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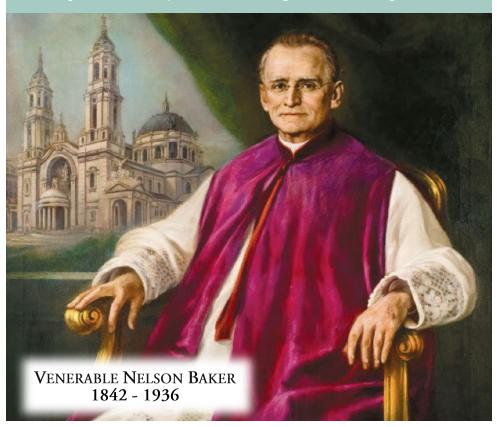
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Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

WELCOME ALL TO FATHER BAKER WEEKEND:

As we continue our centennial celebrations, we gather this weekend to remember the anniversary of the death of our beloved founder, The Venerable Nelson Baker, who passed away on July 29, 1936 at the age of 94 after 60 years of selfless and dedicated priestly ministry to thousands of children, youth and families.

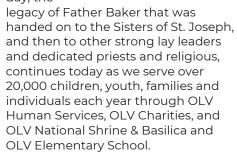
When it was clear to all that Father Baker's death was imminent, some twenty Sisters of St. Joseph and Brothers of the Holy Infancy and Youth of Jesus gathered outside his room at Our Lady of Victory Hospital to recite the Litany of the Dying and the Rosary. Surrounded by Monsignor John Nash, Administrator of the Diocese at the time, Father Joseph Burke, and Dr. Michael Sullivan, Father Baker died on July 29, 1936 at 9:20 a.m. The cause of death was listed as cardiac exhaustion and dilation.

Father Baker left the world the way he entered it, a poor man who sought only God's glory. His will, written on July 7, 1922, with three other accompanying codicils, demonstrated his poverty. He wrote:

I have no money in the bank, no bonds or securities of any kind or form. I am indebted to no one financially, and no one is indebted to me... There is no salary due me... I have no property of any kind, except certain chattels donated to me by kind friends during my life, such as books, altar furniture, certain articles of furniture, clothing, etc. and I wish the Institutions which have been under my charge in Lackawanna to have these.

In the codicils, Father Baker spoke of the joy of the priesthood, his absolute faith in the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, and his desire for the Institutions to continue through the good work of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Thankfully, to this very day, the



As we honor Father Baker this weekend, let us follow his example and place our unfailing faith and trust in God through the protection of Our Lady of Victory. And by Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, may our hearts and lives be inflamed with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled, and courage to those in doubt. Amen!

OUR WEEKEND EVENTS:

This weekend, we welcome all who have come to celebrate the legacy of Father Baker!

On Saturday, July 27, we welcome back Tim Wells and the Contemporary Ensemble from St. Joseph University Parish, Buffalo, along with a Jazz Quartet, to lead us in a Pre-Mass Jazz concert at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, followed by a special Jazz Mass at 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, July 28, we have our traditional "Pennies to Heaven" coin drop off beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Basilica, followed by the 12:00 Noon Father Baker Day Mass with the presentation of the floral

wreath at the tomb of Father Baker by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

After Mass, we have our Pennies to Heaven family-friendly carnival and chicken BBQ in the parking lot next to the school. We encourage everyone to stop and purchase a chicken dinner to enjoy with your family and friends. 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.

Artwork from our annual artists' "paint out" exhibit is on display in the Father Baker Museum throughout this weekend. For the third year in a row, we hosted regional artists who came to the Basilica to capture the beauty of our incredible Shrine. Stop by the museum to see the results! Paintings are available for sale. For more information please contact Eileen Hudson at OLV Charities at 716-828-7585.

Enjoy the fun with family and friends and celebrate the great legacy of our beloved founder!

