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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. PAGE 02 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

SAVE THE DOME – "ADOPT AN ANGEL":

This past week, we made the public announcement that the copper on the dome needs to be replaced. The cost of this will be in excess of \$3 million dollars. This public phase of our Centennial Campaign is being viewed as a community-wide initiative as the Basilica is one of the most recognizable structures in the region. Our goal is to raise three million dollars. We are encouraging and asking the entire community to become involved. One of the ways community members can get involved is through our "Adopt an Angel" initiative where individuals can adopt one of the more than 2000 angels featured in the Basilica.

OLV is fortunate to have received a \$500,000 matching grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Enrichment Protection Fund. This grant will help support our Basilica's Restoration Project.

As you know, Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica represents the life, legacy, and profound faith of a humble, passionate priest, Father Baker. As the steward of his legacy, we are tasked with maintaining and preserving this wonder for another 100 years and beyond. Buffalo's harsh climate has taken its toll on the dome over the past 100 years since it was completed in 1925. The snow, rain, wind, heat, and cold have all impacted the integrity of the dome and water infiltration has now significantly damaged the plaster and interior paintings throughout the Basilica. It is now incumbent upon us to do our verv best to care for this magnificent shrine for years to come. If you have already contributed to our Centennial Capital Campaign and Restoration Project, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I encourage everyone who has not, to prayerfully consider a gift. Truly every single gift, large or small. makes a difference. Just look at



what Father Baker was able to accomplish 100 years ago when he asked donors from across Western New York and beyond for \$10.00 for a brick of marble!

May Father Baker intercede for the success of our campaign and may Our Lady of Victory continue to protect us as we honor her patronage here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica.

PENNIES TO HEAVEN 2024 FINAL REPORT:

I am please to announce that we collected \$7,525.99 from the coin drop at Father Baker Day's "Pennies to Heaven" on July 28. The total revenue from the weekend's events totaled \$26,553.92!

I could not be more grateful to all who came to support Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, from the youngest children to our most senior adults and families. Truly every penny makes a difference. I am confident that Father Baker smiles down upon all of you who came out to support us and to participate in this wonderful annual event.

Once again, I want to give a shout out to our co-chair couples, Amanda & Richie English and Clarisse & Cory Adamczak, along with the assistance of Deacon Mark & Stephanie Bialkowski, our OLV Facilities Team, Security Team, our OLV Community Engagement Director, Scott Weigley, and to all the many volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a huge success.

We look forward to growing the Pennies to Heaven event for next year, so please mark your calendars and save the date for **Father Baker Weekend, July 26-27, 2025**! Once again, huge thanks to all!

DIOCESE OF BUFFALO ANNUAL RENEWAL MASS WITH BISHOP MICHAEL FISHER:

All are invited to attend the fourth Annual Renewal Mass at St. Stanislaus Church on Sunday, August 25th:

- 389 Peckham Street, Buffalo, NY 14206
- Mass begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Rosary prayer at 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend! Let's continue to pray for the renewal of our diocese!

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION:

There is still time to register for the 2024-25 school year at our excellent Our Lady of Victory Elementary School. I encourage you to reach out to family and friends who have schoolage children to come see the "gem" of a school we have at OLV Elementary and to strongly consider registering. Please be "Ambassadors" for OLV School and encourage families you know to call and take a personal tour of the school to see for themselves all that we have to offer. All you have to do is call the school at 716-828-9435 and Mrs. Mary Szlosek, our wonderful principal, will be happy to provide you with more information and arrange for a personal tour. All are welcome... please come and see for yourselves. OLV Elementary is truly a happy, safe, and nurturing environment to provide quality education for the most precious gift of our children!

May Father Baker continue to intercede for you and your loved ones, and Our Lady of Victory protect you. God bless you!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

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			
4:30 pm	Eugene Gary McCann by the McCann Family		
MONDAY,	AUGUST 19—Saint John Eudes, Priest		
7:30 am	Art Bidlack by Family		
	Clemetine "Tina" Nasso by Terry Kind		
12:10 pm	Janice Przewlocki (Death Anniv.) by Thomas Przewlocki & Kimberly Sefaniak Janette Carroll English by Bill & Joanne Stanton		
TUESDAY,	AUGUST 20—Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church		
7:30 am	Joseph Patrick Flynn by David L. Krobe Kevin Bridge		
12:10 pm	James B. Downey by the Downey Family Jacob & Helen George by daughter		
WEDNES	DAY, AUGUST 21—Saint Pius X, Pope		
7:30 am	Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Sister Jacqueline Benbenek		
	Judith Drabik by Family & Friends		
12:10 pm	Kevin Sheehan by the Steinwald Family		
	Virginia Reiche by Judy Slowik		
THURSDA	Y, AUGUST 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
7:30 am	Tommy Cowan by John O'Mara		
	Virginia Lipke by Dave & Marsha Lipke		
12:10 pm	Carmen Scime (Anniversary of Death) by Rick & Diane McGrath		
	Fred & Josephine Puntoriero by Tim & LuAnn Batt		
FRIDAY, A	UGUST 23—Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin		
7:30 am	Michael & Jean Tos by Dennis & Marcia Tos and Family		
	Jack & Mary Ann Maynard by the Del Vecchio Family		
12:10 pm	Michael & Coleen Size (50th Wedding Anniversary) (living) by Coleen Size		
2.00	Geraldine Iannuzzelli (Birthday Remembrance) by Family		
2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Wedding: Rebecca Weiss & Jason Florentino Wedding: Christina Mieich & Jack Pullara		
-	Y, AUGUST 24—Saint Bartholomew, Apostle		
7:30 am	OLV House Blessing Intentions		
12:10 pm	Adam E. Opiel by the Opiel Family		
1:30 pm	Wedding: Kelly Winiarski & Jonathan Agnello		
4:30 pm	Sonny & Rose Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer		
	AUGUST 25—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:00 am	Bart Danahy (Birthday Remembrance) by Family		
10:00 am	Frank Balistreri by Michelle McGuire		
12:00 pm	Nancy Procknal by the Swiech Family		

