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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.

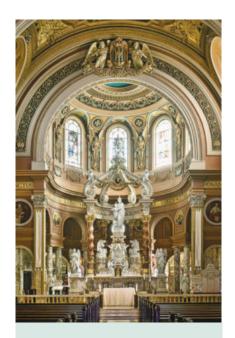
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Eve of Holy Days: 3:00—4:00 p.m.

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 SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

OLV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION

I wish to acknowledge the great work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society as they are busy preparing to serve those in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as all they continue to serve every week throughout the year.

You can help them now by placing non-perishable food items (perhaps tuna, baked beans, peanut butter and jelly... please no glass jars!) in the designated bins that will be at the entrances of the Basilica throughout November.

The members of the OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing food to the needy in our community for the Thanksgiving holiday. On Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23, they could use help from individuals/families willing to drive their cars to deliver holiday food bags to Lackawanna homes. For more information, call the rectory at 716-828-9444 to leave a message for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a member will call you back. Thank you!



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Thursday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m.

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching. It is one of my favorite holidays and truly a holy day in which we gather to give thanks to God for all of our blessings. It is <u>not</u> a Holy Day of Obligation, but rather a Holy Day of Opportunity to come and give thanks to God.

During this Mass, we will take up a collection of non-perishable food items to be used by our St. Vincent de Paul Society to feed those in need during the holidays. Please invite your family and friends to join you for Thanksgiving Day Mass here in our beautiful and historic Basilica. All are welcome!



VETERANS DAY: Monday, November 11, 2024

On Monday, November 11, we will celebrate Veterans Day. We remember with profound gratitude all of our veterans, living and deceased, and all who continue to this day to serve our country and protect our freedom. May God bless all of our veterans for their dedicated and selfless service. Let us never forget them and be ever grateful for them.

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Dear Lord, we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Amen!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2—Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

7:30 am All Souls Intentions 12:10 pm All Souls Intentions 4:30 pm All Souls Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am James, Frances, and Mary Kathryn Schaeffer by Estate
10:00 am Michael P. & Stella Sanders by son, Michael G. Sanders
12:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm Sophie "Gerry" Handzlik (Birthday Rem.) by daughter, Linda Klice

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4—Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Association Members
Judith Drabik by Gary Drabik
12:10 pm John Idzior (Birthday Remembrance)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5—Weekday

7:30 am OLV Helping Hands Club Members
Stephanie "Bebe" Downey by the Downey Family
12:10 pm OLV Father Baker Guild Members

Marco Liberta by Frank & Maggie Carroccia

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6—Weekday
7:30 am Edward I. Kaczmarczyk by Pa

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12:10 pm Sally Deacon by the Steinwald Family

Bridget Talty by Ellen Grant

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7—Weekday

7:30 am Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Richard & Rosalie Topinko Thomas A. O'Connor by Timothy & LuAnn Batt
 12:10 pm Dayl Beedham by Roseann Zielinski
 Chris Misura (living) by Fred and Nadga

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8—Weekday

7:30 am Giulio Ceccarelli and Bernadina Ceccarelli by Gemma Ceccarelli Rev. Chris Alar (living) by Mary Lafferty
 8:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Tom Lasker by David & Sandy Swiech
 12:10 pm Dr. & Dr. Michael & Dawn Hatton & Family (living) by Dr. Michael Hatton Marilynn Kinmartin by Earl & Barb Jann

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Society Intentions
12:10 pm Florence Danahy (Anniversary of Death) by Family

1:30 pm Wedding: Julianne Cusack and Brian Wylke

4:30 pm James N. Schmigel (Birthday Rem.) by Mary Ann Schmigel & Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am Michael Kasprzak and Keith Holmes by Jim & Karen Dillon
12:00 pm Joseph J. Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family
4:30 pm Roger L. Powell by Powell Family



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for:

- non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism or a Profession of Faith
- 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 you are interested, please contact Fr. Rob at 716-828-9428 or rcontarin@olvbasilica.org.

