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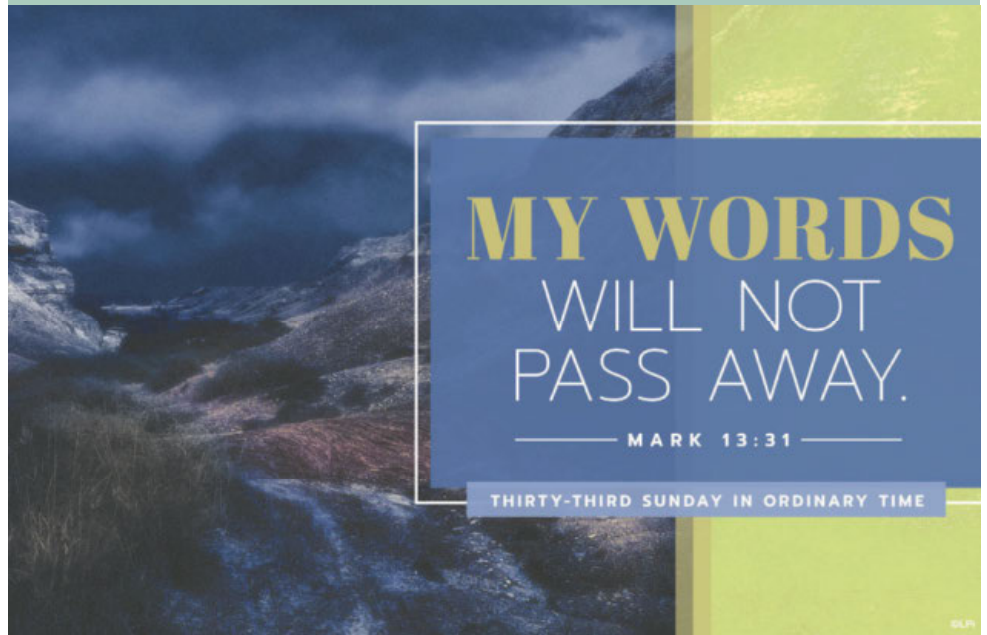
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## COME & WORSHIP

### 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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# WELCOME

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR SISTERS AND  
BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

**ADVENT EVENING OF  
REFLECTION: Wednesday,  
December 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

I invite you to start this Advent Season off right with an evening of reflection in the Basilica on **Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 — 8:30 p.m.** Please join me as Father Matthew Foley, OFM Conventual and President of St. Francis High School, comes to share an Advent reflection with us in order to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. All are welcome!



**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!



**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 Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord.*

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18—Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

- 7:30 am Henry & Lucy Andrzejewski by the Andrzejewski Family  
 George DeGeorge by Family  
 12:10 pm Paul Melanson by Mary Ann Schmigel & Family  
 James Erickson by Bill & Joanne Stanton

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19—Weekday

- 7:30 am Irma E. McDermott by Joe & Susie Bartosik  
 Angelo Ceccarelli by wife Gemma and Daughters  
 12:10 pm Jennie Swiech by the Swiech Family  
 Sofia Koshkina, Anton Misuma & Feliksa Misuma by Oleksiy Koshkin

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20—Weekday

- 7:30 am Pauline Keller by Family  
 Ruth Miller and Daniel Miller by the Andrzejewski Family  
 12:10 pm Francis E. "Bud" Downey by the Downey Family  
 Tito Net by Joanna Beres

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 am Michael Kacmarski by Paul & Lucy Schaefer  
 Robert Stoklosa by Henry & Dorothy Jankowiak  
 12:10 pm Patricia Caligiuri (Birthday Remembrance) by Children and Sisters  
 Judith A. Braun (Birthday Remembrance) by Rebecca Egloff

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22—Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

- 7:30 am Clarence, Katherine, Raymond & Regina Gier by C. Gier and S. Budziszewski  
 Patricia Phillips (living) by Deborah Kissel  
 8:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica  
 Irma E. McDermott (Ann. of Death) by Daughters, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren  
 12:10 pm Rose Eckman (Birthday Remembrance) by daughter Mary & Grandchildren  
 Stephen J. Nowicki by Chris Pluta

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23—St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

- 7:30 am Cindy Chichelli by Family  
 12:10 pm Richard M. Lata, Sr. by Mary A. Lata  
 4:30 pm Greta, Joseph & Eileen Powers by Family

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:00 am Lottie Kawa by John & Nancy Lechanski  
 10:00 am Shirley Motyka by Sharon Downs  
 12:00 pm Emmett O'Leary by the O'Leary Family  
 4:30 pm OLV House Blessing Intentions



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](mailto: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 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.



