

February 11, 2024 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## COME & WORSHIP

### BASILICA HOURS

The Basilica is open for private prayer from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily and until 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

### 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:**

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.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

LENT BEGINS:  
ASH WEDNESDAY –  
February 14, 2024



The Season of Lent will begin with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 14. The priests and deacon will be assisted by our Eucharistic Ministers and the distribution of ashes will take place following the homily. We will use the four Communion stations as we do for the distribution of Holy Communion. Ashes will also be available on Ash Wednesday in small packets for those who wish to bring them home to sick family members and/or shut-ins.

The Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday will be as follows:

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 12:10 p.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. (no Mass) - Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
- 7:30 p.m. Mass

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens (unbaptized), by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. From the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, the Alleluia is not said.

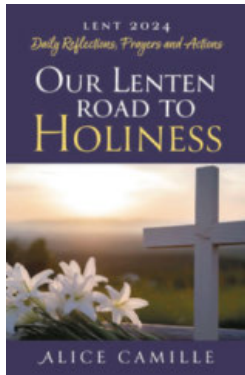
**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**Stations of the Cross & Friday Evening Masses during Lent:**  
Every Friday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

LENT 2024 DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS:

Once again this year, I ordered a booklet of daily Lenten reflections as a gift to our parishioners that is available this weekend in the Basilica. The booklet is entitled *Lent 2024: Daily Reflections, Prayers and Actions—Our Lenten Road to Holiness* by Alice Camille.



Rend, liberate, deny, follow, repent, forgive. Alice Camille says these are the verbs—the action words—that guide our Lenten journey. This unique booklet invites us to “follow them a while together and see where they lead.” Please take one booklet per family and allow these daily stories and reflections to help you to stay focused on what’s most important in life.

NEW OLV RECTORY OFFICE ASSISTANT & CHANGE IN RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new part-time Rectory Office Assistant. Rebecca “Becky” Egloff will be joining our Rectory Staff

beginning Wednesday, February 14. Becky will assist in the front office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. With this new position, we will no longer have Rectory Office hours on Saturdays, effective Saturday, February 17.

I wish to thank Vicky McEvoy, who has worked in the rectory on Saturdays for the past nine years, for her dedicated and effective service. Vicky will continue to work here at OLV Basilica Parish in our Faith Formation program in her role as secretary. Thank you, Vicky, for all that you have done and continue to do for OLV!

Please join me in welcoming Rebecca Egloff to OLV National Shrine & Basilica. Becky is an active parishioner at St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Hamburg. She brings a number of technical skills, as well as pastoral skills, that will benefit OLV Parish Rectory.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2024

The Season of Lent always coincides with our Annual Catholic Charities Appeal and Fund for the Faith. As we will hear on Ash Wednesday, the three disciplines of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. There is no better way to exercise the call to almsgiving than to support our Catholic Charities Appeal, which in 2023 impacted more than 102,512 individuals and family members in our immediate Lackawanna community. 57,272 of these lives were children under the age of 18.

This year marks the 100th Appeal for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities



continues to be a beacon of **HOPE** for individuals, children and families in need across the eight counties of WNY. We serve people from all walks of life, without regard to faith. We **strengthen** and **empower** people to achieve meaningful, healthy and productive lives. We deliver support to meet immediate needs, and then assess for other needs to ensure long-term success.

In 2023, the contributions from OLV Basilica to the Appeal helped provide many essential services to those who need it most in our community including basic needs programs, care coordination, education and work-force training, family safety and stabilization, immigration and refugee assistance, in-school counseling and support, mental wellness, and older adults support.

The Diocesan Goal for Appeal 2024 is \$9,500,000. **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 \$555 from 5 donors.**

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. Due to the lingering effects of the pandemic and the financial challenges that so many in our community are facing, the need for assistance is greater than ever for those who are struggling financially, emotionally and physically.

You may also make a pledge, which is what I do every year. In doing so I find that I can make a larger contribution spread out in four payments

throughout the year. **To make a gift, please mail in your donor card when you receive it to Appeal 2024, donate online at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org), or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.** Please identify yourself as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, so that our parish is credited to ensure we make our parish goal. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit [ccwny.org](http://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 to us and brings HOPE and help to the lives of children, families and adults in every corner of Western New York.

