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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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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 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. and tickets are required due to limited space.

PLEASE NOTE: ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, THERE WILL BE NO 4:30 P.M. MASS.

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. Thank you!

ALL-YEAR ALUMNI REUNION FOR OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Saturday, October 12 at 4:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to a very special All-Year Alumni Reunion, and a very special birthday celebration for our own Sister Ellen O'Keefe, SSJ, on Saturday, October 12th! Join us for Mass at the Basilica at 4:30 p.m. followed by a reception at OLV Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. Sing happy birthday to Sister Ellen! Enjoy refreshments while you relive your fondest OLV memories and reconnect with former classmates and staff. Meet current students and tour the school, including our new gym floor and state-of-the-art

technology lab! RSVP to Paula at 716-828-7592 or pdeangelis-stein@ OLVBasilica.org, or scan the QR code to fill out a simple online reply form.



SAVE THE DOME:

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 and water infiltration has significantly damaged the plaster and interior paintings. 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, which will help support our 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. Every single gift, large or small, makes a difference. Just look at what Fr. 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 Fr. 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.

Be assured of my grateful prayers! May Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones. God bless you all!

FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—Weekday

7:30 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions 12:10 pm Robert Pannullo by Paula Stein

1:30 pm Wedding: Marissa Olivieri and Matthew Blumer 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:30 am Irene Sasiadek by son David

Dennis Grabianowski (living) by Family

12:10 pm Richard M. Lata, Jr. by Mary A. Lata

Stella (Anniversary) & Anthony Saniewski Sr. and Anthony Jr. by Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—Weekday

7:30 am Jamie Swihart ((living) by Nadga Swihart

Benjamin Hughes by Thomas & Melina Scime

12:10 pm OLV Helping Hands Club Members

Joseph & Shirley Wilczewski by Kathy Stepnowski

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—Weekday

7:30 am Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Gene & Mary Ellen Rzepka

Theresa Rozmus by Ed & Diane Kuciel

12:10 pm David M. Olivieri and Joseph T. Shehadi by Renee Olivieri

Joseph & Carolyn Haley (Wedding Anniv.) by Daughters and Their Families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 am Thomas Aquinas O'Connor, M.D. by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

Edward Cosgrove (Birthday Remembrance) by David & Judith Quinn

12:10 pm Nancy Procknal by the Swiech Family

Matthew & Eleanor Woloszyn by Sons

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Raymond E. Fraley by Family

8:15 am Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Trudy Then

Noel E. Bartlo by OLV Charities

12:10 pm Edmund Mende, Sr. by Children and Family

4:30 pm Wedding: Elizabeth Tallerico and Nicholas Cappuccino

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

11:30 am Wedding: Melissa Kathan and Nicholas Hester

(no 12:10 p.m. Mass today)

1:30 pm Wedding: Danielle Hockwater and William Deland4:30 pm Genevieve Walker by Kathi, Stan, Kelli, Melissa & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Tom Bowman by Mary Jo Orzech

10:00 am Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by the Del Vecchio Family

12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Strycharz Family by Marion

4:30 pm Karen Beck by Joan Milazzo

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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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

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—

our only fundraiser, supporting Christmas gifts for foster children

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

DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday, September 8 ● after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses

All are welcome to join us this Sunday morning after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses for coffee, juice, and doughnuts in the Marian Room. Please stop down after Mass for this informal social and enjoy some time for discipleship. Sponsored by the Father Baker Council of the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Columbiettes. Representatives from both groups will be present if you would like to find out more about them and what they do.

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, September 24, October 15, and October 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.

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.

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 as we continue to celebrate the Centennial of the building of the Basilica from 1921-1926. Tickets are required for admission. **Due to the concert, there will no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, September 29.**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OLV Elementary School has several open positions for this school year with the opportunity to work alongside dedicated, mission-focused people:

- Elementary School Teacher
- ELA Teacher

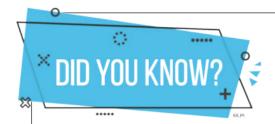
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OLV CHARITIES

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- Donor Services Data Entry Supervisor
- Stationary Engineer
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Building a strong sense of community and stability within a school environment can have a profound impact on the overall wellbeing and success of everyone involved—students, teachers, and families alike.

Here at OLV Elementary we foster a supportive network where everyone feels valued, connected, and motivated to thrive together. Our school has children from PreK4 – 8th grade.

Private tours and shadow days can be scheduled by calling 716-828-7592. Visit us online at OurLadyofVictory Elementary.org.

Our first 100 years were awesome; the next 100 will be even better! *The Legacy Lives On*, join us!





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 rcontarin@olvbasilica.org or 716-828-9428. 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 Ijames@olvcharities.org.

For more information about Victory Nite, please visit olvcharities.org/victorynite.



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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.

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!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, August 11, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS Weekly

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 \$13,632.00

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 \$1,612.00

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 \$203.00

 Pennies to Heaven
 \$215.00

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 \$3,886.73

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DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 9/14	4:30 pm	Rosalie Constable	Bob Lohr, James McEvoy, Cindy Schaefer
Sun. 9/15	8:00 am	Moey Oakley	Catherine Bergen, Ryan Harrington, Kevin O'Neil
	10:00 am	Michael Kipler	Carolyn Kipler, Patricia Osborne, Timothy Wing
	Noon	Robert McDonough	Ellen Scheiderer, Linda Smolen, Christopher Swan
	4:30 pm	Cathleen Woods	Patricia DiVito, Richard Grasso, Marsha Lipke

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