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.

November 12, November 19, and December 10

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 on Fridays after the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. PAGE 04 | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024



OLV SERVICE CLUB

Our next Resurrection Life Food Pantry date is **Thursday, November 21** for their big Thanksgiving distribution. Lots of help is needed for this event!

The OLV Service Club self-serve food pantry

located in the parking lot is always in need of food supplies. We appreciate any contributions you can make!

Check out our Facebook page: OLV Service Club.

If you have any questions, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

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 p.m. Mass (Mon—Sat) is livestreamed. To view the live Masses, go to **olvbasilica.org** and click the *Live Streaming* button in the top corner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE at the Sacred Heart Altar

Throughout the month of November, the **Book of Remembrance** will be available for you to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones. The Book of Remembrance is a reminder that our loved ones will never be forgotten. We will remember them with great love and the stories of their lives and how they touched our lives and made us who we are. And we look forward to the day when we will see them again in heaven. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen!



WATCH THE BPO PERFORM AT OLV BASILICA

Don't miss the one-hour premier of OLV's centennial celebration concert featuring Grammy award-winning conductor JoAnn Falletta and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at OLV National Shrine & Basilica. There will be three airings of this must-see concert. Please note the updated air times below:

- WIVB- Channel 4 on Saturday,
 November 2 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- WNLO CW23 on Sunday, **November 3** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- WNLO CW23 on Sunday,
 November 10 from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m.

DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday, November 3 ● after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses

All are welcome to join us this weekend for coffee, juice, and doughnuts! Please stop down on the lower level of the Basilica in the Marian Room for an informal social after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Enjoy some time to get to know your neighbors! Sponsored by the generosity of the Fr. Baker Council of the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Columbiettes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, November 10 • 10:00 a.m.

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. **Practice will take place on Saturday, November 9 in the Community Room.** Singers practice from 9:00—9:45 a.m. All others practice from 9:45—10:30 a.m.

The ministry list is:

- Readers: Josephine Burton, Kayla Walter
- Collectors: Evan Walter, Sam Kujawinski, Henri Burton
- Gift Bearer: Jacob Sweeney
- Greeter: Henri Burton
- Singers: Hannah Sweeney, Aubrey Harris

We still need help! Please call Tina Hatem (716-826-5075) if your child would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing all of you. We are also eager to meet new friends. All are welcome!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Tuesdays • 6:30—7:30 p.m. November 12 or December 10

If you are a new parent looking to have your baby baptized, plan to attend one

of our upcoming Baptism Preparation classes. Choose the date that best fits your schedule! Sessions are held in the Marian Room on the Basilica's lower



level. To register, scan the QR code. For questions, please contact Deacon Mark at **mbialkowski@ olvbasilica.org** or 716-339-0767.

2025 CALENDAR COLLECTION

Have a 2025 calendar? Donate it to someone in prison by dropping it off at the OLV Rectory Office or in the sacristy after Mass. Calendars cannot have any coil or spiral binding. For more information, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

JOIN US AT OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



It's not too late to enroll your child or grandchild at OLV Elementary School! Students eniov weekly Mass, STREAM activities, art, music, and sports, and top-notch educational instruction in a compassionate, loving, and kind atmosphere. Join this wonderful legacy—call today (716-828-7592) to schedule a private tour!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 11/9	4:30 pm	Glenn Reid	Mary Anne Jackson, John Leszak, Bob Lohr	
Sun. 11/10	8:00 am	Moey Oakley	Ryan Harrington, Richard Grasso, Kevin O'Neil	
	10:00 am	Children's Liturgy	Michael Kipler, Carolyn Kipler	
	Noon	Ellen Scheiderer	Jon Paul Trabucco, David West, Doreen West	
	4:30 pm	Kathy Dimitrievski	Marsha Lipke, Patricia DiVito, Joanne Setlock	

DONATIONS NEEDED

The St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers continue to see an increase in the number of families coming to our doors. Please consider donating some much needed items so that they can provide assistance to all who need it. They accept new and gently used clothing from preemie—4T, and all diaper sizes. In addition to these items, the center is currently in immediate need of the following items:

- baby wash
- bibs
- and lotion
- bottles
- wipes
- receiving blankets

Please leave any items at the drop spot on the lower level of the Basilica, next to the Gift Shop. Or call 716-842-2229 for more info.

