



February 4, 2024 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**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.

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**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 recalls 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.

#### 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 workforce 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.** 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**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3—Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:30 am	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick
12:10 pm	Maureen Mitskoff (Birthday Remembrance) by the Frontier Family
4:30 pm	James & Rose Leary by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick
10:00 am	Michael J. Bona by Petrina Bona & Family
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Mary Mallon by Fred & Pat Meleczko

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5—Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 am	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick
12:10 pm	Edward J. & Margaret E. Cosgrove by Ellen Scheiderer

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6—Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:30 am	Mary Grace Sullivan and the Sullivan Family by Dan & Michele Cusella
12:10 pm	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7—Weekday

7:30 am	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick
12:10 pm	Anthony Rebmann (living) by Robert Rebmann Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Bill Spaulding

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8—Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

7:30 am	Shirley J. Mancuso by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass with Bishop Fisher</b> (rescheduled from Catholic Schools Week)
12:10 pm	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick Adeline Schultz by the Swiech Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9—Weekday

7:30 am	Intentions of the Novena for the Sick Daniel Schaefer and James Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer
12:10 pm	Stella Dusza by grandson, David Mark Deacon by the Steinwald Family

### 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

## 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 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](http://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](http://olvbasilica.org) and click the “Live Streaming” button in the top right corner.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OLV SERVICE CLUB EVENTS

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

- **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.
- **Thursday, February 15 • 6:00 p.m.**  
Resurrection Life Food Pantry—Let us know if you are able to help out.
- Our **OLV Food Pantry** in the back parking lot is getting a lot of use. Shelf-stable food donations are greatly appreciated anytime.

### SUPER SATURDAY

**Saturday, February 10 • 9 a.m.—1 p.m. • OLV Elementary School**

OLV Elementary is hosting its SUPER SATURDAY EVENT on Saturday, February 10th from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. If you are looking for a great school for your child or grandchild, please come and see what OLV Elementary has to offer. Our SUPER SATURDAY event is a half-day of school for all our students and teachers. What a great opportunity for the child in your life to experience what school could be like for them! It's a day filled with fun and concludes with an awesome student talent show! Please call 716-828-7592 to reserve your spot.

### VICTORIOUS HEARTS



**Saturday, February 10 • 5:30 p.m.**

Couples are invited to the second Victorious Hearts gathering on Saturday, February 10 in the Basilica's Community Room. Join us for mingling, light charcuterie, and a talk by guest speaker, Dan Lawson. A local Catholic therapist and a host of

the podcast *Smuggling Hope*, Dan will share five simple habits for remarkable marriages. Couples will leave with an action plan in preparation for Lent. The evening concludes with optional Confession as we prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming Lenten season.

Engaged and married couples of all ages are encouraged to join us. For questions, contact [VictoriousHeartsOLV@gmail.com](mailto:VictoriousHeartsOLV@gmail.com) or follow us on Instagram at [@VictoriousHeartsOLV](https://www.instagram.com/VictoriousHeartsOLV). To learn more, visit our website at <https://www.olvbasilica.org/couples>.



### 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!

### NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME NIGHT

**Tuesday, March 5 • 6:30 p.m.**

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



### DOUGHNUTS & 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.

### 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!



## DID YOU KNOW?

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

If this is what you desire for your children or grandchildren, give us a call at 716-828-7592 or visit us online at [OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org](http://OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org). Remember to check us out on Facebook and Instagram at Our Lady of Victory Elementary.

Our first 100 years were awesome, the next 100 will be even better! *The Legacy Lives On*, join us!

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Since Christmas, we have returned to the practice of having the gifts of bread and wine being brought forward during Mass. If the intention of the Mass is for one of your loved ones or for a special occasion, please consider signing up to be a gift bearer. Gift bearers can sign up using the Presentation of the Gifts sign-up book, located at the main Ridge Road entrance into the Basilica, or see an usher. Thank you!



## (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

We are preparing to welcome the following individuals through the Rite of Acceptance, as they anticipate becoming full members of the Catholic Church later this year. Please keep them in your prayers and join us in welcoming them here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica Parish:

**Dennis Higdon**  
**Lamonica Higdon**  
**Libby Marinaccio**  
**Noelle Ortiz**  
**Alexander Preiss**  
**Michael Spence**  
**Christopher Whalen**



Today St. Paul tells us to "do everything for the glory of God."

Most people serve God with their leisure time.

Some are called to a full-time life of service to God, Church, and neighbor.

If you feel that calling, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SAINTS ON THE SLOPES

**Saturday, February 10 • Noon**

Join your friends in faith for a ski adventure and potluck luncheon at Holiday Valley (6557 Holiday Valley Road, Ellicottville, 14731) on Saturday, February 10 at 12:00 Noon. This event is for adults 21+. All proceeds benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center, which serves families and life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need during and after pregnancy. For more information and to reserve your free spot, visit <https://SOTS.eventbrite.com>

### CATHOLIC SINGLES MINGLE

**Tuesday, February 13 • 5:30 p.m.**

Adults 30s & 40s: Join us for an evening of appetizers, fellowship and fun at JP Lounge (5445 Transit Road, Williamsville, 14221) on Tuesday, February 13. This St. Valentine's Day celebration is for Catholic single adults in their 30s and 40s. All proceeds benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center, which serves families and life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need during and after pregnancy. Reserve your spot online: [csm3.eventbrite.com](http://csm3.eventbrite.com)

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## WE ARE GRATEFUL!

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

**767 Ridge Road  
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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 31, 2023

#### PARISH COLLECTIONS (including online)

Weekly	\$20,974.00
Monthly	\$180.00
Ash Wednesday	\$20.00
Christmas	\$1,406.00
Fuel	\$30.00
Holy Day: Immac. Conception (12/8)	\$13.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$1,372.00

#### ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Black & Native Missions	\$15.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$55.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$15.00
Religious Retirement Appeal	\$5.00
Sr. Ellen O'Keefe Angel Fund	\$70.00

**Total** **\$24,155.00**



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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
<b>Sat. 2/10</b>	4:30 p.m.	Glenn Reid	Kathleen Roche, Joanne Setlock
<b>Sun. 2/11</b>	8:00 a.m.	Martin Tobin	Richard Grasso, Mary Patricia Allman, Catherine Bergen
	10:00 a.m.	Christopher Swan	Molly McClenathan, Patricia Osborne, Timothy Wing
	Noon	Sandy Swiech	Robert McDonough, Ellen Scheiderer, Linda Smolen
	4:30 p.m.	Linda "Mickey" Pawenski	Joanne Setlock, Gregory Stachowski, Kathy Dimitrievski

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