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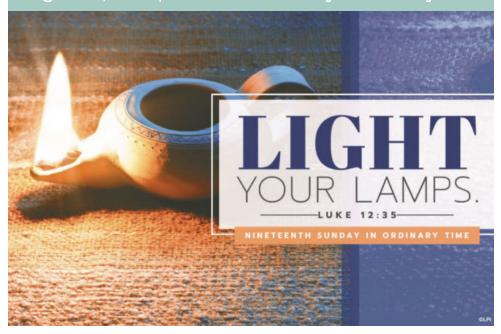
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Sunday: 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

#### **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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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Friday, August 15, 2025

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated annually on August 15th, marks a profound moment in Christian tradition and theology. This feast commemorates the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It is a celebration of Mary's unique role in salvation history and her exemplary faith and devotion.

The Assumption is a testament to the dignity and sanctity of Mary, who, through her unwavering faith and obedience to God's will, became the mother of our Savior. This solemnity underscores the hope of eternal life and the promise of resurrection for all who follow Christ. It reminds the faithful of the ultimate destiny that awaits those who live in accordance with God's will.

The belief in Mary's Assumption has ancient roots in the Christian tradition, with early references dating back to the 4th and 5th centuries. However, it was not until November 1, 1950 that Pope Pius XII formally defined the dogma of the Assumption in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. This declaration affirmed that Mary was "assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

Here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, the Great Dome mural depicts the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, along with her coronation as Queen of Heaven by the Holy Trinity. The Blessed Mother is carried to Heaven by the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, while several saints and apostles welcome her into Heaven surrounded by angels.

Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation are as follows:

Thursday, August 14:

- 3:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

#### Friday, August 15:

Masses at 7:30 a.m.,
 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

#### AN INVITATION TO JOIN "COR"

To thrive as a faithful Catholic man in today's secular world, one needs to develop an actual and growing relationship with God, investing in his own formation and prayer life, and developing a strong fraternal bond with his fellow parishioners—something that will enhance and hold him to a life of holiness and virtue.

COR is designed for that purpose. It exists to nurture and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples



for Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. The name COR is derived from the Latin word for heart, as our faith relationship with God and our fellow man initiates and resides within our own hearts.

With that being said, our Knights of Columbus Father Baker Council is sponsoring and inviting all men of our parish 18 years and older to join us for our first monthly COR meeting on Thursday, September 18th in the Marian Room in the lower Basilica. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end promptly at 7:30 p.m. The format will include light refreshments, saying the rosary as a group, and an engaging discussion regarding our personal faith in Christ. The Knights of Columbus strongly encourage you to consider taking that next important step in your journey to becoming closer to Christ. Please consider joining COR.



#### **PENNIES SPONSORS:**

Finally, as mentioned in last week's bulletin, along with our core committee, staff, and volunteers, we are also deeply grateful for our *Pennies to Heaven* sponsors, whose contributions funded our activity areas. A special thanks to our sponsoring businesses and individuals:

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Be assured of my grateful prayers to all our dedicated parishioners and friends. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you. God bless you all!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

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#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9—Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

9:00 am Funeral for Sara Purcell
10:30 am Funeral for Egla Moretti
12:10 pm Michael B. Cox by Family

1:30 pm Wedding: Alessandra Reino and Angelo D'Anato Goodenough

4:30 pm James & Rose Leary by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society

10:00 am Anastasia Downey by the Downey Family

12:00 pm Walter & Lillian Melohusky by the Melohusky Family

4:30 pm Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 11—Saint Clare, Virgin

7:30 am Rev. Msgr. Michael E. Del Vecchio by Regina A. Del Vecchio

Mary Rog D'Andrea by Gary & Gail

12:10 pm Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

Daniel S. Metz (Birthday Remembrance) by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bannister

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12—Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

7:30 am Joan C. Downey by the Downey Family

Joseph B. Fox (100th Birthday Remembrance) by Rose Fox

12:10 pm Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

John & Mildred O'Hara by Mary Lou O'Hara and sons

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13—Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

7:30 am Wallace Lipka by Jeanette Hejna & Family

12:10 pm Blessed Michael J. McGivney by the Knights of Columbus

Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14—Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

Pauline DeCarolis by James & Janet Snajczuk

12:10 pm Peggy Murphy by Kevin & Mary Ann O'Neil

Frank & Mary Cuomo by the Cuomo Family

4:30 pm Holy Day Vigil; Deceased Baker Victory Faculty & Alumni by B.V. Alumni Assoc.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

Ignacy, Aniela, Andrew, Edward, Peter Kaczmarczyk & Nell Vidrine by Pat

12:10 pm The Warner Family (living) by Jeff Papia

Mary M. Walsh by Bob & Jane Campbell

7:30 pm Albert "Butch" Sala and Jude Emer by Riley Emer

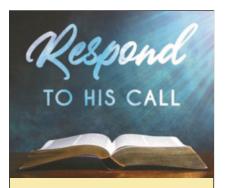
#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16—Saint Stephen of Hungary

7:30 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
 12:10 pm Patricia Cuda by the Gascoyne Family
 1:30 pm Wedding: Kara Massotti and Jason Covelli

4:30 pm Albert & Matilda Jaromin and Josephine Baron by James & Elaine

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Timothy J. Cusack by Don & Moira Cooley
10:00 am Evelyne Albohn and David Lalka by Dick & Lu Powers and Family
12:00 pm Marilyn Pinkowske by Linda Smolen and the Columbiettes
4:30 pm Gary Ghosen by Joan Milazzo



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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. August 19

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 in the Basilica on Fridays after the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. PAGE 04 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025



# THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an almost 200-year-old international volunteer organization that seeks to help people in need through in-person home visits. OLV has a chapter (called a Conference) that has been active for almost 75 years, providing food, clothing, furniture, household goods, and in various other ways to make a difference to families, right here in our local community.

