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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.

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Saturdays: (except Holy Saturday)
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which officially ends the Easter Season. Pentecost is often referred to as the "Birthday of the Church," the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and they went forth to proclaim the Gospel to all the nations. That same Holy Spirit comes to each one of us to renew us and strengthen us in our journey of faith and our own call to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ by what we say and do. I believe that, more than ever, with all that is going on in our society and our Church, we all need to be renewed by the strength and power that comes from the Holy Spirit abiding in our hearts and minds. Let us pray this prayer as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost as a Pentecost People: *Come, Holy Spirit, and make us a Pentecost people. Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions and temper our impulses. Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion. Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all people and all of creation. Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed. Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!*

DEDICATION OF THE SHRINE TO VENERABLE NELSON BAKER & THE RESTORATION OF THE SMITH & GILBERT CHANCEL ORGAN

Sunday, June 8 at Noon Mass

I am very excited this Sunday to bless the new shrine dedicated to Father Baker and the restoration of the Smith & Gilbert Chancel Organ. The Shrine to Father Baker was designed by our own talented parishioner, Jon Trabucco, who also designed and created the altar in the sanctuary. Jon was assisted by his father, Victor Trabucco, who created the glass image of Father Baker and the four

illuminated glass angels. The Shrine to Venerable Nelson Baker is lovingly donated by the family of Mary Rahe Johnson (January 18, 1922—August 8, 2013). Her daughter, Susan Carmel of Florida, is a fourth generation donor to OLV Charities and commissioned this new shrine in honor of her mother, who was a life-long benefactor to Father Baker's ministry and a devoted advocate to his Cause for Canonization.

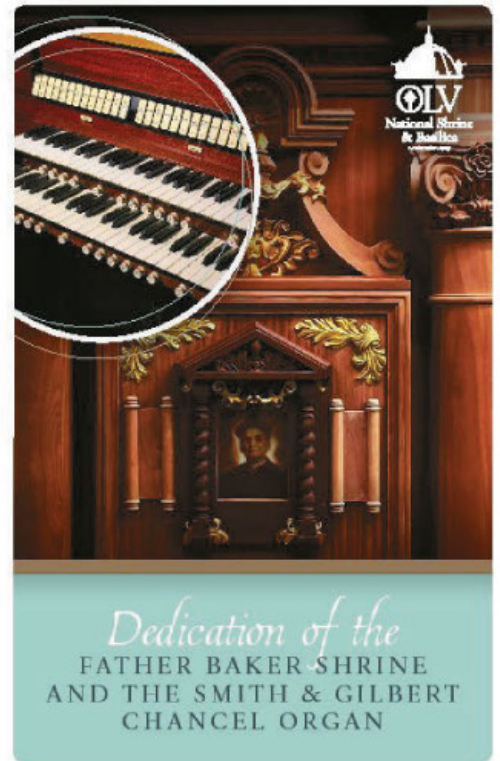
The restoration of the Smith & Gilbert Chancel Organ was made possible in part through a gift from David, Marie Therese, and Julianna Kersten. David serves as our dedicated CEO for OLV Charities. This gift is in loving memory of his parents, Mary Jane & Robert Kersten. In David's words, his parents' "45 years of generous service in the advancement of Sacred Music throughout the Churches of Buffalo inspired their children and a multitude of choir members and faithful." "May the praise that is sung in Heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth."

I could not be more grateful to Susan Carmel and her family, to Jon and Victor Trabucco and their family, and to David Kersten and his family for making all of this possible. Special thanks to Peter Gonciarz, our Director of Music, and to Tim Smith for their many hours of work to restore the Smith & Gilbert Chancel Organ. God bless all of them!

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:

Sunday, June 22 at Noon Mass

On June 22nd, we will have a special celebration in honor of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (traditionally referred to as the Feast of Corpus Christi). At the conclusion of Mass, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament outside and then conclude with Benediction in the Basilica. In case of rain, the procession will take place inside the Basilica. All are welcome to attend.



SAVE THE DATE FOR PENNIES TO HEAVEN

Saturday, July 26 & Sunday, July 27

This year will be a two-day celebration! On Saturday, we will celebrate our annual Jazz Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by a tent party and band. Sunday will feature a Noon Mass to honor Father Baker and celebrate his legacy, as well as our Pennies to Heaven coin drop, chicken BBQ and family carnival. Proceeds will support the "Save the Dome, Adopt an Angel" campaign, helping to defray the costs of restoring the Shrine's iconic dome.

Next weekend's bulletin will include a special four-page insert with details about all the planned events and activities, including ways to get involved and volunteer in the weekend fun. All are welcome!

