL 19—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Patricia Stephan by Nancy Stabel
Vincent T. LiPuma, Jr. by Judith Webster
8:15 am George E. & Marion A. Michael by Estate
12:10 pm Maryann Madden by Joann Amigone

SATURDAY, APRIL 20—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Josephine Simchick (Birthday Remembrance) by Ron's Family
12:10 pm Eugene & Effie Ringle by Marshall & Carol Lipkus
4:30 pm Ron & Joan Bonafede by Diane Zak

SUNDAY, APRIL 21—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
10:00 am Shirley Motyka by Michael & Juanita Nowakowski
12:00 pm Patricia M. Smith by Arthur J. Smith & Family
4:30 pm Joan Opiel by Ann Marie Szaba



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!

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JOIN US IN PRAYER

Tuesdays at 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.

Tuesdays ● 6:30 p.m. April 23, May 7, May 21, June 4, and June 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING 2024 MINISTRY SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

The new Lector and Extraordinary Minister schedule for Spring 2024 is now available online and in the sacristy. Please visit the sacristy if you would like a print copy. An updated call list is also available in the sacristy. If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Deacon Mark at the rectory.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING

Monday, April 15 • 6:30 p.m.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Nelson H. Baker #1043, will hold our next meeting in the Basilica's Marian Room. There will be a recap of our scholarship breakfast held at Applebee's, Southgate on Saturday, April 13. Also, the slate of officers for our election in May will be revealed. Additional plans for our 97th anniversary will be discussed. Any Catholic woman (age 18+) is welcome to attend.

OLV SERVICE CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, April 18 • 6:00 p.m.

Our next volunteer night at Resurrection Church Food Pantry is Thursday, April 18. Please call Bridget at 716-536-3887 for details or to volunteer to help.

Sunday, April 21 • 5:30 p.m.

Our March 10 meeting was very productive, assembling 50 Easter baskets for the St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Please join us for our next meeting in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria on April 21.



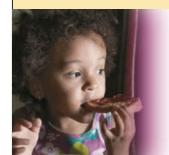
VOCATION REFLECTION

Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles begins Peter's first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our Church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with words? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit! Find out by contacting the Vocations Office at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2024

Is volunteering on your Spring bucket list? If so, consider becoming a volunteer with Catholic Charities. There is an urgent need for volunteers at the Kenmore Pantry, Perry-St. Brigid Pantry, Bishop Kmiec Pantry and Lovejoy Pantry. Those interested in being a pantry volunteer can call 716-218-1450, ext. 2003.

To make a gift to support Catholic Charities, please mail in your donor card with your contribution. You can also visit **ccwny.org/donations** or text HOPE4WNY 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. Every donation (large or small) makes a difference. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit **ccwny.org**. Thank you to all who have contributed!



HOPE WHEN WE ARE HUNGRY.



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OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OLV Elementary School is a licensed STREAM institute that has a forward-thinking 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! Visit us online at OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org. OLV Elementary School... our first 100 years were awesome; the next 100 will be even better! The Legacy Lives On, join us!



HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Congratulations to the following high school students who achieved second honors for the second marking period in this 2023-2024 school year:

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Brandon Drummond II, Grade 12 Alec Matyas, Grade 12 Jeffrey Obad, Grade 12 Bradyn Chudoba, Grade 10 Nathaniel Lindstrom, Grade 9

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OLV CINCO DE MAYO MEAT RAFFLE

Friday, May 3 ● 5:00 p.m. ● OLV Elementary School Gym

Let's fiesta! Win premium meats, raffle baskets, 50/50, and more. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each or \$100 for a table of 8. Draft beer, wine, soda, chips and salsa. Bring your own snacks (no outside alcoholic beverages), lots of singles, and a cooler for your winnings. Proceeds benefit OLV Charities & OLV Human Services. Questions? Call OLV Charities' Dawn Hewitt at 716-828-9638 or OLV Human Services' Joyce Maziarz at 716-828-7844. Visit www.olvcharities.org/olv-meat-raffle for more information.

WEIDNER'S CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, April 28 ● 1—6 p.m. Matthew Glab Post, 1965 Abbott Road, Lackawanna

All are welcome to attend a BBQ dinner at the Matthew Glab Post in Lackawanna. Eat in or take out. Basket raffles will also be available. Profits from this dinner help the post to support veterans. Tickets are \$15. For questions, call 716-825-3733.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY

Thursday, May 2 ● 6—8 p.m. 88 Red Jacket Pkwy., Buffalo

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and transfer students are cordially invited to join us at our annual Spring Open House. Discover Mercy and learn more about our exciting programs and our strong tradition of academic excellence. Tour our campus, meet students, faculty, coaches and more. Whether you are looking ahead for the future or still undecided about your high school choice, we welcome you!

Register today to save time at the door by scanning the QR code. We can't wait to see you! Look for the blue doors on Red Jacket!



CAMP TURNER STAFFING

Camp Turner is HIRING for the summer! We are recruiting college students (age 18+) looking to work with children ages 7-15 for the summer at a camp in beautiful Allegany State Park. Camp staff can build their resume while developing youth in nature. Apply online at www.campturner.com/employment or contact Camp Director John Mann at jmann@olvcharities.org.

CAMP TURNER REGISTRATION

Camp Turner Summer Registration is OPEN! Camp Turner has been serving children for over 100 years in a safe, nurturing, and developmental environment. Our first aid and CPR-certified staff undergo an extensive background check and attend a weeklong training to best care for your camper. Register online at www.campturner.org.

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

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Everything you need for a memorable summer is here at St. Francis! Check out our Rising Red Raider program for boys entering 8th grade in the fall of 2024, filled with engaging and interactive activities such as a moviemaking workshop, robotics, E-sports and much more! For young athletes, we have multiple sports

camps for various grade levels to help you learn the basics and set you on a path for high-level performance. Scan the QR code for the schedule and to



register today! For questions, contact us at 716-627-1200 x455 or admissions@stfrancishigh.org.

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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, March 17, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$16,667.95
Monthly	\$423.00
Easter	\$70.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,023.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,874.51

Total \$21,058.46



VISIT THE GIFT SHOP

The OLV Gift Shop, located on the lower level of the Basilica next to the Father Baker Museum, carries a wide variety of Catholic gifts and religious merchandise, including materials related to Father Baker and Our Lady of Victory Basilica. **The Gift Shop is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.** (closed from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for lunch). Your purchases support OLV and help us to continue the legacy of Father Baker.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 4/20	4:30 p.m.	William O'Rourke	James McEvoy, Cindy Schaefer, Lydia Zielinski	
Sun. 4/21 8:00 a.m. Chris Heyden Mary Patricia Allman, Catl Bergen, Richard Grasso		Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen, Richard Grasso		
	10:00 a.m.	Cathleen Woods	Terrence McCann, Patricia Osborne, Bridget Wood	
	Noon	John Loss, Robert McDonough	Ronald Slawinowski, David West	
	4:30 p.m.	Linda "Mickey" Pawenski	Patricia DiVito, Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle	

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