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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.**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,**

**CENTENNIAL CONCERT WITH THE BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC:  
Sunday, September 29 at 3 p.m.**

OLV National Shrine & Basilica once again welcomes Grammy-Award winning conductor JoAnn Falletta, and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, for a one-hour concert in honor of the Shrine's ongoing Centennial Celebration. This special event will take place on Sunday, September 29 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis starting the morning of September 4. There is no charge for tickets (a goodwill offering is recommended), although they are required for entry. **Please note that the ticketing website will NOT BE AVAILABLE until the morning of September 4.** Scan the code here to get your ticket(s) on September 4.



**Due to the Centennial BPO Concert, there will no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, September 29.** If you know people who regularly attend this Mass and are not parishioners of OLV, please share this information with them.

### SAVE THE DOME AND ADOPT AN ANGEL:

As you know, the copper on the Basilica's dome needs to be replaced at a cost that will exceed three million dollars. Buffalo's harsh climate has taken its toll on the dome over the past 100 years since it was completed in 1925. The snow, rain, wind, heat, and cold have all impacted the integrity of the dome and water infiltration has now significantly damaged the plaster and interior paintings throughout the Basilica. It is now incumbent upon us to do our very best to care for this magnificent shrine for years to come.

This public phase of our Centennial Campaign is a community-wide initiative. Our goal is to raise three million dollars. One way to get involved is through our "Adopt an Angel" initiative where individuals can adopt one of the more than 2,000 angels featured in the Basilica. OLV is fortunate to have received a \$500,000 matching grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Enrichment Protection Fund. This grant will help support our Basilica's Restoration Project.

If you have already contributed to our Centennial Capital Campaign and Restoration Project, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I encourage everyone who has not, to prayerfully consider a gift. Truly every single gift, large or small, makes a difference. Just look at what Father Baker was able to accomplish 100 years ago when he asked donors from across Western New York and beyond for \$10 for a brick of marble!

For more information or to make a donation, please scan the QR code. For questions, or to discuss your personal gift or pledge over time, contact Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610. May Father Baker intercede for the success of our campaign and may Our Lady of Victory continue to protect us as we honor her patronage here at OLV National Shrine & Basilica.



### OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: WELCOME BACK!

This week, our OLV Elementary School will begin classes on Thursday, September 5. On Wednesday evening, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. we will have the "Blessing of Backpacks" outside by

the Pavilion. We are excited to begin this new school year!

I encourage all our parishioners to be "ambassadors" for OLV by sharing the good news of our school that welcomes all children and families. We have an exemplary leader in our principal, Mrs. Mary Doyle-Szlosek, a dedicated faculty and staff, and a state-of-the-art computer lab and updated technology, as well as many opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe environment. Please encourage parents and families of school-age children to come and see for themselves the "gem" we have in OLV Elementary School. All are welcome!



I would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend!

Labor Day, as you know, is an annual holiday to celebrate the economic and social contributions of workers to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Let us pray in thanksgiving for all who labor to serve our fellow men and women. Let us also remember the unemployed and the under-employed, that they may find work that allows them to receive a just wage and benefits to care for themselves and their families. May we always be grateful for all those who labor on our behalf.

Be assured also of my special prayers and blessings for all of our children and students as they prepare to go back to school, as well as for all of our teachers.

Enjoy this holiday weekend and be safe and well! May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you. God bless you!

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31—Weekday

7:30 am	Dolores McMahon Michael by Michael & Kathleen Pack
12:10 pm	Noah Polites by Emma Kueker & Family
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding: Anna Molitor and Joseph Loewer</b>
4:30 pm	Michael O'Hara by Family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	James, Frances, and Mary Kathryn Schaeffer by Estate
10:00 am	George, Mary, Roger & Beverly Wood by Diane Wood
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	The Wilk and Wojtanik Families by Joanne Scofield

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Father Baker Guild Members All Souls Intentions
12:10 pm	Colin J. MacDonald (Birthday Remembrance) by wife Shirley A. MacDonald Mary Jo Venturoli by the Palante Family

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am	Ronald J. Simchick by Wife and Daughters
12:10 pm	Norman & Bev Woloszyn by Nephew Tom & Elizabeth Batt by Tim & LuAnn Batt

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—Weekday

7:30 am	Phyllis Sedgley by the McKeown Family Brian Weiss by Timothy & LuAnn Batt
12:10 pm	John, Esther, Tim Downs, Charles Kosich & Anthony Guadagno by Downs Family

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—Weekday

7:30 am	Barry, Pat, and Bill Wood by Tom & Bridget Wood Sr. Marie Consolata, OCD by Beverly Caffery
12:10 pm	Edmund Mende, Sr. by Children and Family William J. Mende by Byron & Gloria Ball

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6—Weekday

7:30 am	OLV House Blessing Intentions Nubiel de Jesus Aristizabal by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
8:15 am	Casimir M. Slaski & Family
12:10 pm	OLV Spiritual Society Intentions Living & Deceased Members of the Bayerl & Pettit Family (living) by Family

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
12:10 pm	Robert Pannullo by Paula Stein
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Wedding: Marissa Olivieri and Matthew Blumer</b>
4:30 pm	Matthew & Connie Zak by daughter, Diane Zak

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	John & Stella Lalka by Dick & Lu Powers and Family
12:00 pm	David M. Regan by Family
4:30 pm	Laura Dole by Diane Bona



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

In addition, since this week is First Friday, Confessions will also be heard on the Eve of First Friday:

**Thursday, September 5  
3:00 — 4:00 p.m.**

You may also call the Rectory Office to make an appointment.

