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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.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:

On this Memorial Day weekend, let us pause and remember with gratitude and appreciation all the U.S. Military Personnel who died while serving our Country in the United States Armed Forces. We also remember all of our deceased loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Let us pray... Gracious God, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus seek an end to violence and conflict, hatred and racism around the globe. We ask this through your name. Amen!

May God Bless America! Have a wonderful holiday!



DEDICATION OF THE NEW FATHER BAKER SHRINE AND THE NEW CHANCEL ORGAN

Sunday, June 8 at 12:00 Noon Mass:



A beautiful shrine dedicated to Father Baker has been commissioned to be placed by the Tomb of Father Baker. A generous donor has made this possible, and our own talented parishioner, Jon Trabucco, is the artist. You may recall Jon is also the one who designed and created the beautiful Main Altar in our sanctuary. I am excited for everyone to see this amazing shrine that will honor Father Baker. It will be placed where the table with the guest book and prayer cards currently stands.

A sanctuary lamp from another donor will also be placed over Father Baker's tomb. The Blessing of the Father Baker Shrine will take place during the 12:00 Noon Mass after the homily on Sunday, June 8.

During that same Mass after the Post Communion Prayer, our Chancel Organ will be blessed and dedicated. After the Mass, at 1:30 p.m. there will be a brief recital by our Director of Music, Peter Gonciarz. Please come and experience the thrill of this new musical instrument in our beautiful Basilica, as well as to dedicate the Father Baker Shrine.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:

Sunday, June 22, 2025

On Sunday, June 22 at the Noon Mass, 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 to two outside altars in front of the Rectory and Baker Hall School 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2025:

Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal 2025. Our parish goal this year was \$155,004.00. Through your generosity, we have exceeded our parish goal for this year's appeal by raising \$155,451.30 from 236 donors from our parish!

Your donations truly will make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling and in need of assistance, helping Catholic Charities to continue to serve as a beacon of **HOPE** for individuals, children and families in need across the eight counties of WNV

If you have not yet made a donation, it is still not too late. 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.

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

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 24—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory

9:00 am Memorial Mass for Patricia Breen

11:30 am Wedding: Kenna Meagher & Timothy Maciejewski (no 12:10 p.m. Mass)

Wedding: Victoria Kwitowski & Matthew Cronmiller 1:30 pm 4:30 pm Louis, Ann & Donna Manzo by Frank & Jean Dulak

SUNDAY, MAY 25—Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Loretta McNamara by Deacon Michael & Judie Comerford

10:00 am Jill Fik (Anniversary of Death) by the Fik Family 12:00 pm Anthony Iannicelli by Joseph & Marta Iannicelli

4:30 pm William Diggins by Nora Diggins

MONDAY, MAY 26—Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:30 am Dr. Asher Chanan-Khan of Mayo Clinic (living) by Dan & Michele Cusella

10:30 am Funeral for Thomas A. O'Donnell 12:10 pm Daniel Neubeck by Family

Ron Polanski by Family

TUESDAY, MAY 27—Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

7:30 am Samuel & Jeanette Grasso by the Grasso Family

Health & Healing for Luke Roller (living) by the Andrzejewski Family

Joan Walker by Kathi, Stan & Family 12:10 pm

Lillian T. Strzelczyk (Anniversary of Death) by Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Mildred R. LiPuma by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

12:10 pm Nicholas J. Vertalino by Family

Leo "Buddy" Kruger (Anniversary of Death) by wife Colleen and Family

4:30 pm Holy Day Vigil: Wilfred & Irene Rougeux by granddaughter

THURSDAY, MAY 29—The Ascension of the Lord

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

Rev. Walter Cushing by Michael & Teresa Ryan

9:00 am Sandy Sidell by Michele Speach and Tim Franczyk

12:10 pm Anna Kusmierczyk and Jenny Iaffalo by Robert & Joanne Rand

Patricia Healy by Rob & Rita Bencini

7:30 pm Wavne. Sue & Dean Schiffhauer by Family

FRIDAY, MAY 30—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Nurses, Aides, & Residents of Unit A Autumn View (living) by Jack Zimmerman

