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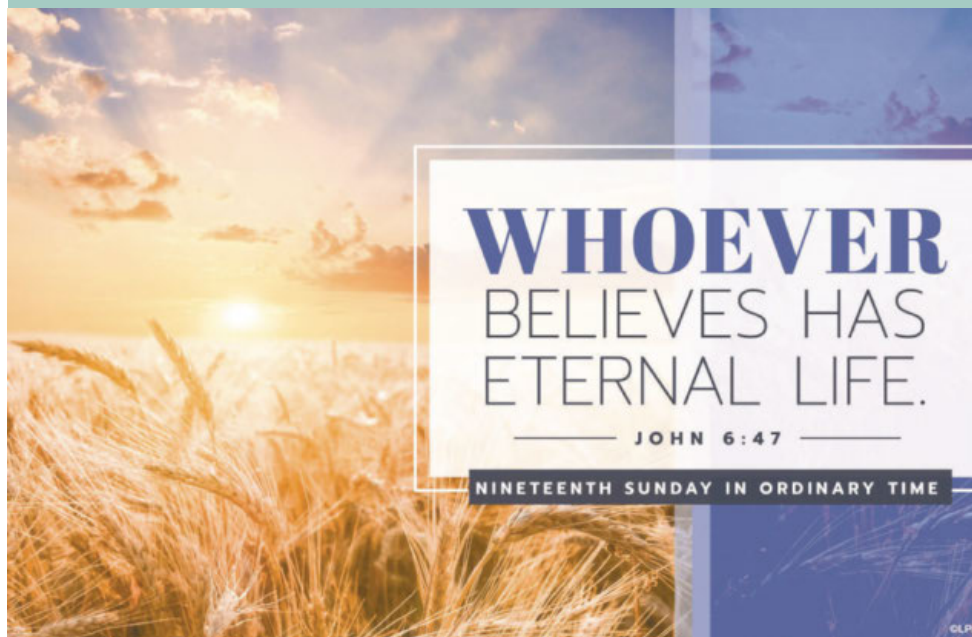
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The Basilica is open for private prayer every day during the following hours:

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,

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: AUGUST 15, 2024

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated annually on August 15th, marks a profound moment in Christian tradition and theology. This feast commemorates the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It is a celebration of Mary's unique role in salvation history and her exemplary faith and devotion.

The Assumption is a testament to the dignity and sanctity of Mary, who, through her unwavering faith and obedience to God's will, became the mother of our Savior. This solemnity underscores the hope of eternal life and the promise of resurrection for all who follow Christ. It reminds the faithful of the ultimate destiny that awaits those who live in accordance with God's will.

The belief in Mary's Assumption has ancient roots in the Christian tradition, with early references dating back to the 4th and 5th centuries. However, it was not until November 1, 1950 that Pope Pius XII formally defined the dogma of the Assumption in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. This declaration affirmed that Mary was "assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

Here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, the Great Dome mural depicts the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, along with her coronation as Queen of Heaven by the Holy Trinity. The Blessed Mother is carried to Heaven by the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, while several saints and apostles welcome her into Heaven surrounded by angels.

**Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation
are as follows:**

Wednesday, August 14:

- 3:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 15:

- Masses at 7:30 a.m.,
12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



THE TIME HAS COME: TO SAVE & REPLACE THE DOME

As you can see, the scaffolding is being erected on our historic Basilica and soon work will begin to replace approximately 8,000 square feet of the original 100-year-old copper. It is anticipated that the work will continue through 2026. The original plan was to have it done in time for the 100th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Basilica in May of 2026.

On August 15th, we will have a public announcement on how the people of WNY and beyond can help "Save the Dome & Adopt An Angel!" More information will be forthcoming.

I continue to be deeply grateful to our Restoration Committee under the leadership of Hank Balling, III of Guard Construction and Contracting Corp., and Jake Schneider of Schneider Architectural Services, PC.

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

God bless you all!

