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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.

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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,

SAVE THE DOME:

Earlier this month, 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 2,000 angels featured in the Basilica.

OLV is fortunate to have received a \$500,000 matching grant from the NYS 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 very 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. Every single gift, large or small, makes a difference. 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!



For more information or to make a donation, please scan the QR code. For questions, or to discuss your personal gift or pledge over time, contact



Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610. 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.

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION:

There is still time to register for the 2024-25 school year at our excellent OLV Elementary School. I encourage you to reach out to family and friends who have school-age children to come and see the "gem" of a school we have here. Simply 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 of the school to see all that we have to offer. All are welcome... please come and see for yourselves. Our Lady of Victory Elementary is truly a happy, safe, and nurturing environment to provide quality education for the most precious gift of our children!

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

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24—Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:30 am OLV House Blessing Intentions12:10 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

SUNDAY, 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26—Weekday

7:30 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions

Bernardo & Maria Ceccarelli by Gemma Ceccarelli

12:10 pm Richard M. Lata, Sr. by Mary A. Lata

Josephine Malecki by Michelle, Pam & Linda and Family Members

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27—Saint Monica

7:30 am Mary Lauchert (Birthday Remembrance) by Ken & Therese Constable & Family

12:10 pm Joan Hartsock by Julia McManus LuAnn Batt (living) by Tim Batt

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28—Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Frank & May Twist by Family

12:10 pm David Freitus by Friends & Family

George & Mary Ann Najuch by daughter, Linda Smolen

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29—The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:30 am Helen Lesnick by Family

Theresa Rozmus by Ed & Diane Kuciel Casimir Krause by the Krause Family

12:10 pm Casimir Krause by the Krause Family Shirley Contento by Christopher Kern

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30—Weekday

7:30 am All Souls Intentions

Leo & Eleanor Rudny by Children and Family

12:10 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

Scott Eagan by Mom, Stan, Kelli, Melissa & Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31—Weekday

7:30 am Dolores McMahon Michael by Michael & Kathleen Pack

12:10 pm Noah Polites by Emma Kueker & Family

1:30 pm Wedding: Anna Molitor and Joseph Loewer

4:30 pm Michael O'Hara by Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am James, Frances, and Mary Kathryn Schaeffer by Estate10:00 am George, Mary, Roger & Beverly Wood by Diane Wood

12:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society

4:30 pm The Wilk and Wojtanik Families by Joanne Scofield

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.
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.

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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



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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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.

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.

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.

For questions, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or email him at mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.



CELEBRATING **BAPTISM**

Grayson Dale Winkler, son of Brian & Jamie Winkler, was baptized on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Nikolina Lucia Giokas, daughter of Evan & Nicole Giokas, was baptized on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Aria Marie Casey, daughter of Frank & Amber Casey, was baptized on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Sophia Aleksandra Ullrich, daughter of Alex & Olga Ullrich, was

baptized on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Jeremy David Lancon, Jr.,

son of Jeremy & Lisa Lancon, was baptized on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Jensen John Harris, son of Joseph & Morgan Harris was baptized on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Emberly James Carmichael,

daughter of Robert McNamara and Ashley Carmichael, was baptized on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Joseph Kenneth Cullen, son of Kyle & Bethany Cullen was baptized on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

Colter Parkinson Gannon, son of Connor & Cailey Gannon, was baptized on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Frances Fernanda Poletti, daughter of Anthony & Kiley Poletti, was baptized on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Cecilia Edwina Bax, daughter of Michael & Bethany Bax, was baptized on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Kaylani Liv Scolla, daughter of David & Kayel Scolla, was baptized on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Gracen James Hirsch, son of Torey & Amanda Hirsch, was baptized on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

Estelle Joyce Danzig, daughter of Corey & Tara Danzig, was baptized on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

Carson Sean Purtill, son of Sean & Holly Purtill, was baptized on Sunday, August 11, 2024.



CAYMAN ISLAND RAFFLE

Registration is open for the

2024-2025 school year.

Classes begin in October.

Our Cavman Island Raffle is back by popular demand! Your chance to win a 1 week stay at The Grand Caymanian Resort! Includes accommodations for 4-6 guests and a \$2,500 Visa gift card courtesy of Parkview Health! The winner will be drawn on Thursday. September 26, 2024, at Victory Nite and you need not be present to win. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by calling 716-828-9648 (select option 1) or by emailing Latisha James at ljames@olvcharities.org.

For more information about Victory Nite, please visit olvcharities.org/victorynite



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

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



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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**

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We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, July 28, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$16,447.50
Monthly	\$170.00
Holy Day: Assumption (8/15)	\$25.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$3,978.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,313.98

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Mission Cooperative Plan	\$20.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical	\$35.00
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TOTAL	\$22,989.48
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 8/31	4:30 pm	Laura Schuh	John Leszak, Bob Lohr	
Sun. 9/1	8:00 am	Martin Tobin	Eugene Allman, Sheila Allman, Mary Check	
	10:00 am	Christopher Swan	Patricia Jarosz, Carolyn Kipler, Michael (Mickey) Kipler	
	Noon	Sandy Swiech	Jon Paul Trabucco, David West, Doreen West	
	4:30 pm	Kathy Dimitrievski	Patricia DiVito, Moey Oakley, Joanne Setlock	

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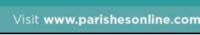


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