The Patron for Appeal 2024 is Saint Patrick! *St. Patrick, God's calling was revealed to you only in the midst of poverty and captivity, not in the material comfort of home. Pray then, that we come to our work with humility. Open our hearts to God's calling and guide us to do His work, just as you did. May your example of perseverance, forgiveness, and hope guide our efforts for our 100th Appeal. Through your intercession, St. Patrick, we pray that our Loving God will bless us and those we serve, and that through Him, we will be successful. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Patrick, pray for us!*

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

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**



**Please note that we will continue to have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.**

Our family of parishes (#26) is also hosting Stations of the Cross. If you wish to visit our neighboring churches, the following is the schedule:

- **Friday, February 16 at 7 p.m.**  
Host – Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell
- **Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m.**  
Host – St. Anthony, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m.**  
Host – Queen of Angels, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m.**  
Host – Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.**  
Host – Our Lady of Bistrice, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m.**  
Host – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park

#### **PENANCE SERVICE**

**There will also be a Lenten Penance Service held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.**

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## 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. February 27, March 5, April 9, and April 23

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.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please keep the following RCIA members in your prayers as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church:

*Catechumens:*  
**Dennis Higdon**  
**Lamonica Higdon**

*Candidates for  
First Communion  
and Confirmation:*  
**Libby Marinaccio**  
**Alexander Preiss**  
**Michael Spence**  
**Christopher Whalen**

*Candidate for  
Confirmation:*  
**Noelle Ortiz**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10—Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:30 am	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick
12:10 pm	Theodore & Josephine Taddio by Matt & Mary Beth Freitas
4:30 pm	Joseph Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	Stephen Check by Family
12:00 pm	James Adam by Jason, Kate, Gemma & Angelo Adam
4:30 pm	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12—Weekday

7:30 am	Marguerite Jean-Baptiste (living) by Marguerite Jean-Baptiste
12:10 pm	Mildred Moebus by Maureen E. Kelly

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13—Weekday

7:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
12:10 pm	Walter Melohusky (Anniversary of Death) by daughter

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14—Ash Wednesday

7:30 am	Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk by Pat and daughters
9:00 am	Dorothy A. Downey by the Downey Family
12:10 pm	Theresa M. McLaughlin (Anniversary of Death) by children and grandchildren John Dusza by grandson, David
3:00 pm	<b>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Distribution of Ashes (no Mass)</b>
7:30 pm	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 am	Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Jenny Laney
12:10 pm	Martha Opiel by the Opiel Family Heather Williams by Ann Marie Williams

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16—Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
8:15 am	Eleanor A. Piotrowicz by the Sunshine Club Dennis Ciehonski by Joni Pobedinsky
12:10 pm	Joseph & Cora Lipkus by Marshall & Carol Lipkus Janice Przewlocki (Wed. Anniv.) by Thomas Przewlocki & Kimberly Sefaniak
7:00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7:30 pm	Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Bob Daeschler

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:30 am	OLV House Blessing Intentions
12:10 pm	Special Intentions for the Palermo Family by Kathleen Palermo
4:30 pm	Mary Clear by Christine Brown

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Dr. Asher and Matthew Channan-Khan (living) by Dan & Michele Cusella
10:00 am	Deceased Members of the Patriots Club by Patriots Club Members
12:00 pm	David Deinhart by Mrs. Joan Deinhart & Family
4:30 pm	Casimir M. Slaski (Birthday Remembrance)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## WORD BEYOND SUNDAYS

**Mondays beginning February 12 •  
1:00 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.**

This Lent, take some time to reflect on *God's Word Beyond Sundays* by joining us to take a deeper look at each weekend's readings. Sessions will take place every Monday in the Basilica's Marian Room, beginning on February 12 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will meet weekly until Easter. Come to any or all sessions!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
BAKE SALE & BASKET RAFFLE

**Weekend of February 17 & 18**

The Children's Liturgy Committee will hold its annual bake sale and theme basket raffle next weekend in the Marian Room after all Masses. We are in need of baked goods to sell and items for our basket raffle. To donate a raffle item or baked goods, please call Tina Hatem at 716-826-5075. Thank you for your support!

## EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

**Applications Due by February 28**

A delegation of 25 missionary disciples will travel from the Diocese of Buffalo to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17—21, 2024 as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Each day will include Mass, time for adoration and prayer, and captivating speakers. You can be a part of this amazing journey! Through a generous grant, lodging, transportation, one meal per day, and admission will be covered for participants. If you are interested in being part of this experience, please scan the QR code below for details and to download an application. For further info or questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 716-847-5545 or [worship@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:worship@buffalodiocese.org).



## DOUGHNUTS &amp; DISCIPLESHIP

**Sunday, March 3 •  
after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses**

Our next *Doughnuts and Discipleship* will take place on Sunday, March 3, after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica. 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.

NEW PARISHIONER  
WELCOME NIGHT

**Tuesday, March 5 • 6:30 p.m.**

OLV will host its second New Parishioner Welcome Night in the Basilica's Community Room. This event is open to any newly registered parishioner. Meet other new parishioners, get to know a bit about OLV's rich history, and hear about how Father Baker's legacy is still thriving. Light refreshments will be served.

