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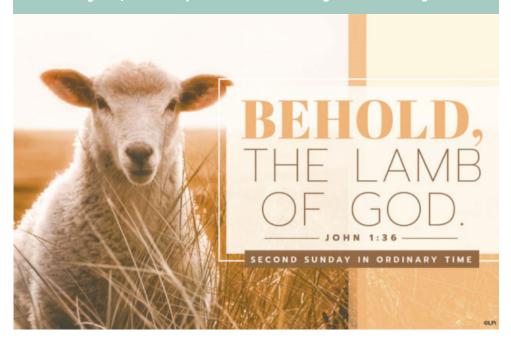
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January 14, 2024 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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2:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p 716-828-9444 • 716-828-9429 fax

olvrectory@olvbasilica.org

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FAITH FORMATION

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

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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.

GUIDED BASILICA TOURS

Please call the Rectory Office at 716-828-9444 if you are interested in scheduling a group tour.

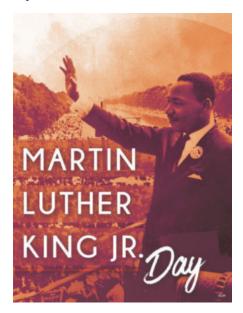
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY—JANUARY 15, 2024

In observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us pray for an end to racism, hatred and violence in all of its forms. Let us resolve to honor and respect every human being as created in the image and likeness of God. And let us resolve to restore peace, justice and love in all that we say and in all that we do.



OLV SWEEPSTAKES: PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS!

In anticipation of our OLV Annual Sweepstakes Fundraising Event on Saturday, March 23, please be sure to purchase your



Sweepstakes tickets. Tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased at the Gift Shop, School Office, and Rectory. To purchase tickets online, scan the above QR code or visit https://olvbasilica. weshareonline.org. I would be most grateful for your support!

RESTORATION OF SANCTUARY FLOOR: Beginning Monday, January 22

As you know, over the past two years we have done a considerable amount of restoration work on the outside of the Basilica, including the drainage system, roof replacement and repairs, as well as ongoing work with the stained glasses windows throughout the Basilica.

This past year we completed the restoration of the pews and most of the floors. The last area that needs to be restored is the main sanctuary floor. Beginning Monday, January 22, the weekday Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. will be celebrated in the Lower Basilica in the Brvenik Community Room. It is estimated the work will be completed in two to three weeks. Weekend Masses will continue to be held in the Upper Basilica. During the restoration of the sanctuary floor, there is a possibility that Funerals requested on weekdays may be moved to another nearby church in order to allow the sanctuary project to be completed within the estimated time frame.

Once again, I deeply appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to do the necessary restoration work to preserve our beautiful Basilica for the next 100 years!

I am also profoundly grateful to all those who have donated towards our Centennial Capital Campaign to allow us to continue the legacy of Father Baker and to care for our magnificent basilica. If you are interested in helping also, please contact the OLV Charities Mission Advancement Office at 716-828-9572 or contact me at the rectory regarding how you can participate in our **Centennial Capital Campaign.**

Once again, I sincerely want to thank all of you for being wonderful parishioners, benefactors, and friends of OLV. None of this would be possible without your support.

PILGRIMAGE: FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FATHER BAKER

There is still room if you wish to join us on this awe-inspiring pilgrimage of faith, planned for April 30—May 9, 2024. While on this sacred excursion, we'll travel to Paris and Rome, retracing and reliving the pilgrimage that changed Father Baker's life forever 150 years ago.

In May of 1874, Father Baker embarked on the ship, S.S. Periere, setting a course for France to visit and worship at the holy sites and magnificent shrines of Europe. In Paris, he visited Notre Dame des Victoires, and it was there that his faith was transformed. Upon entering the shrine, Father Baker's eyes focused immediately on the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Victory. As he knelt at the communion rail, gazing at the statue of Our Lady, he made a promise:

"From now on, I will devote my entire life to your service. I shall devote all my thoughts and actions to your name. I will spread devotion of Our Lady of Victory throughout America."

—Father Baker, from *Father of the Fatherless* by Richard Gribble, CSC

We hope you will join us on this special journey of inspiration and prayer! Enrich your spiritual life by walking in the footsteps of Father Baker, while deepening your devotion to Our Lady of Victory.

To access the itinerary and cost for the pilgrimage, please scan this QR code or contact Kim Kutera at 716-828-9607 or



kkutera@olvcharities.org.

