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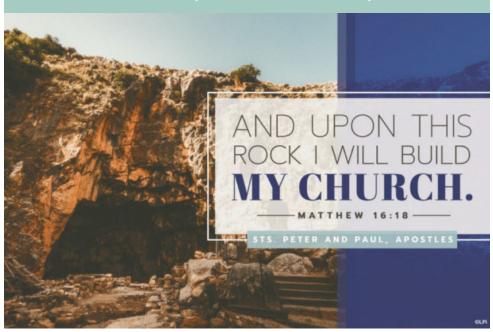
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## June 29, 2025 | SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles



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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.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

## 2025 MISSION APPEAL: JULY 5—6, 2025

Next weekend, we will welcome Father Andrew Siasa, a religious priest from the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the *Opus Spiritus Sancti*, who will speak at all weekend Masses here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica. We will also take up a special collection at all Masses in support of his missionary appeal.

Fr. Andrew was ordained a priest in 2014 in Moshi, Tanzania. Since his ordination, he has served in parish ministry as the Administrator of a parish in Tanzania and worked at the Seminary as a teacher, Vice Rector, and Spiritual Director. Currently, Fr. Andrew is a graduate student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

As a young Missionary Community, the Apostolic Life Community of Priests has many needs. At present, they are facing the challenge of meeting the tuition fees for 77 major seminarians studying both Philosophical and Theological Studies at Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. This Mission Appeal will help support the formation of these young men who will soon move into the priesthood. Those who will directly benefit cannot thank you enough for your consideration. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference!

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Diocese of Buffalo. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to this special collection to help support the missionary community. To donate, please place your contribution in any blank envelope and clearly label it "Mission Appeal." In your new offertory envelope packet, there will also be a preprinted Mission Co-Op envelope dated July 13, which can be used for this same purpose. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### PENNIES TO HEAVEN VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

### Saturday & Sunday, July 26—27

Please join us for this year's two-day celebration! On Saturday, July 26, we will celebrate our annual Jazz Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by a tent party and band. Sunday, July 27, will feature our annual Noon Mass to honor the Anniversary of Father Baker's date of death on July 29, 1936, and will give us the opportunity to pay tribute to his great legacy. In addition, Sunday will include our 2025 Penny Drop, a chicken BBQ and Family Carnival. Please visit penniestoheaven.org for more information. All are welcome!

We do need volunteers to lend a hand and contribute their time and talents to help make Pennies to Heaven a success. To volunteer, please scan the QR code on page 5 of this bulletin and fill out the brief contact form online, or ask a volunteer at the Pennies to Heaven table after weekend Masses for a paper form to fill out.

We are also seeking donations for our weekend basket raffle. Donations can come in many forms—a fully assembled basket, individual items or a few themed items, gift cards to local businesses, or monetary contributions. Also, the Knights of Columbus will again be hosting the Wine Toss game, so please consider donating a bottle or two of wine. Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory during office hours.

Your assistance will help make this year's event a resounding success! The proceeds support the "Save the Dome, Adopt an Angel" campaign to defray costs of restoring the Shrine's iconic dome, so I thank you for any support you can provide.

## PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY: PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

I am happy to announce an upcoming pilgrimage opportunity through OLV Charities for this Fall. Please consider joining me as we travel to Portugal and Spain from September 22—October 1, 2025. The pilgrimage will provide opportunities to explore Fatima, Avila, Madrid, Barcelona, and much more. Please see the insert in this bulletin for further details. If you are interested in participating, please contact Catholic Journeys at 1-800-715-6670 or www.CatholicJourneys.com to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

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





All of the seminarians of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in Tanzania

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## MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 28—Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Irenaeus

7:30 am OLV House Blessing Intentions
9:00 am Funeral Mass for Donna O'Mara
11:30 am Wedding: Alicia Tos and Patrick Kellv

(no 12:10 pm Mass today)

1:30 pm Wedding: Gina Foley and Bryan Zurowski 4:30 pm Rev. Jack Kull, OFM Conv. by Chuck Wenzel

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29—Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 am Cindi Selemens Berger by Marcia Tos
 10:00 am Walter F. Balon (Birthday Remembrance) by the Balon Family
 12:00 pm Michelle Allen by Erin Comerford Collichio

MONDAY, JUNE 30—The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:30 am Clarence E. & Teresa A. Neamon by Estate

Lorraine E. Janssen by daughters

Dolores A. Strasser (Birthday Rem.) by godson Tom & Rosemary Wilczak

12:10 pm Giovanna Ceccarelli and Josephine Klubek by Gemma Ceccarelli & daughters

Kathleen M. Neuner by Donna Smock and James Nikischer

1:00 pm Wedding: Marie Crawford and Andrew Dittman

#### TUESDAY, JULY 1—Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

7:30 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions

Gerald Bracci (Birthday Remembrance) by Lilia Bracci & Family

12:10 pm David Freitus by Ann Freitus

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2—Weekday

4:30 pm

12:10 pm

7:30 am William Hartnett by Ellen Scheiderer

12:10 pm Jack & June McDonough by son Robert McDonough Roxanne Chiodo by Michelle Liberatore and Sam Bova

THURSDAY, JULY 3—Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:30 am Mary A. Hottum by Estate

Joseph Maciora (Birthday Remembrance) by Joseph Maciora Tony Stang by the Buffalo Grand Knights of St. John