Through the generosity of parishioners and our partners (OLV Charities and FeedMore WNY), we have visited over 1,000 families in the last twelve months, serving almost 3,000 children, adults and seniors.

You can help us to help others through your contributions placed in the two St. Vincent de Paul Society donation boxes near the Ridge Road entrances to the Basilica, or mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office. (Checks should be made payable to OLV St. Vincent de Paul.)

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Gifts of your time are also always welcome, as we deliver food to homes every Tuesday and Friday around Noon. For more info, call the Rectory to leave your contact info and a SVDP member will call you back.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

## FOR ADULTS INTERESTED IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sacristan Training— Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Greeter & Usher Training— Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m.



Are you feeling called to get more involved at Mass?
Then register for one of our upcoming training sessions! Please scan the QR code to register, visit

https://bit.ly/OLVTraining, or call/text Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767. All meetings take place in the Basilica, however sessions only run if volunteers are registered to attend.

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. • August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, or December 9



If you are a new parent looking to have your baby baptized, please 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. For questions, contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.



#### **OLV BOOK CLUB**

Wed. August 13 • 1:00 or 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the OLV Book Club will be held in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica on August 13.

Come to either the 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. session as we discuss Marian dogmas with the books *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre and *Meet Mary* by Mark Miravalle. For any questions, please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory Office at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.





Congratulations to the couples who were recently married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica:

Erin Gehen and Michael Zannella were married on Friday, July 11, 2025.

Mary Rola and Kevin Matuszak were married on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

Jenna Machina and John Duffy were married on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

Caroline Perfetto and Ryan Seminella were married on Saturday, July 19, 2025.

Chloe Nickle and Daniel Myers were married on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Cassidy Pfisfer and Tristan Hancock were married on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Michelina Strangio and William Acevedo were married on Saturday, August 2, 2025.

## **SCHOOL & FAITH FORMATION**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

#### DEAR PARISHIONERS,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of OLV Elementary School. Your contributions and involvement throughout the year make a significant difference in the lives of our students and the whole school community.

In September we will be extending our Pre-kindergarten program to include 3-year-old children, as well as 4 year olds! Additionally, through a partnership with Lackawanna City School District, we will have a UPK program.

As we prepare for these additional classrooms, along with ensuring our K-8 classrooms are fully equipped, we

are in need of some things that we hope you are able to assist us with.

Our "Apple Tree" initiative allows you to take a "wish tag" from the tree located in the lower level of the Basilica and provide much-needed supplies for our classrooms. Each tag



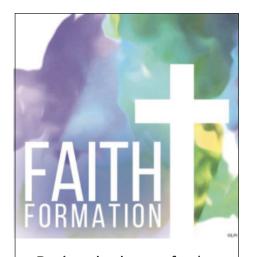
represents an item that will directly benefit our students and teachers, ensuring they have the resources necessary for a successful school year.

If you are interested and able, please take an apple from the tree and drop the requested item off either in the collection barrels by the tree or at the school (Monday – Thursday between 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.) **prior to August 25th**. Our teachers and students will be most appreciative!

Your continued generosity and dedication are deeply appreciated. Together, we can create a thriving and supportive educational community for our children.

Thank you and God bless,

MARY DOYLE-SZLOSEK PRINCIPAL



Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Classes begin in September.

Registration forms are available through the Faith Formation Office at 716-828-9437 or by emailing faithformation@olvbasilica.org.

## JOIN US AT OLV ELEMENTARY

OLV Elementary School offers convenient bus transportation from Buffalo, Lackawanna, West Seneca, Orchard Park, Frontier, and Hamburg! If you're searching for a warm, faith-filled Catholic school for your child or grandchild, OLV Elementary is the perfect place to grow and thrive. Call us today at 716-828-7592 to schedule a tour—we'd love to welcome you!



## SUPPORT OLV

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## Offertory

Donate to the general offertory collection to support OLV National Shrine & Basilica.



## **Vigil Candles**

Pay the requested offering (\$5 each) to light a candle inside the Basilica.



## **Save the Dome**

Adopt an angel! Assist with the cost of replacing our deteriorating copper dome. Questions? Call Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.



## Volunteer

Become an OLV Parish Volunteer! Fill out a form to indicate your interests.



## It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.

- Go to **olvbasilica.org** and click *Donate*.
- 2 Select a collection or event.
- Set up your donation using a credit or debit card, checking or savings account, PayPal, or Venmo. That's it!

### 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 or you may give online.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica! OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday, July 13, 2025

#### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 16—17

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	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	
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Sun. 8/17	8:00 am		Mary Patricia Allman, Eugene Allman, Sheila Allman		
	10:00 am	David Urena Ortega	Michael (Mickey) Kipler, Carolyn Kipler		
	Noon	Ellen Scheiderer	David West, Doreen West	Erin Bialkowski	
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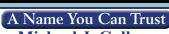
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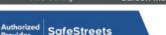
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