FR. DAVID

MASS INTENTIONS

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 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12—Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

- 7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption
 Adella Edwards by Timothy & LuAnn Batt
 12:10 pm Joan C. Downey by the Downey Family
 Kathy Miller by Patricia Balla

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13—Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

- 7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption
 12:10 pm David M. Olivieri and Joseph T. Shehadi by Renee Olivieri
 Mathew Artymorwiz by Frank & Maggie Carroccia

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14—Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- 7:30 am Paul & Eugenia Mwose by the McKeown Family
 Tina Nasso by Michael Nayda
 12:10 pm Angelo Ceccarelli by wife Gemma and daughters
 Brian Weiss by Tim & LuAnn Batt
 4:30 pm **Vigil Mass for the Assumption**
 Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 am Dr. Gerald E. Daigler by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
 12:10 pm Norbert "Leo" Handzlik (Anniversary of Death) by daughter Linda Klice
 LuAnn Batt (living) by Tim Batt
 7:30 pm Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption
 Eugene & Jane O'Brien by Tom & Bridget Wood

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16—Saint Stephen of Hungary

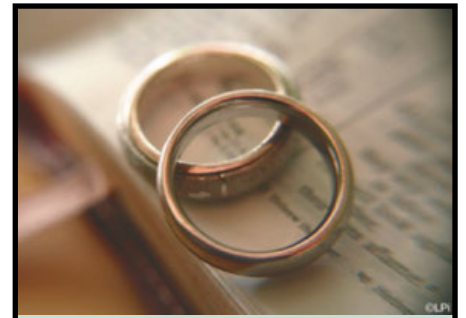
- 7:30 am Stephen Banko by Dave & Audrey Bouquard
 Rob Moscati by Derek & Diane Smith
 12:10 pm Albert "Tipper" Steiner (Anniversary of Death) by wife Kathy
 Norma Bure by sister Louise Ringle

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17—Weekday

- 7:30 am Ignacy, Aniela, Andrew, Edward, Peter Kaczmarczyk & Nell Vidrine by Pat
 12:10 pm Edward & Patricia Jarosz (50th Wedding Anniversary) (living) by Family
1:30 pm Wedding: Anna Allman and Peter Weltjen
 4:30 pm Albert & Matilda Jaromin and Josephine Baron by Elaine and Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Thomas Rojek by John & Nancy Lechanski
 10:00 am Shirley Motyka by Dick Motyka
 12:00 pm Arthur & Anne Smith by Arthur J. Smith & Family
 4:30 pm Eugene Gary McCann by the McCann Family



**Congratulations to parishioners
 Daniel & Terry Gawel
 on the occasion of their
 60th Wedding Anniversary,
 August 8, 2024.**

Daniel & Terry will be renewing
 their Wedding Vows following
 the 4:30 p.m. Mass on
 Saturday, August 10.



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 p.m. 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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:00—4:00 and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

In addition, Confessions will also be heard on **Wednesday, August 14, from 3:00—4:00 p.m.**

You may also call the Rectory Office to make an appointment.

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 20,
September 10 and 24,
and October 15 and 29**

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

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

Tuesdays • 6:30—7:30 p.m.

**September 10, October 1,
November 12, or December 10**

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 in the Marian Room on the

Basilica's lower level. 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.



OLV SERVICE CLUB

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Our Food Pantry always needs supplies during summer months. Please help out when you can!

The next Resurrection Food Pantry volunteer date is Thursday, August 15.

More details can be found on our OLV Service Club Facebook page.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FALL BIBLE STUDY

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

Our Mother of Good Counsel Activity Center, 3688 South Park Ave., Blasdell

Southtowns Catholic Bible Study presents a 12 week video Bible Study program. Meet the great teachers of the early Church. Discover the biblical basis for our Catholic beliefs and practices. Allow God's Word in the Bible to transform your life. Choose between Full Participant with workbook and video streaming (\$25) or Lite Participant, which includes watching the video and joining in group discussion (FREE). For questions or to register, please contact Deacon Michael Dulak at 716-913-0476 or deaconmikedulak@gmail.com.

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- Data Entry Supervisor
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DEAR PARISHIONERS,

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



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MARY DOYLE-SZLOSEK
PRINCIPAL



Registration forms are available through the Faith Formation Office at 716-828-9437 or by emailing faithformation@olvbasilica.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

A close-up photograph of two young girls, likely in Year 1, smiling at the camera. They are wearing dark blue polo shirts under grey and white plaid dresses. The girl on the left has blonde hair, and the girl on the right has brown hair. They are sitting on a light-colored carpeted floor. In the background, other children and colorful decorations are visible, suggesting a school event or assembly.

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

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Offertory envelopes can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office at:
**767 Ridge Road,
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 14, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$16,045.00
Monthly	\$1,007.00
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DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 8/17	4:30 pm	Amanda & Richie English	John Leszak, Bob Lohr, James McEvoy
Sun. 8/18	8:00 am	Jodie O'Connor	Richard Grasso, Ryan Harrington
	10:00 am	John Loss	Sal Howard, Terrence McCann, Patricia Osborne
	Noon	Arthur Smith	Molly McClenathan, Robert McDonough, Lydia Zielinski
	4:30 pm	Patricia DiVito	Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle, Mary Anne Jackson

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