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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 TO OLV NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA

As a National Shrine, we are a destination site for upwards of 30,000 pilgrims and visitors from all over the world. People come to visit the tomb of Venerable Nelson Baker, our founder, who is a candidate for canonization and whose final resting place is inside the Basilica.

Many worshippers, pilgrims, and visitors find the Basilica a place of great comfort and peace as they come to pray for themselves and their loved ones. Many others come to take in the beauty of the Basilica itself.

The Our Lady of Victory parish includes an elementary school for PreK through 8th Grade and an active Faith Formation program, along with a variety of parish-based organizations and activities.

If you are interested in joining the Basilica parish, please call 716-828-9444 or email olvrectory@olvbasilica.org. All are welcome!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**DEAR BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN CHRIST,**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and all who are role models of a mother's love for us.

On this Mother's Day we celebrate and honor all of our mothers, living and deceased, and those women in our lives who may not have children of their own, but in some way have been a Mom to us and shared God's love.

Here is a special tribute to all our mothers:

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith and a mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the angels and sent from God above.

—Author Unknown

We thank God for the gift of life, faith and love that all our mothers have given to us. May God bless them and reward them for all that they have done and continue to do for us.

As we know, Father Baker had a profound devotion to Our Lady of Victory. Let us pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory for the protection of all of our families, friends and parishioners.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL:

There is no better way to exercise the call to almsgiving than to support our Catholic Charities Appeal 2025, 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 \$137,540.51 from 228 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 details about Catholic Charities, visit ccwny.org.

OLV ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

May is also 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.

As one of their most recent good works, the Altar & Rosary Society purchased new cassocks and surplices for our altar servers. They are the same style and color (black cassocks and white surplices) as previously, but they replace old vestments that were well-worn with holes, faded colors, stains, and missing sizes after many years of use. We extend our grateful thanks to the members of the Altar & Rosary Society for their generosity in providing the funds to cover this cost and ensure our altar servers look their best while assisting at Mass.

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.

May this Easter Season bring you renewed hope, deeper faith and the grace of God's unconditional love and mercy.

**GRATEFULLY,
FR. DAVID**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 10—Saint John of Avila, Priest; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

- 7:30 am OLV Spiritual Society Intentions
- 10:00 am First Communion Mass**
- 12:10 pm Paula Biniewski-Heimburg by Gabriella Gorman
- 1:30 pm Wedding: Terrika Chondia Pereira & Alejandro Santiago Laboy**
- 4:30 pm Mary Stremlow by Family

SUNDAY, MAY 11—Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 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

MONDAY, MAY 12—Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

- 7:30 am OLV Father Baker Guild Members
John P. Shea by Patricia Shea
- 12:10 pm Jack & Betty Curtin (Wedding Anniversary) by daughter, Dee Dee Curtin
Daniel Dybalski (Anniversary of Death) by Terry

TUESDAY, MAY 13—Our Lady of Fatima

- 7:30 am Mary A. Hottum by Estate
Gloria Nettina by children David, Daniel, Lauren, and John Nettina, Jr.
- 12:10 pm Janice Przewlocki by Tom & Kimberly Przewlocki
Florence Maher by the Heftka Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14—Saint Matthias, Apostle

- 7:30 am Giacomo Casucci by Alexander & Christine Casucci
- 12:10 pm Stephen & Helen Zawisa by Loving Family
Maggie Jeziorowski by the Harris Family

THURSDAY, MAY 15—Saint Isidore

- 7:30 am The Perencevich Family (living) by Steve Perencevich
- 12:10 pm Shirley A. Beck and Margaret O'Neel by Carol Beck
Alice Schwendler (Birthday Remembrance) by Charles Schwendler

FRIDAY, MAY 16—Easter Weekday

- 7:30 am Irene Sasiadek by son, David
- 8:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
Barbara J. Biddle by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
- 12:10 pm Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory
Theresa Miller by Family
- 2:00 pm Wedding: Lauren O'Brien and David Swiech**

SATURDAY, MAY 17—Easter Weekday

- 7:30 am Edward I. Kaczmarczyk by Pat and daughters
- 12:10 pm Colin J. MacDonald by the Regis Family
- 1:30 pm Wedding: Brigid Kelly and Dylan Siwy**
- 4:30 pm Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory

SUNDAY, MAY 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Regina Gier (Birthday Remembrance) by Chloe Gier
- 10:00 am Deceased Members of the Sturges & Bialkowski Families
by Deacon Mark Bialkowski
- 12:00 pm Intentions for the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory
- 4:30 pm Rita Horbach by Christine and Stephanie Karaszewski

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 13, 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.

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.



FOR PENNIES TO HEAVEN 2025

This year will be 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m.
May 13, 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.