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES:  
LIVING OUT LENT

**Tuesday, March 12 • 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 14 • 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 19 • 6:30 p.m.**

This Lent, join us for a special speaker series focused on how Lent is lived out all year round through acts of discipleship and giving. Speakers will highlight the impact that a lived Lenten discipleship has on our neighborhood, the broader community, and globally. Speakers will present on the evenings of March 12, March 14, and March 19 from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in the Basilica's lower level Brvenik Community Room.

## ANNUAL OLV SWEEPSTAKES

**Saturday, March 23 •  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. •  
OLV Elementary Cafeteria & Gym**

Purchase a ticket for the OLV Annual Sweepstakes 2024, sponsored by OLV Elementary School, with a total of 30 cash prizes including a Grand Prize of \$10,000! Each \$50 ticket admits two adults (ages 21+) to the Grand Drawing on March 23. Winners need not be present to win. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Party in the cafeteria and gym from 6—10 p.m. Pizza, snacks and beverages provided; outside food encouraged. Tickets are available at the Gift Shop, School Office, and Rectory Office. To purchase online, scan the QR code or visit <https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org>.

For questions, please call the School Office at 716-828-9435 or Rick Diamond at 716-253-4679. We appreciate your support!



## OLV SERVICE CLUB EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who helped assemble the 50 welcome kits for new parolees. We are so grateful for the generous donations we received from our parishioners! This is our way to perform the corporal work of mercy of visiting the imprisoned.

**Thursday, February 15 • 6:00 p.m.**  
Resurrection Life Food Pantry—Let us know if you are able to help out.

**Sunday, March 10 • 5:30 p.m.**  
At our next meeting in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria, we will assemble 50 Easter baskets for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Donations of coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, or Easter candies are welcome prior to March 1.

If you would like more info, please contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887. All are welcome to be part of the OLV Service Club!

WE ARE GRATEFUL!

In order to continue to maintain our beautiful Basilica and support the mission and ministries of our parish, including our school, we depend on weekly offertory donations.

Offertory envelopes can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office at:

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We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

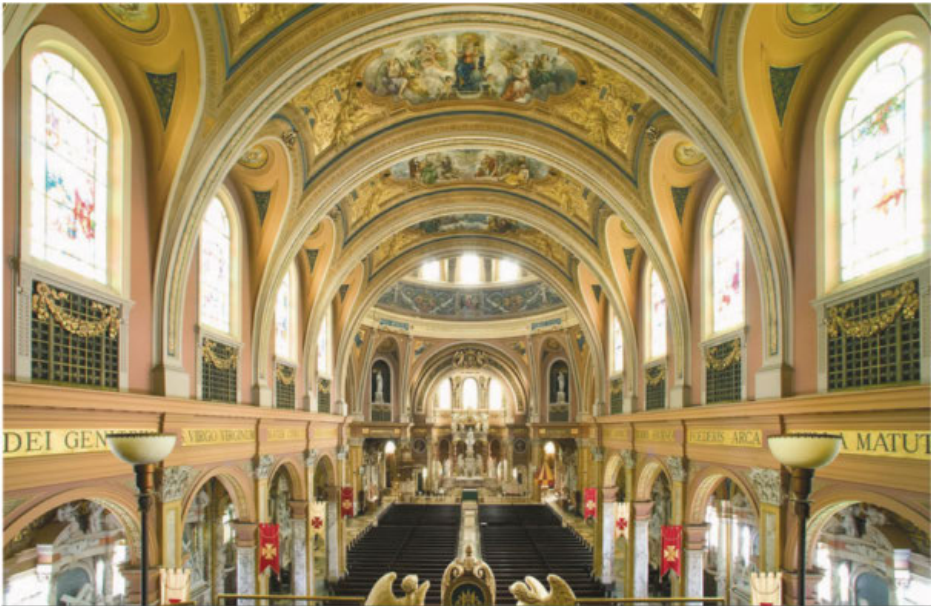
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Weekly	\$14,654.00
Monthly	\$1,693.00
Christmas	\$170.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Holy Day: Immac. Conception (12/8)	\$20.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$828.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$86.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$4,677.01

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Religious Retirement Appeal	\$30.00
Sr. Ellen O'Keefe Angel Fund	\$15.00

Total	\$22,198.01
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 2/17	4:30 p.m.	William O'Rourke	Mary Anne Jackson, Cindy Schaefer, Joanne Setlock
Sun. 2/18	8:00 a.m.	Miriam Trojanovic	Mary Patricia Allman, Mary Ellen Carosa, Mary Check
	10:00 a.m.	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Carolyn Kipler, Bridget Wood
	Noon	Lydia Zielinski	Robert McDonough, Jon Paul Trabucco
	4:30 p.m.	Stefan Gelle	Patricia DiVito, Donna Gelle, Richard Grasso



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