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September 29, 2024 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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[olvrectory@olvbasilica.org](mailto:olvrectory@olvbasilica.org)

### SCHOOL

2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna

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716-828-9434

[elementary@olvbasilica.org](mailto:elementary@olvbasilica.org)

[www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org](http://www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org)

### FAITH FORMATION

2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna

**Sunday: 7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

**Carmelann Zomeri, Director**

716-828-9437

[faithformation@olvbasilica.org](mailto:faithformation@olvbasilica.org)

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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.

**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.

**Address:** 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218

**Phone:** 716-828-9444

**Website:** [www.olvbasilica.org](http://www.olvbasilica.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,**

### A CALL FOR NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

As we move back into post-summer/school/business-as-usual mode, I really want to focus on growing our Liturgical Ministries and other activities for our wonderful Basilica Parish Family. As a result of the Diocesan "Road to Renewal," we are blessed to have many new individuals and families who have registered in our parish and we welcome their presence and active involvement in the life of our parish community.

We are in need of **Altar Servers** (boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are most welcome). This is a very important ministry and a wonderful opportunity for our children to appreciate the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by their service at the altar assisting the Priests & Deacons. Training will be provided.

We are also looking for **Eucharistic Ministers** and **Lectors** as well as **Ministers of Hospitality** (individuals who are willing to be at the doors of the Basilica before our Weekend Masses and other special celebrations to welcome people and be of assistance for any questions parishioners and visitors might have). We also need **Ushers** to take up the collection and to assist as Greeters as well.

If you are interested in any of these important Liturgical Ministries, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Deacon Mark Bialkowski, at the Rectory (716-828-9420). Training will be provided. 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.

### SOUTHERN ERIE LIFE CHAIN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

I invite you to join the clergy, religious and laity from the parishes of our Southern Erie Vicariate to participate in the **Life Chain on Sunday, October 6 from 2:00—3:00 p.m.** The Life Chain is a time to stand together for respect for

all life from the moment of conception to natural death. We stand in silent prayer, praying the rosary and witnessing to life. The Life Chain will form along Ridge Road and South Park Avenue. There will be Eucharistic Adoration in the Basilica during the Life Chain for those unable to stand outside who wish to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Then all are invited to attend Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

### PARISH FEAST DAY: Monday, October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (formerly titled Our Lady of Victory)

This special Mass will be held on **Monday, October 7 at 12:10 p.m.** Our OLV Elementary School students will be present to honor our patroness, Our Lady of Victory, and to celebrate with our parishioners, employees, benefactors, and visitors. The 8th Grade Class will lead the procession with the statue of Our Lady of Victory. All are most welcome to join us for this special concelebrated Mass and the opportunity for me to personally thank our generous donors, the dedicated employees of our OLV Institutions, and parishioners/friends of OLV who help continue the legacy of Father Baker.

The powerful intercessory prayer of the rosary continues to make a positive difference in this world. More than ever, we need to pray the rosary through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory for the salvation of souls and for peace and justice throughout our country and world. Every day, I stop and pray at the tomb of Father Baker and I pray through him and Our Lady of Victory for all of our parishioners, donors and benefactors and all of our employees, that God will bless you all and help us continue to serve all God's people, especially the poor and most vulnerable in our midst.

### UPDATE ON CONTINUING RESTORATION PROJECTS:

Dome Roofing: Base of dome gutter and sill flashing removal and replacements have commenced and will be completed in two to three weeks. Scaffolding is now in place on

the North, South, and East elevations; West elevation scaffolding will be complete in the next two weeks. Starting on October 8, a large 360-ton crane will be brought onsite and used to install the dome roofing access ring / platform / ladder assemblies. This crane will be onsite for about two weeks (weather dependent).

Non-Dome Roofing: Southwest corner coating work will be completed in a week. Once completed, the low south elevation flat roof removals and replacements will commence and will require 2-3 weeks to complete. After that work, the final coating work at mansard elements surrounding the flat roof elements will be completed.

