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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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

As I have been reflecting upon the Renewal of our Diocese and in particular the shortage of Priests to serve our parish families, I feel strongly that I need to do more to encourage all of our parishioners and visitors to pray fervently for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese.

I know that my own calling to the priesthood came from my parish family of Our Lady of Pompeii in Lancaster along with the encouragement of my parents, family and friends. If you know of someone in our parish family of Our Lady of Victory Basilica or someone in your own family or circle of friends that you think might make a good priest, please encourage them to consider the possibility of this very special vocation.

As a priest for over 37 years, I can say from my heart, it is extremely rewarding to serve God and the People of God as a priest. Every day as I pray before the tomb of our beloved Father Baker, I ask him to intercede for me in guiding me to walk in his footsteps, as Pastor-Rector here at OLV. I also pray through his intercession for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CURRENT SEMINARIANS IN FORMATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO:

At the entrances of the Basilica, please find cards with the names of our current Seminarians who are in formation at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland.

Please take a card home with you and support these men with your daily prayers. I know they would be most grateful!



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Buffalo, by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers. Deacons and Lav Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord.

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 not 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 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Society Intentions12:10 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 the Powell Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11—Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:30 am Remembrance of All Veterans

Thomas M. Mayer by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

12:10 pm Tony Russo by Frank & Maggie Carroccia

Theresa Rozmus by Ken & Joan Kuciel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12—Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 am Michael Grasso by the Del Vecchio Family

Joseph Stworzydlak by Family

12:10 pm Geraldine C. LaNasa by OLV Charities and Gene & Pia O'Connor

Stephen J. Nowicki by Irene Kloc

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13—Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:30 am Walter Kupkowski by Family

Daniel Fortune O'Connor, Jr. by Robert & Susan Stephenson

12:10 pm Alanna Cooley (Birthday Remembrance) by Donny & Moira Cooley

David M. Olivieri and Joseph T. Shehadi by Renee Olivieri

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14—Weekday

7:30 am Kathy Becker by Bud & Kathy Carpenter

John Diltz, Sr. by Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

12:10 pm Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Deceased Members of the LiPuma Family by Msgr. David G. LiPuma

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15—Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Barbara O'Brien by James M. Filk

Jay Armstrong by Mike & Deborah Raymond

8:15 am Stevie Gryczkowski by OLV Elementary School

Donna Hildebrandt by Tom Krakowski

12:10 pm Joseph Wilczewski by Kathy Stepnowski

Ann Tarnowski by Ed & Pat Jarosz

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16—Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

7:30 am Dorothea K. Downey by the Downey Family

12:10 pm Bill & Gail Crapo by Anne Schlager

4:30 pm Denise Albano and Patricia Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Frank J. Twist, Jr. by Family 10:00 am Marian Check by Family

12:00 pm Judith Gominiak Mende by Children and Family

4:30 pm Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by James McEvoy



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 10, 2024

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!



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.

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 is one more airing of this must-see concert. Watch WNLO – CW23 on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 9—10 p.m.

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 or716-339-0767.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, December 1 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. OLV Elementary School Cafeteria

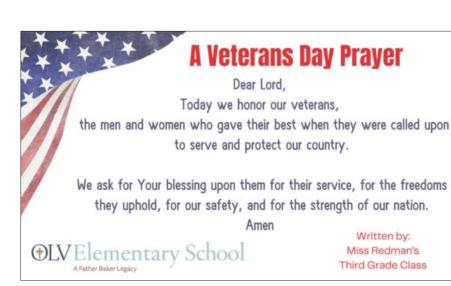
Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us for Breakfast with Santa Claus, where children can share their holiday wishes, meet and greet with Santa, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season! Children can shop at our Merry Moose Christmas Shop; adults can enjoy our Craft Fair featuring over 20 vendors. Ticket sales will begin on 11/16; contact the School Office at 716-828-9434. \$7 per person or \$20 for a family of 4. Sponsored by the HSA. If interested in being a vendor (\$25 per table), contact Angela Valneti at 716-997-2209.

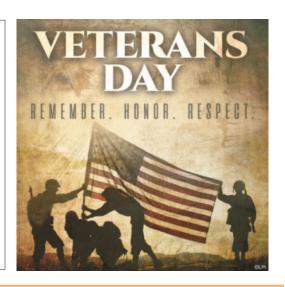
FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Friday, December 13 • 11:00 a.m.

The Iroquois High School Choirs, under the direction of Timothy Gastle, will be presenting a free Holiday Concert here at the Basilica on Friday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. The choirs will perform a beautiful mix of Christmas music of several styles and genres. Come and enjoy this sacred and festive concert!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 11/16	4:30 pm	Jeffrey Stenzel	Mary Stenzel, James McEvoy, Cindy Schaefer	
Sun. 11/17	8:00 am	Martin Tobin	Richard Grasso, Moey Oakley, Catherine Bergen	
	10:00 am	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Carolyn Kipler, Patricia Jarosz	
	Noon	David Settlecowski	Molly McClenathan, Robert McDonough	
	4:30 pm	Richie & Amanda English	Patricia DiVito, Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle	





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 Thanksgiving. 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.

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 to

www.olvbasilica.org and click *Donate*.)

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Ticket sales help us provide Christmas presents to children who are



in emergency foster care. Gift cards and toy donations are also greatly appreciated. As we try to follow Father Baker's example of caring for the poor, homeless and young, your ongoing support is so greatly appreciated! For more info, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

OLV ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES

Saturday, March 29 • 5:30 p.m. OLV Elementary School

Get your ticket for the OLV Annual Sweepstakes 2025, hosted by OLV School! Tickets are \$50 each and admit two guests (21+) for a chance to win one of 30 prizes, including a \$10,000 Grand Prize! Tickets are available at the OLV Elementary School Office, the Rectory Office, and the Gift Shop, or online. (Scan the QR code, or go to www.olvbasilica.org and click the Donate button.) Join us for the event on Saturday, March 29. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with

festivities in the cafeteria and gym from 6–10 p.m. Enjoy pizza, snacks, and beverages, and feel free to bring your own food! For questions, please

contact the School Office at 716-828-9435 or Rick Diamond at 716-253-4679.

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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 13, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$17,995.00
Monthly	\$2,604.00
All Souls Day	\$35.00
Catholic Education	\$25.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$10.00
Holy Day: Assumption (8/15)	\$4.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$32.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,945.46
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS	
Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00
Holy Name Society	\$15.00
Mission Cooperative Plan	\$4.00
Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits	\$4.00
Respect Life Sunday for Moms and Babies	\$140.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation	\$254.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$24,082.46

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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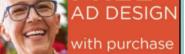
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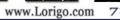


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