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS, DONORS & BENEFACTORS:

Finally, I take this opportunity to express my profound sentiments of gratitude and appreciation to all of our parishioners, visitors, donors and benefactors for your generous support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica and our OLV Institutions. May God reward you for your contributions, and may Father Baker intercede for you, and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones. God bless you all!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 27—Weekday

7:30 am Ted Orzech by the Orzech Family

12:10 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

MONDAY, JULY 29—Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

Julia Baron by the Del Vecchio Family

12:10 pm Dolores Jedrzejek by Joe & Cathy Kuczmarski

The Uhteg Family by Joe & Cathy Kuczmarski

TUESDAY, JULY 30—Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Marilyn Pujols by Jim & Peg Velasquez

Pauline Keller by Family

12:10 pm Roger L. Powell by the Powell Family

LuAnn Batt (living) by Tim Batt

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31—Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

Mary Jane Charles by Work Family

12:10 pm Rick Hearn, Jr. by the Swiech Family

Marie Diggins (Anniversary of Death) by Nora Diggins

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1—Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am OLV Helping Hands Club Members

Francis R. Smith by Patricia Shea

12:10 pm Brandon Jarosz by Jeffrey Jarosz

Lila Catapano (Birthday Remembrance) by Marge Hamm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2—St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Association Members

Ronald J. Simchick by Tricia

12:10 pm Wilfred & Irene Rougeux by Family

Casimir M. Slaski & Family

1:30 pm Wedding: Nicole Fitch and Jeff Shivner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3—Weekday

7:30 am OLV Father Baker Guild Members

12:10 pm Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Betty Pukalo

4:30 pm James & Rose Leary by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Grace LiPuma by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

10:00 am Paul & Jennie Monaco by Edmund and Albert Monaco

12:00 pm OLV Altar & Rosary Society

4:30 pm James N. Schmigel (Anniversary of Death) by Mary Ann Schmigel & 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 28, 2024



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:00—4:00 and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard on the Eve of First Friday, which is Thursday, August 1, from 3:00—4:00 p.m.

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. August 6 and 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



OLV BOOK CLUB

Wed. August 7 • 1:00 OR 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the OLV Book Club will be held in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica on August 7. Come to either the 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. session as we continue to explore Father of the Fatherless: The Authorized Biography of Father Nelson Baker by Father Richard Gribble. For any questions, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

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, contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office for more information at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

If you are a new parent looking to have your baby baptized, plan to attend one of our upcoming Baptismal Preparation classes. Choose the date that best fits your schedule! Sessions will be held from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in the Marian Room on the Basilica's lower level on the second Tuesday of each month during the Fall. Upcoming dates are September 10, October 8, November 12, or December 10. For questions, or to register for your

preferred session, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office 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.





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.

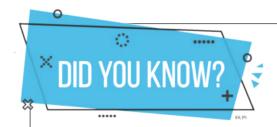
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Upcoming Service Opportunities:

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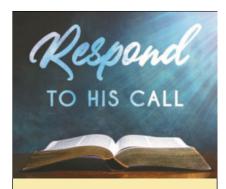
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—The 2024 Appeal Team



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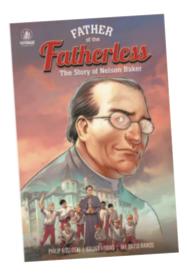
Sunday Mass is also televised on WGRZ Ch. 2 at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.

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.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Angela Sarro & Adam Karalus

were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, July 20, 2024.



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.

God called Nelson 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 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, that inspires people to live a heroic life.

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.

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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.

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We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

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DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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Sun. 8/4	8:00 am	Chris Heyden	Mary Patricia Allman, Kevin O'Neil, Moey Oakley
	10:00 am	Christopher Swan	Molly McClenathan, Patricia Osborne, Kathleen Roche
	Noon	Paul Miazga	Robert McDonough, Ellen Scheiderer, Sandy Swiech
	4:30 pm	Amanda & Richie English	Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle, Richard Grasso

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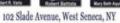




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