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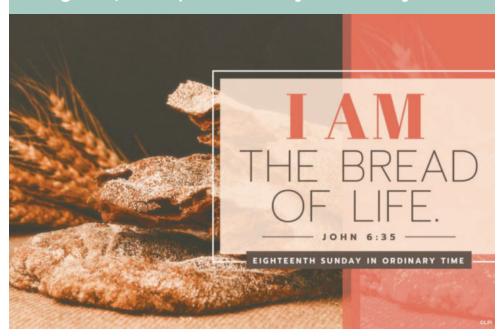
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WEEKEND MASSES

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.

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Saturdays: (except Holy Saturday) 3:00—4:00 p.m. and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

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GUIDED BASILICA TOURS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

FATHER BAKER WEEKEND APPRECIATION:

Thank you to all who participated in the events for Father Baker Day Weekend on July 27-28. I am most grateful to Tim Wells and the Contemporary Ensemble & Jazz Quartet from St. Joseph University Parish in Buffalo for the spirit-filled Pre-Mass Jazz Concert followed by the Jazz Mass on Saturday afternoon! It was absolutely wonderful!

Thank you as well to Peter Gonciarz, Director of Music, Tim Smith, organist, and our wonderful Basilica Choir, the Sisters of St. Joseph as well as the Knights of Columbus, Knights of St. John, Catholic Daughters Father Baker Court, the Columbiettes, and all who participated in the Father Baker Day Mass at 12:00 Noon on Sunday. I was thrilled to see so many people come to honor Father Baker on the 88th Anniversary of his passing on to eternal life in heaven, July 29, 1936.

In a very special way, I wish to express profound sentiments of gratitude and appreciation to all who participated in our "Pennies to

Heaven" event on Sunday. Amanda & Richie English and Clarisse & Cory Adamczak served as Co-Chair Couples for this event and they were assisted by a dedicated team of volunteers and employees of OLV Charities and OLV National Shrine & Basilica. I don't want to miss anyone, but I need to give a shout out to Amanda & Richie, Clarisse & Cory, Deacon Mark and his wife Stephanie Bialkowski, our OLV Facilities Team, our OLV Creative Team, our OLV Security Team, our OLV Community Engagement Director, Scott Weigley, and to all the many volunteers. Everyone worked so hard to make the day a huge success!

The Chicken BBQ was delicious and the entertainment was outstanding, as well as the various games for the kids with the bounce house and—yes—even the Dunk Tank! I was overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners and friends who donated gift baskets, items for the gift baskets, and all of the wine for the Wine Toss led by the Knights of Columbus. Special thanks to the Father Baker Council Knights of Columbus for cooking the hot dogs and hosting the Wine Toss game.

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Be assured of my grateful prayers. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you.

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Sunday, August 4, 2024

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines / a half a billion times / came sickened to your shore / you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people—like us—must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: Do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3—Weekday

7:30 am OLV Father Baker Guild Members

12:10 pm Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Betty Pukalo

4:30 pm James & Rose Leary by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Grace LiPuma by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

10:00 am Paul & Jennie Monaco by Edmund and Albert Monaco

12:00 pm OLV Altar & Rosary Society

4:30 pm James N. Schmigel (Anniversary of Death) by Mary Ann Schmigel & Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 5—The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

7:30 am Joseph Marsillo by Christine Brown

12:10 pm Carmelo & Rose Maiorano by daughter, Marion

Tina Hughes (Birthday Remembrance) by the Sweeney Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Society Intentions

James Bratek by John & Lorraine Szematowicz

12:10 pm Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

Bernard Schultz by the Swiech Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7—Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

12:10 pm Clarence E. & Teresa A. Neamon

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8—Saint Dominic, Priest

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

12:10 pm David M. Regan by Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9—Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

Dr. Peter Davidow and Family (living) by Drs. Michael & Dawn Hatton

12:10 pm James Melohusky (Birthday Remembrance) by sister

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10—Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

7:30 am Anastasia Downey by the Downey Family

11:30 am Wedding: Claire Lukasiewicz & Thomas Kazmierczak

(no 12:10 pm Mass)

1:30 pm Wedding: Kathleen McCabe & Brian Dudek

4:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Walter Melohusky by the Melohusky Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Living & Deceased	l Members of the	OLV Holy	Name Society

10:00 am Victor & Natalie Stachowski by Diane Bona

12:00 pm Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

4:30 pm Joyce Schmidt by Christina Reece

PRAYER OF FAITH IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Heavenly Father, in this time of uncertainty and change, we come before You with heavy hearts and hopeful spirits. We pray for Your guidance and strength as we navigate these difficult transitions.