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

**GRATEFULLY,
FR. DAVID**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 7—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Spiritual Society Intentions
9:00 am	Funeral Mass for Chesterine Gorman
10:30 am	Funeral Mass for Adeline Dobala
12:10 pm	Leonard Petrino (Anniversary of Death)
1:30 pm	Wedding: Molly Gasnik and Christopher Colan
4:30 pm	Leo Eckman (Birthday Remembrance) by Mary J.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8—Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	William & Winifred Dillon and Jack Matte by the Dillon Family
12:00 pm	Dedication of the Father Baker Shrine and the Chancel Organ Gloria Glover by Kathi, Stan & Family
4:30 pm	Don & Jean Marie Ball (Wedding Anniversary) by Mike & Mary Check

MONDAY, JUNE 9—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:30 am	Joan E. Urban by Ruth Smokowski
12:10 pm	Vincent Sorrentino by Jeanette Hejna Edward Lewis (Anniversary of Death) by loving family

TUESDAY, JUNE 10—Weekday

7:30 am	Casimer Helminiak by Dion Benzino Lot Rizzardi (Birthday Remembrance) by Jesse & Christina Crane and Family
12:10 pm	Josephine Alessi by Shirley Johnson Professor Fabian Osuji by the McKeown Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11—Saint Barnabas, Apostle

7:30 am	Ronald J. Simchick by wife and daughters
12:10 pm	David Varecka by Mom & Family Isabella Rivera by Ed & Candace Zak

THURSDAY, JUNE 12—Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions Mary Speech by Tim & Michele Franczyk
12:10 pm	Charles & Constance Duggan and Family by granddaughter, Helen Duggan

FRIDAY, JUNE 13—Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

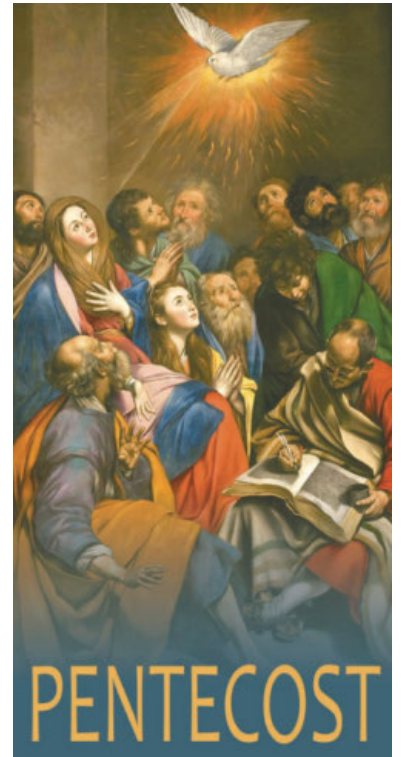
7:30 am	Stephen Cislo by OLV Charities Tony Szematowicz by John & Lorraine Szematowicz
8:15 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Barbara J. Biddle by Mary Doyle-Szlosek & the Faculty at OLV Elementary School
12:10 pm	Elizabeth A. Gordon (Birthday Remembrance) by grandchildren Leon W. Prusak by Brian & Teresa Drainville and Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 14—Weekday

7:30 am	Joseph J. Del Vecchio by Regina A. Del Vecchio
10:30 am	Funeral Mass for Violet Zurowski
12:10 pm	Colin J. Mac Donald by the Regis Family
4:30 pm	Sonny & Rose Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

SUNDAY, JUNE 15—The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
10:00 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
4:30 pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica



JOIN US IN PRAYER

PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for Peace on **Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.** in the Basilica.

JOIN OUR PRAYER GROUP

**Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m.
June 10 and June 24**

Join our "Victory for Christ" prayer group in the Basilica's chapel on the lower level to praise, thank, and give witness to God.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us each week for Eucharistic Adoration in the Basilica on Fridays after the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOLA CANTORUM CONCERT

Sunday, June 15 • 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a new concert program entitled "Palestrina 500: Celebrating the Quincentenary Birthday of a Great Catholic Composer," featuring the St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum. The performance is free and open to the public. Palestrina was born in 1525 and is considered one of the greatest Catholic choral composers. The concert also include some classic Eucharistic-themed motets by Duruflé, Tallis, Lotti, Saint-Saëns, Allegri and others. For more information about the St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum, follow them on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola, subscribe to their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@JP2Schola>, or email JP2Schola@gmail.com.

OLV SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club welcomes all ages to participate in performing the corporal works of mercy! Contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887 for more details or for questions. Our next volunteer day for Resurrection Life Food Pantry (2145 Old Union Rd.) is **Thursday, June 19** from 5:30—6:30 p.m. We will volunteer on the third Thursday of July and August as well. We will reconvene our monthly meetings in September.