Basilica Window Refurbishment: On Monday, September 30, a scaffold will be erected inside the east nave so that the upper nave stained glass windows can be removed and replaced. This work should take a month and a half to complete. Related pews will be covered for protection.

Sanctuary Plaster Repairs: On Monday, September 30, a scaffold section will be erected behind the pulpit in the sanctuary to effect the plaster removal and plumbing rainwater piping replacements, together with related plaster restoration and painting. This work could take 3-4 weeks to complete. This small scaffold should have at most a minor visual impact on the Sanctuary space.

I am most grateful to our Construction Project Team for their amazing work in shepherding these projects forward. I pray daily for the intercession of Father Baker to bless the work that is being done to restore our magnificent Basilica as well as for the protection of Our Lady of Victory for all of our construction workers.

I am also profoundly grateful to all our donors, benefactors, parishioners and friends for their generous support of our Centennial Campaign and our *Save the Dome/Adopt an Angel* Community Campaign. God bless you all!

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28—St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

- 7:30 am Raymond Grazybowski by Marcia Tos & Family  
 12:10 pm John, Esther, Tim Downs, Charles Kosich, Anthony Guadagno by the Downs Family  
**1:30 pm Wedding: Brianna Kepfer and Chase Christina**  
 4:30 pm The O'Hara, Mastrobattista & Cardinale Family by Mary Lou O'Hara

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
 10:00 am Stephen Check by Family  
 12:00 pm Ellen Landscadel by Christina Reece  
**No 4:30 p.m. Mass today due to the BPO concert at 3:00 p.m.**

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—Saint Jerome

- 7:30 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
 Valentine Zych by Frank Lohr  
 12:10 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica  
 Beverly Gehl by the Gehl Family

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1—Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

- 7:30 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
 Sharon Wojnowicz and Brian Bohan by Dave & Cindy Schaefer  
 12:10 pm OLV Father Baker Guild Members  
 Brian (Jimmy) Bohan by loving wife, Donna

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

- 7:30 am Ed & Maria O'Malley and Tommy by Ann Marie O'Malley Varanese  
 William Mende by Friends of the Family  
 12:10 pm Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
 Carol Ann Denny by Family

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3—Weekday

- 7:30 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
 Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk (Birthday Remembrance) by Pat and daughters  
 12:10 pm Louis DePasquale, Sr. (Anniversary of Death) by daughters  
 Joseph P. Haley (Anniversary of Death) by daughters and their families

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4—Saint Francis of Assisi

- 7:30 am Casimir M. Slaski & Family  
 Mother Miriam, OCD (living) by Beverly Caffery  
 8:15 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
 Geraldine Gurbacki by the Andrzejewski Family  
 12:10 pm Harry Mattimore by the Steinwald Family  
 Thelma Frauenhofer by Evan & Trish Lewis  
**2:00 pm Wedding: Maria Pietras and Michael Cleversfle**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5—St. Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

- 7:30 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
**11:30 am Wedding: Alex Juda and Richard Flis**  
**(no 12:10 pm Mass today)**  
**1:30 pm Wedding: Ann Mosey and Max Ru Land**  
 4:30 pm Albin & Marie Fiust by Tim & Dawn Fiust-Klink

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory  
 10:00 am Michael Roberts by Barb Catalano  
 12:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society  
 4:30 pm OLV Golden Treasury Intentions



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, October 3  
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.

**October 15, October 29,  
November 12, November 19,  
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.





RCIA is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith, for those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, and for those who were baptized Catholic but never received further religious education.

**Our RCIA program meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Basilica's Marian Room.**

**If you are interested in joining, please contact Fr. Rob Contarin at the Rectory at 716-828-9428 or [rcontarin@olvbasilica.org](mailto:rcontarin@olvbasilica.org).**

In following the mission of Father Baker: ALL ARE WELCOME!