Peter & Marianne Slaski (Wedding Anniversary) 8:15 am

Janis Borman (Birthday Remembrance) by Karen Barris

12:10 pm Lillian Manka (Anniversary of Death) by daughter Linda & Family

Douglas G. McCormick by Mary Rose Cook

SATURDAY, MAY 31—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am OLV House Blessing Intentions

Wedding: Krista Kellner & Michael Minnolera (no 12:10 p.m. Mass today) 11:30 am

1:30 pm Wedding: Melissa Musialowski & Andrew Zamorek

4:30 pm John & Marilyn Honan by the Honan Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 1—Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

10:00 am Anthony & Mary Mikos by Dave & Marsha Lipke

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

4:30 pm John & Stephanie Studzinski by the Powell Family

JOIN US IN PRAYER

TELEVISED & ONLINE MASSES

The Basilica's Sunday Mass is available each weekend online at olvbasilica.org by clicking on the link that will appear in the popup box, or by selecting *Digital Mass* Archive.

The Sunday Mass is also televised on WGRZ Ch. 2 at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Our daily 12:10 pm Masses (Monday—Saturday) are livestreamed. To view the live Masses, go to olvbasilica.org and click the "Live Streaming" button in the top right corner.

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. May 27, 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.

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. PAGE 04 | SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism



Tuesdays ● 6:30 p.m. June 10, July 8, or August 12

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.

Adult Confirmation



Are you a practicing adult Catholic who is baptized, regularly receives the Eucharist, but has never received the sacrament of Confirmation? Each sacrament is meant to strengthen us in grace on our journey as disciples. If you feel called to complete your initiation and deepen your faith, register for our Adult Confirmation Preparation sessions by scanning the QR code above or contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org. Sessions meet monthly until Nov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday, June 1 • after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses

Our next *Doughnuts and Disciple-ship* will take place on Sunday, June 1 in the Basilica's Marian Room. Come for Mass and stay for coffee, juice, and doughnuts afterwards! Sponsored by the generosity of the Fr. Baker Council of the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Columbiettes.



Wed. June 4 • 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Take some time to get to know more about Mary, the Mother of God, by participating in OLV's Summer Book Club! We will read Meet Marv: Getting to Know the Mother of God by Mark Miravalle and *Jesus and the* Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah by Brant Pitre. The initial meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 4 in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica. Come to either the 1:00 p.m. or the 6:30 p.m. session. No reading is required in advance of the first meeting. A reading guide will be given at the initial meeting. Please contact Deacon Mark at the Rectory for more information by calling 716-339-0767 or by emailing mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

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.

JUNE FUNDRAISER TICKETS

The Father Baker Columbiettes are selling 3-Digit Daily Lottery Number Drawing tickets for their June fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. All proceeds benefit local charities. Look for the Columbiettes after weekend Masses on the lower level of the Basilica. We greatly appreciate your support.

PENNIES TO HEAVEN

This year is a two-day celebration, taking place on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27, and will feature all of the food, fun and camaraderie you have come to love. On Saturday, we will celebrate with our annual Jazz Mass, followed by a tent party and band. Sunday will feature our annual Mass to honor Father Baker and celebrate his legacy, as well as our 2025 Pennies to Heaven Penny Drop, Chicken BBQ and Family Carnival. The best part? It's all for a great cause... proceeds will support the "Save the Dome, Adopt an Angel" campaign, helping to defray the significant costs of restoring the Shrine's signature dome. Mark your calendars and invite family and friends to do the same, and start saving those pennies! (Other change and dollar denominations welcome too!) Watch our upcoming bulletins for further details, including ways to get involved and volunteer in the weekend fun. All are welcome!

JOIN US AT OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Enrollment is open at OLV Elementary School! Students enjoy weekly Mass, STREAM activities, art, music, and sports, and top-notch educational instruction in a compassionate, loving, and kind atmosphere. Join this wonderful legacy—call today (716-828-7592) to schedule a private tour!

OLV SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club welcomes all ages to participate in performing the corporal works of mercy each month. Contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887 for more details or information.

