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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. (except Thursday, July 4)

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,

As you know, we have a longstanding tradition here at OLV of honoring the legacy of Father Baker with "Pennies to Heaven" and other special events on the Sunday closest to Father Baker's day of death on July 29, 1936. This year, we will celebrate Father Baker's legacy on the weekend of July 27—28. I sincerely hope you will join us as we honor our beloved Founder, the Venerable Nelson Baker, and his outstanding legacy that continues to this very day!

The weekend events include:



Saturday, July 27 • 4:30 p.m. Mass

Pre-Mass Jazz Music/Vocal Concert beginning at 4:00 p.m. We welcome back Tim Wells and the Contemporary Ensemble from St. Joseph University Parish, Buffalo and a Jazz Quartet. All are welcome!



On Sunday, July 28, we will have our Annual Pennies to Heaven Collection in front of the Basilica beginning at 7:30 a.m. and concluding at 1:00 p.m.



The special Father Baker Day Mass will take place at 12:00 Noon, as we honor the Anniversary of Father Baker's date of death and pay tribute to his great legacy. All are welcome to join us!

Stay after Mass for our family-friendly carnival and chicken BBQ by TSG BBQ from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chicken BBQ tickets may be purchased after weekend Masses, at the rectory, or online at penniestoheaven.org.

Entertainment will include live music by Cami Clune of T.V.'s *The Voice*, basket raffles and split drawings, activities and games for children including a bounce house, dunk tank, scavenger hunt, and hair braiding by Braid Babes, balloons and much more. A beer tent will also be available. Enjoy the fun with family and friends and celebrate the great legacy of our beloved founder! Details can be found on **penniestoheaven.org**.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Knights of Columbus will again host the popular Wine Toss game. Please consider donating a bottle or two of wine, as over 80 bottles are needed. A drop-off basket will be available this weekend (July 13-14), as well as next weekend (July 20-21), at the *Pennies to Heaven* table on the lower level of the Basilica. Bottles can also be dropped off at the Rectory Office.

Themed baskets for our basket raffle are also needed; baskets should have a value of \$50-\$100. We also need items to add to existing baskets to supplement their value. Consider one of the following:

- Amazon gift card (\$10—\$30)
- coffee gift cards from Tim Hortons or Starbucks
- Regal movie tickets
- Delta sonic car wash tickets
- restaurant gift cards

Gift cards may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the rectory. As always, your support would be greatly appreciated!

Special thanks to all of our parishioners, benefactors, and visitors. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones.

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 13—Saint Henry

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory
 12:30 pm David M. Olivieri and Joseph T. Shehadi by Renee Olivieri
 1:30 pm Wedding: Bernadette Giangreco and Matthew Molenda

4:30 pm Eric Brege by Aunt Christine, Kathy & Maureen

SUNDAY, JULY 14—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	Clara Carney (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
12:00 pm	Robert & Janet Gawel by the Gawel Family
4:30 pm	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory

MONDAY, JULY 15—Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory
	Noah Rondon by the OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society
12:10 pm	Walter Burdzy Jr. by the Swiech Family

Anita Hanretty by Derek & Diane Smith

TUESDAY, JULY 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 am	Intentions for the Novena in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory
	Grace Frances Higgins and Grace Masterson by Michelle McGuire
12:10 pm	Matthew O'Neil by Kevin & Mary Ann O'Neil

Jeremiah Mussari (Birthday Remembrance) by the Bona & Volo Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17—Weekday

7:30 am Mary Jane Charles by the Work Family			
	Agnes M. Gast by Mary lannuzzelli		
12:10 pm	Thomas Vanderlip (Birthday Remembrance) by Margaret Hamm		

THURSDAY, JULY 18—Saint Caillus de Lellis, Priest

7:30 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions	
12:10 pm Patricia Burdzy by David & Sandy Swiech		
	Paul T. Duke by the Cullen Family	

FRIDAY, JULY 19—Weekday

7:30 am	George E. & Marion A. Michael by Estate
12:10 pm	R. Anthony Guadagno (Wedding Anniversary) by Doreen Guadagno

SATURDAY, JULY 20—Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

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-	7:30 am	m OLV Spiritual Society Intentions		
1	12:30 pm	Chester Zak by niece, Diane Zak		
	1:30 pm	n Wedding: Angelo Sarro and Adam Karalus		
4:30 pm Romuald & Madonna Igielinski (50th Wedding Anniversary) (living) by their children Nathan, Christopher, and Andrea, spouses and 11 grandchil				

SUNDAY, JULY 21—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Michael & Lucy Maiorano by sister, Marion
10:00 am	The Bona & Gruttadauria Family by Petrina Bona & Family
12:00 pm	Joseph Donahoe by Patricia Regan
4:30 pm	John & Stephanie Studzinski by the Powell Family

PRAYER OF FAITH IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Heavenly Father, in this time of uncertainty and change, we come before You with heavy hearts and hopeful spirits. We pray for Your guidance and strength as we navigate these difficult transitions.

Fill us with the faith to trust in Your plan, even when it is hard to see.

Grant us the grace to support one another with compassion and understanding.

May we find new ways to come together, to worship, and to serve, in our new community.

Bless our Bishop, priests, deacons, and all those who lead us, as they too face these changes and seek to shepherd us with wisdom and love. Help us to carry the light of our faith into new places, and to build a strong, united parish family, wherever we may be.

We ask for Your peace to calm our fears, Your wisdom to guide our decisions, and Your love to sustain us through every challenge.

We trust in Your infinite goodness and mercy, and we hold onto the hope that in You, all things work together for the good of those who love You.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. PAGE 04 | SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

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. July 23, August 6, and August 20

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.