## 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

The Rectory Office will start accepting 2025 Mass intention requests in October. To schedule, please contact the Rectory Office at [olvrectory@olvbasilica.org](mailto:olvrectory@olvbasilica.org) or 716-828-9444 to obtain the 2025 Mass Request form and then return the completed form to the Rectory.

**Intentions will only be scheduled via the written form. Requests will not be scheduled by phone or when stopping in to the office due to the volume of requests.** Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Tuesdays • 6:30—7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 1, Nov. 12, or Dec. 10  
OLV Basilica—Marian Room**

If you are a new parent looking to have your baby baptized, please 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 [mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org](mailto:mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org).



### NEW PARISHIONER NIGHT

**Wednesday, October 2 • 6:30 p.m.  
OLV Basilica—Community Room**

All new parishioners are welcome! Meet other new parishioners, get to know a little bit about OLV's rich history, learn about opportunities for getting involved, and hear about how Father Baker's legacy is still thriving. Light refreshments will be served.

### EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT CREATED BY BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

**October 3—October 29**

Come see the *Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit* created by the soon-to-be-canonized Blessed Carlo Acutis. The display of Eucharistic Miracles and a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be hosted at OLV from Thursday, October 3 until Tuesday, October 29 on the lower level of the Basilica. This remarkable exhibit demonstrates the true presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist as documented by these miracles throughout history and around the world.

### DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

**Sunday, October 6 • after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses  
OLV Basilica—Marian Room**

All are welcome to join us for coffee, juice, and doughnuts. Please stop down for this informal social and enjoy some time for discipleship. Sponsored by the Fr. Baker Council of the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Columbiettes. Representatives from both groups will be present.

### ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

**Sunday, October 6 • 11:00 a.m.  
OLV Basilica—Community Room**

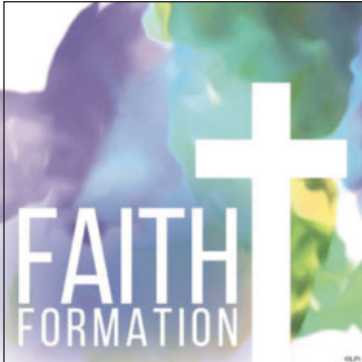
All ladies (ages 18+) are welcome to join the Altar & Rosary Society as we meet on the first Sunday of each month. Our mission is to provide for the adornment of the sanctuary and promote a greater devotion to the praise and honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer and good works. For questions, contact Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747 or [MaryanneJack123@gmail.com](mailto:MaryanneJack123@gmail.com)

### ALL-YEAR ALUMNI REUNION FOR OLV ELEMENTARY

**Saturday, October 12 • 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 12! **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](mailto:pdeangelis-stein@OLVBasilica.org), or scan the QR code to fill out a simple online reply form.





Registration for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation in-person or Family Home Study program will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Faith Formation Office, located in OLV Elementary School. You can also register Monday through Friday in person from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. For more information contact Ms. Carm at 716-828-7494 or [czomeri@olvbasilica.org](mailto:czomeri@olvbasilica.org)

**Classes begin on Sunday, October 20th at 8:30 a.m. Please gather in the school cafeteria.**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ROAST BEEF MEAL

**Sunday, Sept. 29 • 1:00—5:00 p.m.**

The OLV Catholic Daughters (Court Msgr. Nelson H. Baker \$1043) will host a roast beef sandwich meal this Sunday at the Tehan Post, 2076 Electric Ave, Blasdell. For \$10, receive a roast beef sandwich, German potato salad, chef salad, and dessert. Eat-in or take-out. Proceeds help finance their charitable works. There is also a lottery tree raffle.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOVEMBER LOTTERY

**Sunday, October 6**

The Knights of Columbus (Fr. Baker Council #2243) are selling \$5 tickets for their November lottery number daily drawings. Tickets will be available at OLV on Sunday, October 6 during *Doughnuts and Discipleship* in the Marian Room after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Proceeds benefit the Council's *Coats for Kids* campaign

for children attending OLV and Notre Dame Academy elementary schools. Drawings based on the daily NY State Lottery's evening 3-digit numbers. Winning number prize each day is \$25 except for All Saints Day (11/1), Veterans Day (11/11) and Thanksgiving Day (11/28) when the prize is \$100 for each day!