Fill us with the faith to trust in Your plan, even when it is hard to see.

Grant us the grace to support one another with compassion and understanding.

May we find new ways to come together, to worship, and to serve, in our new community.

Bless our Bishop, priests, deacons, and all those who lead us, as they too face these changes and seek to shepherd us with wisdom and love. Help us to carry the light of our faith into new places, and to build a strong, united parish family, wherever we may be.

We ask for Your peace to calm our fears, Your wisdom to guide our decisions, and Your love to sustain us through every challenge.

We trust in Your infinite goodness and mercy, and we hold onto the hope that in You, all things work together for the good of those who love You.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. PAGE 04 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

TELEVISED AND ONLINE MASSES

The Basilica's Sunday Mass is available each weekend online at **olvbasilica.org**. Simply click on the link that will appear in the popup box, or click under *Digital Mass Archive*.

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** and click the "Live Streaming" button in the top right corner.

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. August 6 and 20

Join our
"Victory for
Christ" prayer
group in the
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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 BOOK CLUB

Wed. August 7 • 1:00 OR 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the OLV Book Club will be held in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica on August 7. Come to either the 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. session as we continue to explore Father of the Fatherless: The Authorized Biography of Father Nelson Baker by Father Richard Gribble. For any questions, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Are you a practicing adult Catholic who has been baptized, regularly receives the Eucharist, but has never received

the sacrament of Confirmation? Besides preventing you from being a godparent or sponsor, you may be missing out on the graces that come along with full initiation into the Church. If you feel called to complete your initiation, and to deepen your faith journey, contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office for more information at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

If you are a new parent looking to have your baby baptized, plan to attend one of our upcoming Baptismal Preparation classes. Choose the date that best fits your schedule! Sessions will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Marian Room on the Basilica's lower level on the second Tuesday of each month during the Fall. Upcoming dates are September 10, October 8, November 12, or December 10. For questions, or to register for your preferred session, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or email him at mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays • Sept. 3—Nov. 19 10:30—11:45 a.m. OR 6:30—7:45 p.m.

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CATHOLIC SINGLES MINGLE FOR ADULTS 35—55

Tuesday, August 13 • 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of appetizers and fellowship on the patio of **Sto Lat Bar** (4475 Transit Road, Suite 108, Buffalo 14221). This summer event is for Catholic single adults 35—55 years old. All proceeds benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center, which serves families and life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need during and after pregnancy. Reserve your spot online at **CSM4.eventbrite.com**.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of OLV Elementary School. Your contributions and involvement make a significant difference in the lives of our students and the whole school community. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are in



need of some things that we hope vou are able to assist us with.

Our "Apple Tree" initiative allows you to take a "wish tag" from the tree located in the lower level of the Basilica and provide much-needed supplies for our classrooms. Each tag represents an item that will directly benefit our students and teachers, ensuring they have the resources necessary for a successful school year. If you are interested and able, please take an apple from the tree and drop the requested item off at the school prior to August 30. Our teachers and students will be most appreciative!

Do you enjoy working with children? We are looking for volunteers to assist in classrooms and in the cafeteria. Your presence and help during classroom activities and lunchtime are invaluable. Volunteering just a few hours a week can greatly enhance the learning environment and ensure our children have a safe and enjoyable lunch experience. Please contact me at

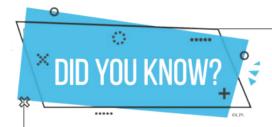


mszlosek@olvbasilica.org or 716-828-9436 or if you would like to discuss these opportunities in more detail!

Your continued generosity and dedication are deeply appreciated. Together, we can create a thriving and supportive educational community for our children.

Thank you and God bless.

MARY DOYLE-SZLOSEK PRINCIPAL



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Sun.	8:00 am	Paul Miazga	Eugene Allman, Mary Patricia Allman, Shelia Allman		
	10:00 am	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Carolyn Kipler, Timothy Wing		
	Noon	Ellen Scheiderer	David West, Doreen West		
	4:30 pm	Moey Oakley	Marsha Lipke, Joanne Setlock, Gregory Stachowski		

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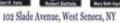




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