VICTORIOUS HEARTS COUPLES' MINISTRY

Saturday, June 28 • 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for our next event as we welcome Riley Emer, Program Director of the Catholic Parenting Initiative. Riley will discuss the four temperaments and how understanding them can transform

our marriages, relationships, and the life of our own domestic church. Whether you're married, engaged, dating, or discerning the vocation of marriage, this gathering is for you!

Join us for 4:30 p.m. Mass, followed by a happy hour with complimentary beverages and light appetizers in the Brvenik Community Room on the Basilica's lower level.

To get the most out of Riley's presentation, we encourage you to take the free Metanoia Catholic Temperaments Quiz ahead of time by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://bit.ly/Metanoia-Catholic-Assessment>.



Join us for a night of fellowship, learning, and encouragement as we grow together in faith and love!



Sunday, May 25, 2025

- **Lyanna Marie Tojek**, daughter of Nicholas & Elizabeth Tojek
- **Giuliana Gemma Broad**, daughter of Robert & Danielle Broad
- **Milo Samuel Mesi**, son of Matthew Mesi & Kelsee Kessel

Saturday, May 31, 2025

- **Mari Williams Shurmur**, daughter of Kyle & Alexandra Shurmur

Sunday, June 1, 2025

- **William Glover**, son of Thomas & Venus Glover
- **Brody James Jesonowski**, son of Joshua & Alexis Jesonowski
- **Arlo Emerson Schmidt**, son of Alexander & Alison Schmidt



Saturday, May 10, 2025

- **Terrika Pereira & Alejandro Laboy**

Friday, May 16, 2025

- **Lauren O'Brien & David Swiech**

Saturday, May 17, 2025

- **Brigid Kelly & Dylan Siwy**

Saturday, May 24, 2025

- **Kenna Meagher & Timothy Maciejewski**
- **Victoria Kwitowski & Matthew Cronmiller**

Saturday, May 31, 2025

- **Krista Kellner & Malcolm Minnolera**
- **Melissa Musialowski & Andrew Zamorek**



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Baptism



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Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. • June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, or October 14

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 to the left.

For questions, contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

Confirmation



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

High School Students entering Grades 10 - 12 in September who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation may attend classes at either Our Lady of Victory OR Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Orchard Park. **Please contact one of the Faith Formation Offices by Monday, June 30** to register for this year's program, or scan the QR code to register at OLV.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY BASILICA, LACKAWANNA

Contact Carm Zomeri at 716-828-7494 or czomeri@olvbasilica.org to register, or scan the QR code to the left. Classes will be held at Our Lady of Victory on Monday July 14; Wednesday, July 16; Monday, July 28; and Wednesday, July 30. Each session will run from 5:30—8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, ORCHARD PARK

Contact Lynn Lipczynski at 716-824-8209 or llipczynski@olshshop.org to register. Classes will be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on Sundays in September: September 7 (9 a.m. Mass and then continuing until Noon) and then from 6:00—8:30 p.m. on September 14, 21, and 28.

Vacation Bible School



Monday, July 21—Friday, July 25 • 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Join us for our "Christmas in July" Vacation Bible School! Open to all youth ages 4-11. (To enroll, children must be independent in the bathroom.) Stories, snacks, crafts, and songs. \$25 per child. To register, please scan the QR code to the left or contact Carm Zomeri at the Faith Formation Office at 716-828-7494 or CZomeri@olvbasilica.org.



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.



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- 2 Select a collection or event.
- 3 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!

We depend on weekly donations to maintain our Basilica and support the ministries of our parish. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory, or you may give online.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday, May 11, 2025

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$20,177.90
Monthly	\$1,011.00
Ash Wednesday	\$25.00
Easter	\$95.00
Holy Day: Ascension Thursday (5/29)	\$45.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$14.00
Votive Candles / Shrines	\$2,814.00
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS	
Altar & Rosary Society	\$257.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$25.00
Church in Latin America & Africa	\$25.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$24,508.90

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 14—15

	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. 6/14	4:30 pm	Glenn Reid	James McEvoy, Michelle Radominski. Mary Stenzel	
Sun. 6/15	8:00 am	Russ Plandowski, Jr.	Mary Patricia Allman, Moey Oakley, Nancy Zipper	
	10:00 am	Mickey Kipler, Lynn Velasquez	Carolyn Kipler, Terrence McCann, Patricia Osborne	Josephine Burton
	Noon	Rosalie Constable	Kathleen Roche, Jon Paul Trabucco	A.J. Ball, Samantha Ball
	4:30 pm	Patricia DiVito	Richard Grasso, David Lipke, Marsha Lipke	

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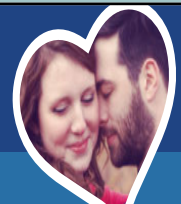


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