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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.

## **WELCOME**

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

#### **DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,**

#### **ADOPTION MASS:** 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, April 6, 2025

I am pleased to celebrate the Noon Mass on this Sunday, April 6th, as we celebrate adoption. We welcome OLV Infant Home's adoptees, birth mothers, birth fathers, and all adoptive families!

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

There is no better way to exercise the call to almsgiving than to support our Catholic Charities Appeal, which provides essential services to those who need it most. The 2025 Diocesan Goal is \$8,500,000. Our Parish Goal at OLV Basilica for this year is \$155,004. To date, we've raised \$51,127.01 from 174 donors. To make a gift, please mail in your donor card to Appeal 2025, donate online at ccwny.org, or text HOPE4WNY to 44321. Please identify yourself as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, so our parish is credited to ensure we make our goal. For info about Catholic Charities, visit ccwny.org.

#### SEVEN CHURCHES VISITATION

You are cordially invited to join me for the Seven Churches Visitation on Holy Thursday, April 17, starting at 8:30 p.m. This special event will feature stops and adoration at some of WNY's most sacred places:

- 1. OLV National Shrine & Basilica
- 2. Saint Martin of Tours Church
- 3. Saint Teresa's Church
- 4. Saint Stanislaus Church
- 5. Corpus Christi Church
- 6. Saint John Kanty Church
- 7. Saint Joseph Cathedral

Bus transportation is available and security is provided. Participants will gather at the Basilica at 8:30 p.m. Spots are very limited. To reserve your place, contact Kim at 716-828-9607 or kkutera@olvcharities.org. There is no cost to attend.

May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones. God bless you!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

I am pleased to announce the schedule for Holy Week Masses, Services, and Confessions here at OLV National Shrine & Basilica:



#### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 12—13

Saturday, April 12 Sunday, April 13 3:00 p.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Confessions 12:00 Noon Mass 4:30 p.m. Mass



#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In addition to our regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our three priests will be available on:

Tuesday, April 15 Wednesday, April 16 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



#### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed

by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m.



#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross (inside the Basilica)

12:00 Noon Outdoor Stations of the Cross (beginning at South Park entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery)

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Cross with

Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross



#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**



8:00 a.m. Mass Please note there is 10:00 a.m. Mass no 4:30 p.m. Mass **12:00 Noon** Mass on Easter Sunday.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 5—Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Cornelius P. Downey, Jr. by the Downey Family 7:30 am

10:30 am Funeral for Michele M. Fisher

12:10 pm Louis G. Snyder by Timothy & LuAnn Batt 1:30 pm Wedding: Lora DiBlasi & Zachary Robitalle

4:30 pm Americo & Clementine Bracci by Lilia Bracci & Family

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 6—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Alice Comerford by Deacon Michael & Judie Comerford 8:00 am

10:00 am Shirley Motyka by Dick Motyka

12:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society

4:30 pm Mark Grekulak by Colleen and Brian

#### MONDAY, APRIL 7—Saint John Baptist de la Salle, priest

7:30 am Mary Speach by Tim & Michele Franczyk 12:10 pm Marion Tomczak by Larry Stahl & Family

Ann Dlugokinski by Shirley Beck

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am **OLV Father Baker Guild Members** Jack Shea by Regina A. Del Vecchio 12:10 pm Patricia Phillips (living) by Deborah Kissel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Leonard Szczesny by the Lukaszewicz Family 12:10 pm Cornelius P. Downey, Sr. by the Downey Family

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Judy Jagodzynski by Timothy & LuAnn Batt 12:10 pm Joseph Sasiadek by grandson, David

Chet Krupski by Chuck Wenzel

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11—Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 am Thomas Raab, MD by Pat, Tracey & Deenah Simchick 8:15 am Patsy Sullivan Surdyke by Dan & Michele Cusella

12:10 pm Jacek & Theodora Saniewski by Family Paul K. Mwose by the McKeown Family

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Kopacz Family

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12—Lenten Weekday

7:30 am George Piotrowski by the Herman Family 12:10 pm Juan Carlos Lago by the Lago Family 4:30 pm Sonny & Rose Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 13—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am Edward I. Kaczmarczyk (Anniversary of Death) by Pat and daughters 10:00 am Catherine, Jos Bohen & Matt Comerford by the Comerford Family

12:00 pm Walter Burdzy by the Swiech Family

4:30 pm Ted & Evelyn Kosowski by Dave & Marsha Lipke

## **BASILICA ELEVATOR CLOSED**

In order to install a new elevator, our current elevator has been shut down.