No time to shop? Check out our Amazon Baby Registry at https://www.amazon.com/babyreg/gianna-molla-sarah-lindstrom-december-2025-hamburg/VRPD1UW3HADW or by searching Gianna Molla on the registry site. Thank you so much!

FUNDRAISERS

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY BAKED GOODS SALE

Weekend of November 23 & 24

The OLV Altar & Rosary Society will hold a baked goods sale after all Masses on the weekend before Thanksqiving. Donations of baked goods, or monetary contributions (in an envelope labeled Altar & Rosary Baked Goods Sale) would be greatly appreciated. For questions, contact Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA"

Sunday, December 1 • 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

OLV Elementary School is looking for vendors for our "Breakfast With Santa!" Give parents a chance to shop! \$25 per table. Please contact Angela Valneti at 716-997-2209. This event is also open to the public.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY & RAFFLES

Sunday, December 1

Attend the annual Christmas Party at the White Elephant Restaurant on Abbott Road for \$30/person. For reservations, call Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747 or Linda Smolen at 716-692-3973. Dinner will include breaded pork chop/chicken, potato, salad, and vegetable, with punch and a cash bar. Everyone is welcome!

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses on the lower level of the Basilica until 12/1.

> Raffle winners will be drawn at the Christmas party for three prizes (\$300, \$200, and \$100).

> > Basket donations are needed for the party as well.

For questions or more detailed information, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

OLV SERVICE CLUB'S ANNUAL FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, Dec. 6 • 4:30—6:30 p.m. **OLV Elementary School Cafeteria**

Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our very own Service Club members AND purchase a raffle ticket to win great prizes! Dine in or take out available. Raffle tickets are available

to purchase after weekend Masses until 12/1 or online until 12/5.. (Scan the QR code, or go online to www.olvbasilica.org



and click the Donate button.) Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Ticket sales help us provide presents to children in emergency foster care this Christmas. Gift cards and toy donations are also greatly appreciated. As we try to follow Fr. Baker's example of caring for the poor, homeless and young, your ongoing support is so greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

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- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

OR You may also choose to scan a specific QR code below to go directly to that donation page:



Offertory Collection—

Donate to the general offertory collection to support OLV National Shrine & Basilica.

Vigil Candle—Pay the requested offering to light a candle in the Basilica. (Requested offering is \$5 per candle.)





Save the Dome / Adopt an Angel—

This public phase of our Centennial Campaign allows donors to assist with the cost of replacing the Basilica's deteriorating copper dome. More details to the right...

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 easy online giving, please go to https://www.olvbasilica.org and click the Donate button at the top of the page.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

OFFERTORY—Sunday, October 6, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$16,581.00
Monthly	\$912.00
All Souls Day	\$20.00
Catholic Education	\$5.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$20.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$14.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$3,265.89
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS	
Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00
Holy Name Society	\$85.00
Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits	\$20.00
Respect Life Sunday for Moms and Babies	\$995.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation	\$10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$21,987.89

SAVE THE DOME / ADOPT AN ANGEL



Buffalo's harsh climate over the past 100 years has taken its toll on the Basilica's dome and the copper needs to be replaced. This public phase of our Centennial Campaign is a communitywide initiative with a goal to raise three million dollars. One way to get involved is

our "Adopt an Angel" initiative where you can adopt one of the 2,000+ angels in the Basilica. Please prayerfully consider a gift. Every single gift, large or small, makes a difference. For more info or to donate, please scan the QR code to the left. To discuss your personal gift or pledge over time, contact Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.

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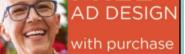
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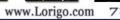


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