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BASILICA HOURS

The Basilica is open for private prayer every day during the following hours:

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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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.

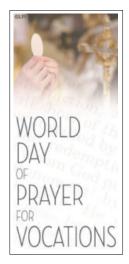
If you are interested in joining the Basilica parish, please call 716-828-9444 or email **olvrectory@olvbasilica.org**. All are welcome!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Sunday, April 21, 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed this weekend, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest." (Mt. 9:38; Luke 10:2). We need vocations, especially vocations to the Priesthood, more than ever today. Please join me in prayer that young men and women from our parish hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.



We have many wonderful young people. How can vou help them hear the call? Pray for vocations and encourage vocations... never be afraid to tell a young person in our parish or in your family or circle of friends, if you see they have the potential of being a priest, religious or deacon.

Let us pray, through the intercession of our beloved Father Baker, that more young people may say yes to a life of consecrated service to God and the Church. Please join me in praying the Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis:

VOCATION PRAYER

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2024:

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 \$51,902.50 from 198 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 information 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.

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Jack Shea by the Del Vecchio Family

12:10 pm All Souls

Jacque Petillon and the Mesmer Family by Chris & Kelly Blount

TUESDAY, APRIL 23—Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 am James B. Downey by the Downey Family
12:10 pm Renee McMullen by the Pusatier Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24—Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

12:10 pm Violeta Rojas (living) by Joe & Edie Kibler

THURSDAY, APRIL 25—Saint Mark, Evangelist

7:30 am Sr. Linda Talbot, SSJ by Kevin Whelan

12:10 pm Dr. Margaret Fraterrigo and Griffin Gardner (Birthday Remembrance)

by Family & Friends

FRIDAY, APRIL 26—Easter Weekday

7:30 am John "Jeff" Brady by Jack & Kathy Hoffstetter

8:15 am Joseph O'Connell Sr. by OLV Elementary Teachers Sunshine Club

12:10 pm James Lyon by Gordon & Eileen Lyon

SATURDAY, APRIL 27—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

10:00 am First Communion Mass

12:10 pm George Stipanovich by Joanne Scofield

1:30 pm Wedding: Samantha Bush and Jacob Jagiello

4:30 pm Dennis O'Hara by wife and sons

SUNDAY, APRIL 28—Fifth Sunday of Easter

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8:00 am	Timothy S. Downs (Birthday Remembrance) by the Downs Family
10:00 am	Florence Danahy (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
12:00 pm	Eleanor Erny by Denise Omicioli Kolodziej
4:30 pm	OLV House Blessing Intentions



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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VOCATION REFLECTION

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



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

OLV SERVICE CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us for our next meeting this **Sunday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.** in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria.

We will also meet on **Saturday, May 11** in the morning at the OLV Infant Cemetery. Details to follow soon.

Our next service day at Resurrection Food Pantry is **Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.** We need at least 5 volunteers.

Our OLV Food Pantry is open for service to the local community. Thank you to all who have made food donations. They are greatly needed.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with our Earth Day cleanup of the Lackawanna stadium area.

OLV Service Club participates in service activities that focus on the corporal works of mercy. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, April 28 • 10:00 a.m.

Join us at our next children's liturgy! At these Masses, children help as ministers and the homily is structured for them to understand. Children of all ages are welcome to join us!

Practice for this liturgy is **Saturday, April 27** in the Basilica's Community Room at 9:00—9:45 a.m. for singers and 9:45—10:30 a.m. for readers, collectors, and gift bearers. Everyone must attend the practice. The current schedule is:

- **Readers:** Jefferson & Fiannah Panthallukaran
- Collectors: Evan Walter, Sam Kujawinski
- Gifts: Kayla Walter, Jacob Sweeney
- Greeters: no one yet
- **Singers:** Hannah Sweeney, Allora Powers, Noah Takacs

Please call Tina Hatem (716-826-5075) if your child would like to help at Mass. All are welcome!

INCIPIO CHORAL CONCERT

Sunday, April 28 • 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Incipio presents GLORIA, a celebration of triumphant choral sound at OLV Basilica, on Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. We are excited to present the world premiere of Roland Martin's full choral and organ song cycle, Such Glorious Gifts, featuring organist Peter Gonciarz, alongside shorter works for large choir and organ, written by living composers. Join us for this historic event as we close our third season with a joyful noise. Directed by Erin Alexander, Julia Anne Cordani, and Elizabeth Vennari.

Incipio founders Julia and Elizabeth both sing at OLV Basilica. General admission is \$15, and student tickets are \$10. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.





DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday, May 5 • after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses

Our next *Doughnuts* and *Discipleship* will take place on Sunday, May 5 in the Basilica's Marian Room after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. Come for Mass and stay for coffee, juice, and doughnuts afterwards! Sponsored by the generosity of the Fr. 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.

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OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OLV Elementary School places a strong emphasis on a Christian attitude, academic achievement, and self-discipline for all our students, PreK-4 through 8th Grade.

If this is what you desire for your children or grandchildren, give us a call at 716-828-7592 or visit us online at **OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org**.

Remember to check us out on Facebook and Instagram at Our Lady of Victory Elementary.

Our first 100 years were awesome; the next 100 will be even better! *The Legacy Lives On*, join us!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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!



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.

OLV CHARITIES JOB OPENINGS

OLV Charities has several jobs available with the opportunity to work alongside dedicated, mission-focused people:

- Staff Accountant
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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 24, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$19,682.15
Monthly	\$386.00
Ash Wednesday	\$6.00
Easter	\$386.00
Easter Flowers	\$559.00
Fuel	\$26.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$3,526.46

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00	
Black & Native Missions	\$16.00	
Central & Eastern Europe	\$5.00	
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$161.00	

Total \$24,763.61

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.

MINI	MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
Sat. 4/27	4:30 p.m.	Glenn Reid	Kathleen Clark, John Leszak, Cindy Schaefer		
Sun. 4/28	8:00 a.m.	Jodie O'Connor	Eugene Allman, Shelia Allman, Mary Ellen Carosa		
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	Carolyn Kipler, Michael (Mickey) Kipler		
	Noon	Paul Miazga	Molly McClenathan, Ellen Scheiderer, Jon Paul Trabucco		
	4:30 p.m.	Eleanor Wieleba	Marsha Lipke, Moey Oakley, Gregory Stachowski		

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