As a reminder, we ask that the front semi-circle driveway in front of the Basilica be only used by those who are disabled and have a handicapped permit. All others are please asked to park behind the Basilica.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of ongoing restoration to care for our magnificent Basilica.

#### 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. April 8 and April 29

Join our "Victory for Christ" prayer group in the Basilica's chapel on the lower level 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.

## **PARISH NEWS**

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

# LENTEN PROGRAM— WORD BEYOND SUNDAYS

Mondays ● 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. April 7 and April 14

Take some time this Lent to reflect on God's Word beyond Sundays by joining us to take a deeper look at each weekend's readings. Sessions meet each Monday in the Marian Room on the Basilica's lower level at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Feel free to come to any or all sessions.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m. April 8, May 13, June 10, or July 8

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 Basilica's Marian Room. To register, scan the QR code above. For questions, please contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

#### **NEW PARISHIONER NIGHT**

Wednesday, April 9 • 6:30 p.m.

All new parishioners are invited to come to meet other newly-registered parishioners, get to know OLV's rich history, learn about opportunities to get involved, and hear how Father Baker's legacy is still thriving. Light refreshments will be served. We will meet in the Basilica's Community Room. This event is open to all new parishioners. All are welcome!

#### **COLLECTION FOR VETERANS**

The Father Baker Columbiettes #2243 are sponsoring a collection for the WNY Veterans during April and May. To donate, place items such as socks, soap, body wash, etc. and any other toiletries in one of the boxes located

by the entrance doors to the Basilica. Items will be delivered for disbursement on Memorial Day. The Columbiettes thank you in advance for your support and generosity.



Friday, April 11 • 6:00—6:50 p.m.

Join us for fellowship, a variety of homemade vegetarian soups, and an enlightening speaker as the Service Club provides "Soup and Speakers" in the Basilica's Community Room before the Stations of the Cross. This Friday, Riley Emer will speak about the Catholic Parenting Initiative.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, April 13 • 10:00 a.m.

Please join us with your family at our Palm Sunday Children's Liturgy. This special liturgy includes a procession with palms and participation in the Gospel reading. Practice is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 12 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.</u> in the Basilica's Community Room (singers from 8:45—9:30 a.m. and readers, collectors, and gift bearers from 9:00—10:30 am.). <u>All need to attend this practice</u>. Schedule is:

- Readers: Aubrey Harris, Henri Burton
- Gospel Readers: Josephine Burton, Kayla Walter, Aubrey Harris, Lyla Oehler
- Gift Bearers: Ma'teo Hines, Layla Feldt
- Collectors: Sophia Feldt, Lilyana Harris, Sam Kujawinski, Evan Walter
- **Singers:** Hannah Sweeney, Lyla Oehler, Aubrey Harris
- Greeters: Dylan Feldt, Lilyana Harris

We need more readers, greeters and singers. Call Tina Hatem (716-826-5075) to volunteer or for questions.

We are also looking for youth volunteers of all ages for our Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Noon in the cemetery. Sign-up sheets will be available after Palm Sunday Mass or call Tina (716-826-5075) to volunteer.

## EASTER DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Good Friday, April 18 ● after the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

As we prepare to celebrate the upcoming Easter season, volunteers are needed to help decorate the Basilica. If you would like to

help, please join us in the

Basilica on Friday evening, April 18. For questions about volunteering or more info, contact Greg Stachowski at 716-949-1085. All are welcome to come and help us prepare our beautiful Basilica for the celebration of Easter!

# "SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE" CHORAL CONCERT

Wednesday, April 22 • 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for an evening concert with the Frontier High School



Concert Choir and Treble Choir, directed by Louis Shafer and accompanied by organist Tim Smith. Free will offering to be taken to cover expenses and to donate to the Basilica. All are welcome!