Jeremiah P. & Dolores W. Sullivan by Nora Sullivan

#### FRIDAY, JULY 4—Weekday [USA: Independence Day]

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

Casimir M. Slaski & Family

12:10 pm Leonard Manka (Birthday Remembrance) by daughter Linda & Family

James J. McKeown by the McKeown Family

2:00 pm Wedding: Alyssa Hewitt and Nicholas Bussi

#### SATURDAY, JULY 5—Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7:30 am Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Virginia Chmielowiec

11:30 am Wedding: Sarah Georges and Joseph Dagher

(no 12:10 pm Mass today)

1:30 pm Wedding: Mary Moussa and Dominic Khoury

4:30 pm Henry & Florence Zacharyasz by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

### SUNDAY, JULY 6—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Michael & Lucy Maiorano by sister Marian
10:00 am	Ernest Hatem by Evelyn Hatem & Family
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Anelia Sasiadek by grandson David



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:00—4:00 and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard on the Eve of First Friday, which is Thursday, July 3 from 3:00—4:00 p.m.

You may also call the Rectory Office to make an appointment.

# JOIN US IN PRAYER

#### PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for Peace on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica.

# JOIN OUR PRAYER GROUP

Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m. June 24, July 8, July 22

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

# EUCHARISTIC 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.

## **PARISH NEWS**

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## STOP PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN NEW YORK

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto and she needs to hear from you. This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us—the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair at even greater risk. Suicide is not healthcare. We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path—one we must not



go down.

Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice!

Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Feeling called to get more involved? Come to an upcoming interest meeting or training session! Please register using the links, scanning the QR code, or call/text Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767. All meetings take place in the Basilica. Sessions only run if volunteers are registered to attend.

For Adults Interested in Liturgical Ministries: https://bit.ly/OLVTraining

Extraordinary Minister
Interest Meeting—Wed. 7/9 at 6:00 p.m.

**Lector Training**—Wed. 7/9 at 7:00 p.m.

Sacristan Training—Mon. 8/11 at 6:30 p.m.

Greeter & Usher Training— Mon 9/8 at 6:30 p.m.

For Youth Altar Servers: https://bit.ly/ OLV-Altar-Servers

Altar Server Training— Mon. 6/30 at 6:30 p.m.





The Father Baker Columbiettes would like to sincerely thank the parishioners of OLV for the success of their Veterans Memorial Day project. Your extreme generosity contributed almost 900 items, including 140 pairs of socks, over 200 soap products, 81 tubes of toothpaste and so many other types of toiletries.

The items were delivered to the WNY Heroes Association, who assist more than 400 veterans. The administrator of the program was so very grateful for all of your donations, noting that many veterans would be helped due to the kindness of the OLV family.

Once again, "Thank you!"

Cleaning out your child's room as they head to High School or College? OLV Elementary School would gladly accept any calculators you no longer need! We are especially in need of:

- scientific calculators commonly used in Middle School
- graphing calculators such as TI-83, TI-84, or NSpire for 8th Grade Algebra students

Your donation is greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the school office. Thank you for supporting our students!

## **JOB OPENINGS**

OLV Elementary is hiring for the 2025-2026 school year. We are currently seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

- UPK Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Classroom Aide
- Cafeteria Manager

For more information, please contact Mary Doyle-Szlosek at mszlosek@OLVBasilica.org.

## **OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Building a strong sense of community and stability within a school environment can have a profound impact on the overall well-being 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 PreK3 through 8th Grade. Private tours can be scheduled by calling 716-828-7592.

**Visit us online at OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org.** Check us out on Facebook and Instagram at Our Lady of Victory Elementary.

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





Visit PenniestoHeaven.org for details on the many events and activities planned for July 26 & 27!



## Chicken BBQ

Scan the code to order chicken BBQ dinners (\$15 each) for Sunday, July 27th.



## Be a Sponsor

Donations of any amount from families, businesses, and friends of OLV are appreciated!



## Volunteer

Help is needed with setup, teardown, ticket sales, and onsite support throughout the weekend. Complete the online form to volunteer.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

## **Baptism**



#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES**

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. • July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, or November 18

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@olybasilica.org.

## 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, June 1, 2025

### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Weekly	\$20,545.78
Monthly	\$2,355.63
Easter	\$20.00
Holy Day: Ascension (5/29)	\$3,217.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$18.00
Processing Fees (online)	\$7.41
Votive Candles / Shrines	\$2,655.00

### **ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS**

Altar & Rosary Society \$15.00

Communication Campaign \$8.00

Church in Latin America & Africa \$80.00

TOTAL \$28,921.82

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 5—6

MINISTRY SCHEDOLLY OR SOLY 5						
	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS		
Sat. 7/5	4:30 pm	Jeffrey Stenzel	Bob Lohr, James McEvoy, Michelle Radominski			
Sun. 7/6	8:00 am	Ryan Harrington	Richard Grasso, Kevin O'Neil, Moey Oakley			
	10:00 am	Cathleen Woods	Michael (Mickey) Kipler, Carolyn Kipler, Patricia Osborne			
	Noon	David Settlecowski	Robert McDonough, Ellen Scheiderer, Jon Paul Trabucco			
	4:30 pm	Patricia DiVito	Marsha Lipke, David Lipke, Donna Gelle			

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