May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you, and may Almighty God bless you abundantly with His love and peace.

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13—Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Melanie "Molly" Druzbik by Mark Gawronski

12:10 pm Ted & Ruth McCann by Sons & Wives

1:30 pm Wedding: Kathryn Grabski and Matthew Devic

4:30 pm Pro-Vita Awards Mass

William F. McLaughlin (Anniversary of Death) by Children and Grandchildren

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 am Mary Ann Krajcer by the Gawel Family

12:00 pm Trina Stilwell by William & Mary Ann O'Rourke4:30 pm Claude R. Winkler by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

MONDAY, JANUARY 15—Weekday

7:30 am Charles Bartolotta by the Italian American Police Association

12:10 pm William Irr, Sr. by OLV Charities

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16—Weekday

7:30 am Raymond Grazybowski by Marcia Tos & Family

12:10 pm OLV Spiritual Association Members

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17—Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:30 am Joseph T. Gannon by the Mullins Family

12:10 pm Isabella Rivera by Gram & Pop

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18—Weekday

7:30 am Joan F. Brown by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

OLV Golden Treasury Intentions

12:10 pm Donald Joseph Mokski by David & Diane Mokski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19—Weekday

7:30 am OLV House Blessing Intentions

8:15 am Stephanie "Bebe" Downey by the Downey Family

12:10 pm Marian Check by Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20—Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

7:30 am Ron Newkirk by Mary Ann Zilliox Pfaffenbach
12:10 pm Peter Conccetta Battista by the Battista Family

4:30 pm Jeanne Morrison and Brian Morrison by Elizabeth Willard

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Albin Sasiadek by son, David

10:00 am Dillon Siblings, Joanne, Bill, Theresa & Peggy by the Dillon Family

12:00 pm Ann T. O'Leary by the O'Leary Family 4:30 pm Rose Orzech by the Orzech Family



CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Loving God,
we thank you for
the faith, vision and
heroic ministry of
Venerable Nelson
Baker, who entrusted
his full confidence
to the powerful
intercession of
Our Lady of Victory.

As we celebrate the Centennial of our Basilica, may it continue to be a place of healing prayer, inspiration for the conversion of hearts, and encouragement for charitable service to those in need.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

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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. January 16, February 6, and February 27

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 & ONLINE MASS

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE:

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Basilica Gift Shop will be open.

THE LIVING ROSARY— Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children

Monday, January 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Our Mother of Good Counsel Church,
3688 South Park Avenue. Blasdell

Join us as we join our voices in prayer in a candlelight prayer service asking Mary, Our Blessed Mother, to obtain for us the graces we need to build a "Culture of Life" and a "Civilization of Love."

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 Our Lady of Victory Elementary School, with a total of 30 cash prizes including a Grand Prize of \$10,000! Each ticket (\$50) 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 6:00—10:00 p.m. Pizza, snacks and beverages provided; outside food encouraged. Each ticket admits two adults (ages 21 and over).

Tickets are available at the Gift Shop, School Office, and Rectory Office. To purchase online, scan this 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. Thank you for your support!



OLV SERVICE CLUB EVENTS

All are welcome to participate in Service Club Activities! Please contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887 for questions.

- Donations Needed—We are looking for the following: bath towels, washcloths, deodorant, razors, body soap. These items will be used at our February 4th meeting to assemble welcome kits for newly paroled individuals. Donations are needed by January 28th and pickup is available by calling 716-536-3887.
- Thursday, January 18 6:00 p.m. Resurrection Life Food Pantry—Please let us know if you are able to help out!
- Sunday, February 4 5:30 p.m.
 Join us at our next meeting in the OLV
 Elementary School Cafeteria. We will
 be assembling 50 welcome kits for
 newly paroled individuals and
 Peaceprints of WNY will distribute the
 kits to their clients. Please see above
 for the items that we need donated to
 assist us in the completion of these kits.
- OLV Food Pantry—Our food pantry in the back parking lot is getting a lot of use. Special thanks to Ms. Hennigan and her Honor Society students for their help stocking and cleaning the pantry! Shelf-stable food donations are greatly appreciated anytime.