## 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.

### Altar Server TRAINING

**Monday, November 25 •  
7:00—8:00 p.m.**

Any boys or girls who have made their First Holy Communion are most welcome to become altar servers here at OLV Basilica. There will be a special server training offered on Monday, November 25. If you would like to attend and become an altar server here, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Deacon Mark Bialkowski, at the Rectory Office at 716-828-9420. It is truly a meaningful way to deepen your faith and to draw closer to our Lord Jesus present in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

### 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. For tickets, contact the School Office at 716-828-9434. \$7 per person or \$20 for a family of 4. Two breakfast seatings: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the HSA. If you'd like to be a vendor (\$25/table), contact Angela Valneti at 716-997-2209.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Tuesdays • 6:30—7:30 p.m.  
December 10, January 14,  
February 11, or March 11**

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](mailto:mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org) or 716-339-0767.

### 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!

### ADVENT PREPARATION

Mark your calendar for some very inspiring events planned at OLV Basilica to help you celebrate the Advent and Christmas Seasons. All activities are free. On Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. join us for a **Festival of Lessons and Carols**, a reflective service of Scripture and Song. Throughout these special seasons, come and view **Sacred Stories in Glass**, a close-up exhibit of some of the Basilica's beautiful stained-glass windows. And by popular demand, Father Roy Herberger's unique collection of **Nativity sets** from around the world will also be on display. Both exhibits will be located in the lower level of the Shrine during regular Basilica hours.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 11/23	4:30 pm	Lydia Zielinski	Joanne Setlock, Jean Dulak, Mary Anne Jackson
Sun. 11/24	8:00 am	Miriam Trojanovic	Mary Patricia Allman, Eugene Allman, Sheila Allman
	10:00 am	Patricia DiVito	Terrence McCann, Molly McClenathan, Patricia Osborne
	Noon	Arthur Smith	Kathleen Roche, Ellen Scheiderer, Ronald Slawinowski
	4:30 pm	Moey Oakley	Marsha Lipke, Gregory Stachowski



We have just completed our first month of Faith Formation. You can STILL register for either the Home Study or Sunday morning sessions. Call Ms. Carm at 716-828-7494 for more info. Upcoming classes are Nov. 17 & 24 and Dec. 15 and 22. Our first Family Sunday session for this year will be held on **Sunday, December 8** in the OLV School Cafeteria from 8:30 to 9:50 a.m.



## 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 next weekend. 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 716-418-3542 or 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](http://www.olvbasilica.org) and click *Donate*.) Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Ticket sales help us provide Christmas presents



for 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](http://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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**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...

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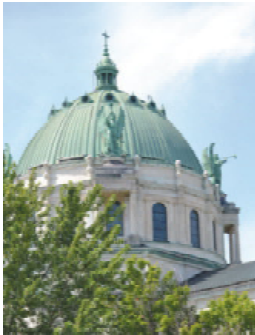
For easy online giving, please go to <https://www.olvbasilica.org> and click the *Donate* button at the top of the page.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

**OFFERTORY—Sunday, October 27, 2024**

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$14,296.00
Monthly	\$900.00
All Souls Day	\$5.00
Catholic Education	\$5.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$12.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$293.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$3,970.09
<b>ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Disaster Relief (Hurricane Relief)	\$2,199.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$5.00
Respect Life Sunday for Moms and Babies	\$215.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation	\$10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,165.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,075.09</b>

SAVE THE DOME /  
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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 community-wide 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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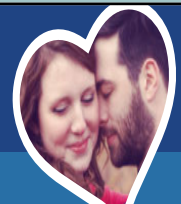


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