4:30 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

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, September 24, October 15, and October 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.

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.

PARISH NEWS

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JOIN THE OLV SERVICE CLUB

Please join us! We are looking for new members of all ages!

Our OLV Service Club will host our opening meeting on **Sunday, September 15** in the OLV School Cafeteria at a NEW Meeting time from **1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** (following the Noon Mass). This change is a result of survey results, and we scheduled our meetings around the Bills schedule!

We will be reviewing our upcoming calendar of events, always focusing on the corporal works of mercy, and soliciting ideas for new activities. We will also be assembling homeless toiletry kits and collecting socks to support the school's "SOCK-tober" service project.

Additional Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Thursday, September 19, 6:00—7:00 p.m.— Resurrection Church Food Pantry

Saturday, September 21, 9:00—11:00 a.m.— Beach Sweep

Save the Date! Friday, December 6— Spaghetti Dinner our only fundraiser, supporting Christmas gifts for foster children

For more information, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887 or go to the OLV Service Club Facebook page! We look forward to seeing you on Sept. 15!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

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

On Sunday, September 8th, all are welcome to come to either the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Mass and stay for coffee, juice, and doughnuts afterwards! 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 into the Marian Room after Mass for an 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.



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 Avenue, 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**.



Wed. September 4 • 1:00 OR 6:30 p.m.

Come join the OLV Book Club as we finish exploring Father of the Fatherless: The Authorized Biography of Father Nelson Baker by Father Richard Gribble. Our meeting will be held in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica on September 4. Come to either the 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. session. For any questions, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or **mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org**.

BAPTISM 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 are held in the Marian Room on the Basilica's lower level. To register, scan the QR code above. For questions, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or email him at **mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org**.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Are you a practicing adult Catholic who was baptized, regularly receives the Eucharist, but was never confirmed? Besides preventing you from being a godparent or sponsor, you may be missing out on the graces that come 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 at 716-339-0767 or **mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org**.

SCHOOL & FAITH FORMATION

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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 you 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

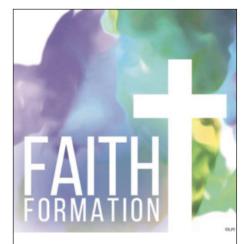


the tree and drop the requested item off at the school prior to August 30. Our teachers and students will be most appreciative!

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 716-828-9436 or **mszlosek@olvbasilica.org** 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



Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year.

Classes begin in October.

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



Our Lady of Victory is not just an ordinary elementary school, but an educational institution that values academic excellence, fosters a sense of

community and belonging, provides opportunities for sports and extracurricular activities, and prioritizes the well-being and growth of each child.

Private tours are now being offered. Please call 716-828-7592 if you want your child to share in the awesome legacy of Fr. Baker.

Visit us online at OurLadyofVictory Elementary.org.



SUPPORT OLV

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In order to maintain our beautiful Basilica and support the mission and ministries of our parish, 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 online giving, please go to https://olvbasilica. weshareonline.org

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, July 21, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$15,877.00
Monthly	\$295.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$500.00
Holy Day: Ascension (5/9)	\$5.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$772.90
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$3,284.00
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS	
Mission Cooperative Plan	\$708.00
Peter's Pence	\$67.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical Benefits Fund	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$21,513.90



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 8/24	4:30 pm	Glenn Reid	Kathleen Clark, Cindy Schaefer, Lydia Zielinski	
Sun. 8/25	8:00 am	Kevin O'Neil	Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen, Mary Ellen Carosa	
	10:00 am	John Loss	Kathleen Roche, Timothy Wing, Bridget Wood	
	Noon	David Settlecowski	Ronald Slawinowski, Linda Smolen, Christopher Swan	
	4:30 pm	Cathleen Woods	Richard Grasso, Mary Anne Jackson, Gregory Stachowski	

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