## 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. September 10 and 24, October 15 and 29

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.



## JOIN THE OLV SERVICE CLUB

Please join us! We are looking for new members of all ages!

Our OLV Service Club will host our opening meeting on **Sunday, September 15** in the OLV School Cafeteria at a NEW Meeting time from **1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (following the Noon Mass)**. This change is a result of survey results, and we scheduled our meetings around the Bills schedule!

We will be reviewing our upcoming calendar of events, always focusing on the corporal works of mercy, and soliciting ideas for new activities. We will also be assembling homeless toiletry kits and collecting socks to support the school's "SOCK-tober" service project.

### Additional Upcoming Service Opportunities:

**Thursday, September 19, 6:00—7:00 p.m.—**  
Resurrection Church  
Food Pantry

**Saturday, September 21, 9:00—11:00 a.m.—**  
Beach Sweep

**Save the Date!**  
**Friday, December 6—**  
**Spaghetti Dinner—**  
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For more information, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887 or go to the OLV Service Club Facebook page! We look forward to seeing you on Sept. 15!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Rectory Office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 2.

### FALL BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays • Sept. 3—Nov. 19**  
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### OLV BOOK CLUB

**Wed. September 4 • 1:00 OR 6:30 p.m.**

Join the OLV Book Club as we finish exploring *Father of the Fatherless: The Authorized Biography of Father Nelson Baker* by Father Richard Gribble. Our final meeting will be held in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica on September 4. Come to either the 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. session. For any questions, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or [mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org](mailto:mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org).

### DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

**Sunday, September 8 •**  
**after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses**

On Sunday, September 8th, all are welcome to come to either the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Mass and stay for coffee, juice, and doughnuts



afterwards! As disciples we are called to love our neighbors, and the first step to loving our neighbors is to get to know them. Please stop down in the Marian Room after Mass for an informal social and enjoy a doughnut, a drink, and some time for discipleship. Our parish's Doughnuts & Discipleship is being sponsored by the generosity of the Father Baker Council of the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Columbiettes. Representatives from both groups will also be present if you would like to find out more about them and what they do.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Tuesdays • 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

**September 10, October 1,**  
**November 12, or December 10**

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 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 the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or email him at [mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org](mailto:mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org).

### BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC CENTENNIAL CONCERT

**Sunday, September 29 • 3:00 p.m.**

JoAnn Falletta, multiple GRAMMY-winning conductor, will return to conduct the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for a concert in OLV Basilica on Sunday, September 29 at 3:00 p.m. as we continue to celebrate the Centennial of the building of the Basilica from 1921-1926. All are welcome, however space is limited. Please see the Pastor's Column on page 2 for ticket information. **Please note that, due to the Centennial BPO Concert, there will no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, September 29.**



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**Registration is open for the  
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**Classes begin in October.**

Registration forms are  
available through the  
Faith Formation Office at  
716-828-9437 or by emailing  
[faithformation@olvbasilica.org](mailto:faithformation@olvbasilica.org).

## JOIN THE RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church, or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation

It is a process which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, and deepening of a life of prayer with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction but rather a process of conversion; designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

### Who is RCIA 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

**The RCIA process will begin on Thursday, September 12. Sessions will continue to be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of the Basilica in the Marian Room. If you have any interest, please feel free to contact Fr. Rob at 716-828-9428 or [rcontarin@olvbasilica.org](mailto:rcontarin@olvbasilica.org).**  
In following the mission of Father Baker: ALL ARE WELCOME!

## OLV CHARITIES CAYMAN ISLAND RAFFLE

Our Cayman Island Raffle is back by popular demand! Your chance to win a 1 week stay at The Grand Caymanian Resort! Includes accommodations for 4-6 guests and a \$2,500 Visa gift card courtesy of Parkview Health! The winner will be drawn on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Victory Nite and you need not be present to win. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by calling 716-828-9648 (select option 1) or by emailing Latisha James at [ljames@olvcharities.org](mailto:ljames@olvcharities.org).

For more information about Victory Nite, please visit [olvcharities.org/victorynite](http://olvcharities.org/victorynite).



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Offertory envelopes can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office at: **767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218**

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We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

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Sunday, August 4, 2024

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Pennies to Heaven	\$443.00
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DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 9/7	4:30 pm	Jeffrey Stenzel	Jean Dulak, John Leszak, Mary Stenzel
Sun. 9/8	8:00 am	William O'Rourke	Mary Check, Richard Grasso
	10:00 am	Laura Schuh	Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann
	Noon	Paul Miazga	Sandy Swiech, David West, Doreen West
	4:30 pm	Eleanor Wieleba	Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle, Gregory Stachowski

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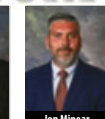
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