Dene Dianotto & Bret Tinder

were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Friday, June 28, 2024.

Victoria Annunziato & Michael Pratt

were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, July 6, 2024.

Olivia Biernat & David Hanes

were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, July 6, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Are you a practicing adult Catholic who has been baptized, regularly receives the Eucharist, but has never received the sacrament of Confirmation? Besides preventing you from being a godparent or sponsor, you may be missing out on the graces that come along with full initiation into the Church.

If you feel called to complete your initiation, and to deepen your faith journey, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office for more information at 716-339-0767 or email him at mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration is open for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Classes will begin in October. Forms are available through the Faith Formation Office at 716-828-9437 or faithformation@olvbasilica.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sign up for one or both of these exciting summer camps. Open to all youth entering K-5 as participants. Grades 6-12 can be Youth Assistants.

Cost is \$30 per child per week. Register and pay online at www.olshop.org/vbs.

"Come and Sea" July 15—19 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. at OLV Basilica

For questions, , please contact Carm Zomeri at 716-828-9437 or czomeri@olvbasilica.org.

"Living in God's Kingdom" August 12-16 from 9 a.m.—Noon at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Orchard Park

For questions, please contact Lynn Lipczynski at 716-824-8209 or **llipczynski@olshop.org**.



PENNIES TO HEAVEN

We are seeking individuals to lend a hand and contribute their time and talents to Pennies to Heaven!

To volunteer, please add your contact info to the sheet in the sacristy or at the chicken BBQ ticket table on the Basilica's lower level. Our Director of Community Engagement, Scott Weigley, will be in touch with you. You may also contact Scott directly at sweigley@olvcharities.org.

Your assistance will help make this year's Pennies to Heaven event a resounding success!

PRO-LIFE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to staff the Pro-Life table at the Erie County Fair in August, sponsored by Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church. For details, please call Bill at 716-675-6714 or 716-957-2669.

OLV SERVICE CLUB

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- Our Food Pantry always needs supplies during summer months. Please help out when you can!
- Resurrection Food Pantry volunteer dates are July 18 and August 15.

More details can be found on our OLV Service Club Facebook page.



Did you know OLV Elementary School has a Pre-K program that offers full and half day options?!

This program presents the student with rich experiences that will assist in developing a happy, confident child in an atmosphere that fosters learning and the development of personal self-confidence and trust.

Call 716-828-7592 for more details and take a tour today!

Visit us online at OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org.

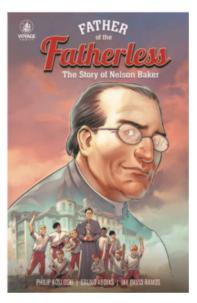
HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Congratulations to the following high school students who achieved Second Honors for the fourth marking period in this 2023-2024 school year:

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Nathaniel Lindstrom, Grade 9 Bradyn Chudoba, Grade 10

THE "FATHER OF THE FATHERLESS" COMIC IS HERE!



After months of hard work, Father Baker's action-packed, full-color comic book has finally arrived. The comic book brings to life the inspiring story of Father Baker in an exciting new way that connects with the youth today.

After converting to Catholicism at the age of nine, Nelson was determined to follow God's will in his life, under the watchful care of Our Lady of Victory. Initially he became a successful businessman, but God had bigger plans for Nelson.

God called him to open his generous heart to the poor and disadvantaged youth of Buffalo, becoming a father to the fatherless and establishing a "City of

Charity" for the poor and most defenseless in society. Readers will be captivated by the heart of a loving pastor who spent his entire life for others, becoming a true apostle of charity.

OLV was fortunate to work with Voyage Comics on this project. Voyage Comics creates positive, faith-filled entertainment, informed by Catholic values. Its mission is to produce exceptional entertainment that inspires people to live a heroic life. Through its products, Voyage Comics seeks to advance the truth, beauty and goodness found in powerful stories.

Order your copy today by going to **www.voyagecomics.com** or stopping in OLV's gift shop! A portion of the proceeds from every book sold comes back to OLV to support Father Baker's legacy of caring.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RESTORED SHRINE OF ST. ANN

July 24, 25, 26 ● St. Louis Church, Buffalo

Please join us for the rededication of the historic Shrine Altar of St. Ann (formerly located in St. Ann's Church) with a triduum on July 24, 25, and 26 at 7:00 p.m.

- **7/24**—Litany and presentation by Rev. Ben Fiore, SJ
- **7/25**—Litany and presentation by Rev. Jacek Mazur
- **7/26**—Feast Day Mass presided by Rev. Raymond G. Corbin

Parking available directly behind the church. Handicapped accessible. We hope to see you for the rededication!

LACKAWANNA HIGH SCHOOL ALL YEARS REUNION

Saturday, July 27 • 6—10 p.m.

Lake Erie Italian Club. \$10 admission. All profits to benefit the children of Lackawanna.

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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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, June 16, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$15,958.00
Monthly	\$1,200.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,907.67

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Communication Campaign	\$65.00
Latin America & Africa	\$20.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00

TOTAL \$20,155.67

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

MINIS	MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 7/20	4:30 pm	Lydia Zielinski	Kathleen Clark, Mary Anne Jackson, John Leszak
Sun. 7/21	8:00 am	Miriam Trojanovic	Mary Patricia Allman, Mary Ellen Carosa, Catherine Bergen
	10:00 am	Michael Kipler	Terrence McCann, Patricia Osborne, Bridget Wood
	Noon	Robert McDonough	Ellen Scheiderer, Ronald Slawinowski, Christopher Swan
	4:30 pm	Cathleen Woods	Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle

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OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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- Reading and Math AIS Teacher
- Physical Education and Health Teacher
- Elementary School Teacher

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