### CATHOLIC SINGLES COFFEE MINGLE FOR ADULTS 35-55

**Saturday, October 12 • 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for coffee tasting and fellowship at Kornerstone Café & Juice Bar (701 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY 14210) on Saturday, October 12 from 10:00 a.m.—Noon. This coffee talk gathering is for Catholic single adults 35-55 years old. Pay \$18 at the door and bring an optional gift card to benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center, which serves families and life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need during and after pregnancy. Reserve your spot online: [csm5.eventbrite.com](https://csm5.eventbrite.com)

## OLV SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

We had a great opening meeting! It was great meeting new parishioners! We assembled over 100 toiletry kits for the homeless and have a great lineup of service activities for the year. If you missed our meeting, please come when you can. All ages welcome!

We had great weather for our Woodlawn Beach Sweep. Thank you to our volunteers for coming!

### Service Opportunities:

**Saturday, October 5 at 9 a.m.—** We still need some help planting spring bulbs along the church and rectory. No gardening experience necessary. Please contact Melinda Buckley at 716-307-5448 for more details. Help beautify OLV for years to come!

**Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m.—** Our next evening at Resurrection Life Food Pantry. Also, mark your calendar for **Thursday, November 21** for their big Thanksgiving distribution.

**Sunday, October 27 at 1 p.m.—** Our next meeting is in the OLV School Cafeteria. We will make holiday decorations and plan for our spaghetti dinner fundraiser on December 6 that supports Christmas gifts for foster children.

Check out our new Facebook page OLV Service Club. If you have any questions, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

OLV Elementary has an open position for this school year for a **Reading/Math AIS Teacher**.

Visit [www.olvbasilica.org/careers](http://www.olvbasilica.org/careers) for more information.

### OLV CHARITIES:

- Production Associate
- Donor Services Supervisor
- Stationary Engineer
- Senior Stationary Engineer
- Camp Turner Operations Specialist (part-time)

Visit [www.olvcharities.org/careers](http://www.olvcharities.org/careers) for more information.

### POSITION AT THE RETIRED PRIEST RESIDENCES:

The diocesan retired priest residences are hiring a **Per Diem Cook**. Fill in for vacations, call offs, holidays. \$16.50 per hour; raise to \$17 after 90 days. Availability to work in Lackawanna, Tonawanda, or Lancaster home desirable but not mandatory. You can be available for any or all locations. For questions or to arrange an interview, contact [rjaniszewski@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:rjaniszewski@buffalodiocese.org).

### 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 online giving, please go to <https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org>

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, September 1, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$16,674.00
Monthly	\$1,632.00
Catholic Education	\$45.00
All Souls Day (11/2)	\$20.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$5.00
Holy Day: Assumption (8/15)	\$20.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$37.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,847.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>\$21,345.55</b>	

#### ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Respect Life Sunday	\$5.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Medical	\$20.00
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation	\$30.00
World Mission Sunday	\$10.00

The new schedule for Fall 2024 is now available online and in the sacristy if you'd like a printed copy. If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Deacon Mark at the rectory.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 10/5	4:30 pm	Jeffrey Stenzel	Bob Lohr, James McEvoy, Cindy Schaefer
Sun. 10/6	8:00 am	Ryan Harrington	Eugene Allman, Mary Patricia Allman, Sheila Allman
	10:00 am	Linda Pawenski	Sal Howard, Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann
	Noon	Chris Swan	David West, Doreen West
	4:30 pm	Patricia DiVito	Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle, Richard Grasso

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### 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 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 discuss your personal gift or pledge over time, contact Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.





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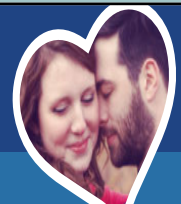


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