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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.

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 will celebrate Father Baker Weekend next Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28. Please join us as we honor our beloved founder and his outstanding legacy that continues to this very day. All are welcome!

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.**Everyone is most welcome to drop their pennies and other loose change on the sidewalk leading up to the Basilica's entrance.



Sunday, July 28 • Noon Mass

Father Baker Day Mass honors the solemn occasion of Father Baker's

death with the placing of a floral wreath by the Sisters of St. Joseph at the tomb of Father Baker as we honor his legacy. All are welcome to join us!

PENNIES TO HEAVEN CARNIVAL:

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**.

ARTISTS' "PAINT OUT" EXHIBIT:

Over the summer, we have hosted regional artists who have come to the Basilica for the third annual Paint Out to capture the beauty of our incredible Shrine. Be sure to stop by the Father Baker Museum to view this year's renderings. Artwork will be on display from this Saturday, July 20, through Sunday evening, July 28. Paintings are available for sale. For more information please contact Eileen Hudson at OLV Charities at 716-828-7585.

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! 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 20—Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Society Intentions 12:30 pm Chester Zak by niece, Diane Zak

1:30 pm Wedding: Angela Sarro and Adam Karalus

4:30 pm Romuald & Madonna Igielinski (50th Wedding Anniversary) (living) by their

children Nathan, Christopher, and Andrea, spouses and 11 grandchildren

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

MONDAY, JULY 22—Saint Mary Magdalene

7:30 am Chris Slattery by the McKeown Family

Buck & Rosalie Alar (living) by Brian, Dina and Jasmine Pacillo

12:10 pm Tom Raiff and Brian Raiff by the Raiff Family

William & Florence Mayback by Children

TUESDAY, JULY 23—Saint Bridget, Religious

7:30 am Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Betty Pukalo

Leo & Mabel Cooley by Michelle McGuire

12:10 pm Elizabeth H. "Betty" Curtin (Birthday Remembrance) by daughter, Dee Dee Curtin

Rosa Agudelo by Son and Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24—Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

7:30 am Eileen Dreczka by a friend

Mary Jane Charles by Work Family

12:10 pm William R. MacKrell by Family

Delia lannarelli (Birthday Remembrance) by the lannarelli Family

THURSDAY, JULY 25—Saint James, Apostle

7:30 am Edward J. Myszka by Ken & Adrianne Graber

David Nettina (living) by Lauren Nettina

12:10 pm Nicholas Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

Paul T. Duke by Linda Spaulding

FRIDAY, JULY 26—Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am Dylan Zimmerman (living) by Jack Zimmerman

Mary & Anthony Mikos by Dave & Marsha Lipke

Ronald Handzlik (Birthday Remembrance) by sister, Linda Klice

Rose Marie Burns by Evan & Trish Lewis

2:00 pm Wedding: Eilana Salvaggio and Ethan Walsh

SATURDAY, JULY 27—Weekday

12:10 pm

7:30 am Ted Orzech by the Orzech Family

12:30 pm John Litwin (Birthday Remembrance) by Pat Kaczmarczyk

4:00 pm Pre-Mass Jazz Concert

4:30 pm Jazz Mass; Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

SUNDAY, JULY 28—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Albin & Marie Fiust by Tim & Dawn Fiust-Klink

10:00 am Thomas J. Rojek by Janet Rojek

12:00 pm Father Baker Mass; Living & Deceased Parishioners of OLV Basilica

4:30 pm Joshua Mack (Anniversary of Death) by Loving 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 21, 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.



Bernadette Giangreco & Matthew Molenda

were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, July 13, 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 send an email to faithformation@olvbasilica.org.

PENNIES TO HEAVEN DONATIONS

It's not too late to donate to next weekend's Pennies to Heaven events!

Please consider donating a bottle or two of wine for the Knights of Columbus Wine Toss game..

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

Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory Office. As always, your support would be greatly appreciated!



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.

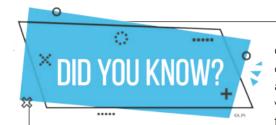
OLV SERVICE CLUB

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Our Food Pantry always needs supplies during summer months. Please help out when you can!

The next Resurrection Food Pantry volunteer date is Thursday, August 15.

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



Our Lady of Victory is not just an ordinary elementary school, but an educational institution that values academic excellence, fosters a sense of community

and belonging, provides opportunities for sports and extracurricular activities, and prioritizes the well-being and growth of each child.

Private tours are now being offered. Please call 716-828-7592 if you want your child to share in the awesome legacy of Fr. Baker!



Mia Jacob Dalton, daughter of Shawn & Amanda Dalton, was baptized on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Alessi Valentina Bova, daughter of Tyler & Casey Bova, was baptized on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Zachary James Zamulinski and Ari Joseph Zamulinski, sons of Pawel & Kristin Zamulinski, were baptized on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Augustus Michael Izzo,

son of Christopher & Amy Izzo, was baptized on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Sofia Grace Dowdell, daughter of Sean & Angela Dowdell, was baptized on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

Pierce Rocco Ruckh, son of Alexander & Amanda Ruckh, was baptized on Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Henry Jonathon Leonardi, son of Anthony & Amanda Leonardi, was baptized on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Zosia Violetta Zdrojewski,

daughter of Timothy & Maryjo Zdrojewski, was baptized on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Sophia Marie LaRusch,

daughter of Justin & Bridgett LaRusch, was baptized on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Anthony Jean DeMarco,

son of Anthony & Jasmine DeMarco, was baptized on Friday, July 5, 2024.

Anthony James Fumerelle,

son of Alexander & Isabella Fumerelle, was baptized on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

Isabella Noel Pope,

daughter of Marco Locke and Courtney Pope, was baptized on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

Nicholas Louis Cordova, Jr.,

son of Nicholas Cordova and Haley Urban, was baptized on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RESTORED SHRINE OF ST. ANN

July 24, 25, 26 ● 7:00 p.m. St. Louis Church, Buffalo

Join us for the rededication of the historic Shrine Altar of St. Ann (formerly located in St. Ann's Church) with a triduum on:

- **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 St. Louis Church. Handicapped accessible.

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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES MINGLE FOR ADULTS 35—55

Tuesday, August 13 • 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of appetizers and fellowship on the patio of **Sto Lat Bar** (4475 Transit Road, Suite 108, Buffalo 14221). This summer event is for Catholic single adults 35-55 years old. 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 at **CSM4.eventbrite.com**.

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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

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, June 23, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$17,920.00
Monthly	\$227.00
Easter	\$5.00
Holy Day: Ascension	\$5.00
Holy Day: Assumption	\$55.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$183.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$3,128.56
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS	

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Altar & Rosary Society	\$5.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$5.00
Catholic University	\$15.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$5.00
Latin America & Africa	\$5.00
Mission Cooperative Plan	\$25.00
Peter's Pence	\$45.00
Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical	\$75.00
TOTAL	\$21,703.56

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 7/27	4:30 pm	Laura Schuh	Kathleen Clark, John Leszak, Cindy Schaefer
Sun. 7/28	8:00 am	Ryan Harrington	Mary Check, Richard Grasso, Molly McClenathan
	10:00 am	John Loss	Patricia Jarosz, Carolyn Kipler, Timothy Wing
	Noon	Father Baker Mass	Robert McDonough, Jon Paul Trabucco
	4:30 pm	Patricia DiVito	Mary Anne Jackson, Joanne Setlock, Gregory Stachowski

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- Reading and Math AIS Teacher
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- Elementary School Teacher

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