#### **OLV SERVICE CLUB**

Thursday, May 15 ● 5:30-6:30 p.m. Resurrection Life Food Pantry 2145 Old Union Road

Special thanks to our new parishioners who joined us at Resurrection Life Food Pantry! The Service Club welcomes all ages to participate in performing the corporal works of mercy each month. Join us in May!

We can also use shelf-stable food donations at our OLV food pantry in the parking lot by the school, such as cereal, instant oatmeal, pasta, rice, dry beans, crackers, plastic containers of applesauce, etc. For questions, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.



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#### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Please keep the following OCIA members in your prayers as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church: Eric Umphreyville, Alex Metros, Andrew Sannes, Adam Garbacz, Ryan Davern, Courtney Wendling, Jack Bracci, Shannon Smith, Daniel Benimoff, Sam Perpetus, Ryan Halligan, Alyssa Penfield, Lisa Carter, Estefany Valladares, Stacey Smith, Mariana Smith, David Piscitello, David Buckley, Doug Darling, Regan Darling, Riley Darling, Rider Darling, Riker Darling, Nicholas Gatti, Peyton Maeder, and Rick Osman.



Congratulations to these couples who were married at OLV Basilica:

September 7, 2024—

Marissa Olivieri & Matthew Blumer

September 13, 2024—

Elizabeth Tallerico & Nicholas Cappuccino

September 14, 2024—

Melissa Kathan & Nicholas Hester Danielle Hockwater & William Deland

September 27, 2024—

Anna Campbell & Thomas Radwan Jr.

September 28, 2024—

Brianna Kepfer & Chase DiChristina

October 4, 2024-

Maria Pietras & Michael Cleverslye

October 5, 2024—

Alexis Juda & Richard Flis Ann Mosey & Max Ruland

October 12, 2024—

June Chadima & Giuseppe Campanella

October 19, 2024—

Jane Rose & David O'Sullivan

October 26, 2024-

Erin Adkins & Kiefer Shunk Amanda Baratta & Dominic Cavaretta

November 9, 2024—

Julianne Cusack & Brian Wylke

November 30, 2024—

Miriam Trojanovic & Brendan Fitzgerald

MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	
Sat. 4/12	4:30 pm	Glenn Reid, Linda "Mickey" Pawenski	Kathleen Clark, Susan Zakrzewski, Michael Zakrzewski		
Sun. 4/13		Paul Miazga, Donna Mitchell	Ryan Harrington, Mary Patricia Allman, Nancy Zippier		
	10:00 am	Children's Liturgy	Michael (Mickey) Kipler, Carolyn Kipler, Lynn Velasquez		
	Noon	Rosalie Constable, Robert McDonough	LArthur Smith Sandy Swiech Jon Daul Trahucco	A.J. Ball Samantha Ball	
	4:30 pm	Richie English Amanda English	Marsha Lipke, David Lipke, Richard Grasso		

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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.

# 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 donations. Offertory envelopes can either be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office at 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. For online giving, go to <a href="https://www.olvbasilica.org">https://www.olvbasilica.org</a> and click *Donate* at the top of the page. We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

#### OFFERTORY—Sunday, March 9, 2025

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$17,542.15
Monthly	\$598.50
Ash Wednesday (3/5)	\$4,893.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.00
Fuel	\$44.00
Holy Day—Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$6.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$31.00
Sister Ellen O'Keefe Angel Fund	\$6.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,636.00
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS	
Black & Native Missions	\$640.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$16.00
Central & Eastern Europe and Poland	\$61.00
TOTAL	\$26,508.65

## SAVE THE DOME— ADOPT AN ANGEL



As you know, Buffalo's harsh climate has taken its toll on the Basilica's dome over the past 100 years and water infiltration has significantly damaged the plaster and interior paintings. OLV is in the process of raising \$3 million to replace the copper of the Basilica's dome. It is incumbent

upon us to do our very best to care for this magnificent shrine for years to come. 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. Or simply make a donation of any amount. Every single gift, great or small, makes a difference. For more information or to donate, please scan the QR code to the left. To discuss your personal gift, contact Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.

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