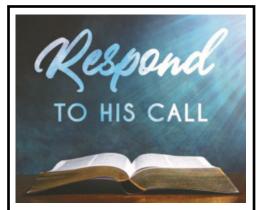
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith. It is for non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith, for those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism or a Profession of Faith, and for those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist. RCIA sessions are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica. If interested, please contact Fr. Rob at 716-828-9428 or rcontarin@olvbasilica.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Every week of the year, the OLV Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides emergency help to people in need by assisting them in finding solutions to their difficulties. The volunteers visit families in their homes to offer aid, such as food, clothing, furniture, appliances, household items, and even Christmas presents. In the last year, we made over 700 visits to homes, serving over 1600 people, delivering over \$65,000



worth of aid. All of this has been due to the thoughtfulness of our parishioners through their donations in the Poor Boxes, Food Barrels or directly to us, Thanksgiving Day offertory, Children's Liturgy Santa collection, and numerous other OLV ministries. In addition, we are so grateful for our generous partnerships with FeedMoreWNY and OLV Charities that allow us to serve so many families. Importantly, we want to thank the rectory staff for their work every day to support our mission. On behalf of those that need our help, we graciously thank everyone for thinking of us all year long!



Today's first reading is the perfect vocation story. Is it the Lord who is calling you in the night? Will you answer, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



OLV OPPORTUNITIES

HOUSEKEEPER POSITION (FULL TIME) AT OLV CHARITIES

Get involved in the care and upkeep of our beautiful Basilica and OLV buildings! This position performs a variety of manual tasks requiring light, medium, and heavy physical effort in cleaning assigned areas. Involves a wide range of specialized and routine cleaning such as window washing, vacuuming, trash removal, dusting, cleaning office spaces, kitchens, common areas, residential facilities, and restrooms. Work schedule is Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. -4 p.m.; 37.5 hours per week with 2 weekend days/month and a few annual special events. For more info, visit olvcharities.org/careers. Send resume to Human Resources, OLV Charities, 780 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

BILLING COORDINATOR FINANCE POSITION (FULL TIME) AT OLV CHARITIES

Oversees invoicing activity at OLV Charities from the point of invoice issuance through customer collection. Works collaboratively to ensure accurate work order records are maintained and service contracts are billed out to customers. Oversight of capital assets is required to ensure construction-in-progress is reconciled timely and all financial accounting for organizational capital assets is accurately performed. Functions as the primary back-up for administration of the eMaintenance billing and work order system. For more info, visit olvcharities.org/ careers. Send resume to Human Resources, OLV Charities, 780 Ridge Road, Lackawanna NY 14218.



Jodi Ball & Jesse Gordon were married here at OLV Basilica on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Congratulations to the following high school students who achieved honors for the first marking period in this 2023-2024 school year:

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

Trent Kim, Grade 10—Honor Roll

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Nathaniel Lindstrom, Grade 9— First Honors

Brandon Drummond II, Grade 12— Second Honors PAGE 06 | SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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:

767 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218

For online giving, go to https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

PARISH	COLLECTIONS (including onlin	ne)

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Weekly	\$16,006.50
Monthly	\$1,187.00
Christmas	\$270.00
Christmas Flowers	\$559.00
Fuel	\$160.00
Holy Day: Immac. Conception (12/8)	\$2,902.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$60.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$20.00
Shrine / Votive Candles	\$2,104.50

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Campaign for Human Development
Religious Retirement Appeal
Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits
\$20.00
\$2,569.00
\$100.00

Total \$25,958.00



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- Go to: olvbasilica.weshareonline.org
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
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VISIT THE GIFT SHOP

The OLV Gift Shop, located on the lower level of the Basilica next to the Father Baker Museum, carries a wide variety of Catholic gifts and religious merchandise, including materials related to Father Baker and Our Lady of Victory Basilica. The Gift Shop is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for lunch). We encourage you to stop in the Gift Shop to see what we have to offer. Your purchases support OLV and help us to continue the legacy of Father Baker.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 1/20	4:30 p.m.	Glenn Reid	Mary Anne Jackson, Kathleen Roche, Cindy Schaefer	
Sun. 1/21	8:00 a.m.	Paul Miazga	Catherine Bergen, Mary Check	
	10:00 a.m.	Laura Schuh	Molly McClenathan, Timothy Wing	
	Noon	Arthur Smith, Ellen Scheiderer	David West, Doreen West, Lydia Zielinski	
	4:30 p.m.	Eleanor Wieleba	Patricia DiVito, Moey Oakley, Gregory Stachowski	

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