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to help make desserts for the homeless shelter!
- Our last event of this school year is a picnic for the OLV Human Services homes on **Tuesday June 3** from 4:00 7:30 p.m. at 150 Martin Road. If you would like to join us, we need volunteers for face painting and games, and servers.
- Our next day for Resurrection Life Food Pantry (2145 Old Union Road) is **Thursday, June 19** from 5:30 6:30 p.m. We will volunteer at the food pantry on the third Thursday of July and August as well.
- Our self-serve food pantry in the parking lot by OLV Elementary School is in need of shelf stable food donations. Items that can withstand the warmer temperatures include items such as cereal, instant oatmeal, pasta, rice, dry beans, crackers, pouches of tuna, and plastic containers of peanut butter, apple sauce or tomato sauce.
- Congratulations to longtime volunteers Taylor Zajac and Kendall Markiewicz, who each received a \$500 scholarship for college! These young women have contributed many hours of time to support our community and were both junior board members. We will miss them! Please pray for their continued success at college. Taylor will attend Bentley University and Kendall will attend Nazareth College.
- We will reconvene our monthly meetings in September.



May is the membership month for our OLV Altar & Rosary Society. Their mission is to provide for the adornment of the sanctuary and to promote a greater devotion to the praise and honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer, good

works and devotion to the Rosary. They also gather for friendship and social activities. The Altar & Rosary Society is always ready to welcome new members. They meet on the first Sunday of each month from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Basilica's Marian Room. Dues are \$10 per year. To learn more, please contact Maryanne Jackson at 716-864-0747 or MaryanneJack123@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

S'MORES & SAINTS

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park

Join us for a fun chance to gather around a bonfire and talk about young saints and our personal journeys to sainthood! Come once or every week. Friends always welcome. Open to all 6th—12th graders. RSVP to Mrs. Sarah via sleahy@olshop.org or call/text 850-420-5198. Meet behind the Parish Center (inside if raining) from 6:30—7:30 p.m. each week.

Our schedule is:

- Monday, June 2—Bl. Carlo Acutis
- Sunday, June 8—Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
- Monday, June 16—Bl. Chiara Luce Badano
- Sunday, June 22—St. Jose Sanchez del Rio

CAMP TURNER REGISTRATION

Camp Turner Summer Registration is **OPEN!** If you are looking for a safe and exciting summer activity for your children ages 7 through 16, Camp Turner is the place. Camp Turner, nestled within 65,000 acres of Allegany State Park and sponsored by OLV Charities, is a magical place where children and teens can experience God through nature, enjoy fresh air and green spaces, form meaningful friendships, and participate in fun activities. Our first aid and CPR certified staff undergo an extensive background check and attend a weeklong training program to best serve and care for your young ones. For questions, call 716-354-4555 or email campturner@olvcharities.org. Register online at www.campturner.com.

OLV CHARITIES JOB OPENINGS

OLV Charities has several jobs available with the opportunity to work alongside dedicated, mission-focused people:

- Administrative Assistant
- HR Generalist
- Camp Nurse (1 or 2 summer camp weeks)
- Camp Counselors, Activity Assistants

Visit www.olvcharities.org/careers for info.

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.



- 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!

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, April 27, 2025

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekly	\$17,297.16
Monthly	\$155.13
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Easter	\$1,042.50
Easter Flowers	\$40.00
Holy Day: Ascension Thursday (5/29)	\$1.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$357.00
Votive Candles / Shrines	\$7,699.00

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Altar & Rosary Society \$37.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$758.00
Good Friday / Holy Land \$91.00

TOTAL \$27,487.79

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 31—JUNE 1					
	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	
Sat. 5/31	4:30 pm	Rosalie Constable	Susan Zakrzewski, Michael Zakrzewski, Kathleen Clark		
Sun. 6/1	8:00 am		Mary Patricia Allman, Eugene Allman, Sheila Allman	A.J. Ball, Samantha Ball	
	10:00 am	David Urena Ortega	Kathleen Roche, Lynn Velasquez, Timothy Wing	Josephine Burton, Thomas Sweeney, Hannah Sweeney	
	Noon	David Settlecowski	Jon Paul Trabucco, Molly McClenathan		
	4:30 pm	I STATAN LIAHA	Donna Gelle, Patricia DiVito, Gregory Stachowski		

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