COLLECTION FOR VETERANS

The Father Baker Columbiettes are sponsoring a collection for veterans during May. To donate, please place items such as socks, soap, body wash, or other toiletries in the boxes at the Basilica entrances. Items will be delivered for disbursement on Memorial Day. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, May 18 • 10:00 a.m.

Your family is invited to our next Children's Liturgy, where children help as ministers and the homily is structured for them to understand. Children of all ages are welcome! **Practice will be Saturday, May 17 in the Community Room** (singers 9:00-9:45 a.m. and readers, collectors, and gift bearers from 9:45-10:30 a.m.).

- **Readers:** Alex & Michael Collichio, Josephine Burton
- **Collectors:** Paulina Maldonado, Sophia Feldt, Sebastian Bialkowski
- **Gift Bearers:** Ma'teo Hines
- **Greeters:** Layla & Dylan Feldt
- **Singers:** Hannah Sweeney, Henri Burton, Lyla Oehler, Sebastian Bialkowski

Everyone must practice unless excused. Please call Tina Hatem (716-826-5075) to volunteer. We need a collector, a gift bearer and more singers and greeters. All are welcome!

OLV SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club welcomes all ages to participate in performing the corporal works of mercy each month. **Our next meeting is on Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.** (after the Noon Mass) in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria.

Our next day for Resurrection Life Food Pantry (2145 Old Union Rd.) is Thursday, May 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Our self-serve food pantry, located in the parking lot by OLV Elementary School, is in need of shelf-stable food donations, such as cereal, instant oatmeal, pasta, rice, dry beans, crackers, pouches of tuna, and plastic containers of peanut butter, apple sauce, or tomato sauce. We appreciate any contributions you might be able to make!

For questions, please contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Are you a practicing adult Catholic who has been 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 to deepen your faith, please register for our Adult Confirmation Preparation sessions by scanning the QR code below or by contacting Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 (call/text) or by at mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org. Sessions will begin in May and will meet once a month until November.

OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Discover the Legacy of Our Lady of Victory Elementary School

OLV Elementary’s commitment to academic excellence is matched by the sense of community we cultivate. We believe that a supportive network enhances the well-being and success of students, teachers, and families alike. OLV Elementary School fosters connections that motivate everyone to thrive. Our students enjoy a wealth of opportunities, from sports and choir to chess club, Tech interning, and other extracurricular activities, ensuring a well-rounded education.

“Our daughter loves to sing and enjoys being part of the school choir, singing at Masses and other special events,” shares Mrs. Schmauss, whose daughter is in fourth grade. “She enjoys the Tech program, being part of several sports teams, and volunteering for service opportunities. She has formed special friendships which could last a lifetime. OLV is preparing her to be a responsible person with Catholic values. The faculty, staff, and clergy are 100% committed to the spiritual growth and education of every student. WE LOVE OLV!”

Registration is now open, and we invite you to be part of our journey into the future. For more information or to schedule a private tour or shadow day, call us at 716-828-7592 or visit us online at www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org. Be sure to like our Facebook and Instagram pages to stay updated on all the exciting happenings at Our Lady of Victory Elementary School! We can’t wait to welcome you through our doors!



Congratulations to these couples who were married at OLV Basilica:

December 21, 2024—
Jasmina Tramperski & Steven Khoury

December 28, 2024—
Elisabetta Passucci & Joshua Haidon

December 31, 2024—
Jillian Gerard & Brian Costanzo

January 25, 2025—
Victoria Kallin & Michael Thiel

February 1, 2025—
Rachel Dyster & Louis Anastasi II

February 14, 2025—
Amelia Greenan & Luke Gesonowski

March 8, 2025—
Karina Hunt & James Walsh
Hannah May & Daniel Dillon

April 5, 2025—
Lora DiBlasi & Zachary Robitalle

April 26, 2025—
Nicole Such and Jeffrey Haye

VISIT THE GIFT SHOP

The OLV Gift Shop, located on the lower level of the Basilica next to the Father Baker Museum, carries a wide variety of Catholic gifts and religious merchandise, including materials related to Father Baker and Our Lady of Victory Basilica. **The Gift Shop is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** (closed from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for lunch). Your purchases support OLV and help us to continue the legacy of Father Baker.

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- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

OR scan a QR code to go directly to a specific donation page:



Offertory Collection—Donate to the general offertory 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—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 be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory at **767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218**.

For online giving, go to <https://www.olvbasilica.org> and click *Donate* at the top of the page.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday, April 13, 2025

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$22,133.06
Monthly	\$1,043.50
Easter	\$704.00
Easter Flowers	\$698.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$160.00
Votive Candles / Shrines	\$3,036.00

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Altar & Rosary Society	\$20.00
Black & Native Missions	\$39.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$211.00

TOTAL	\$28,044.56
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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, please contact Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.

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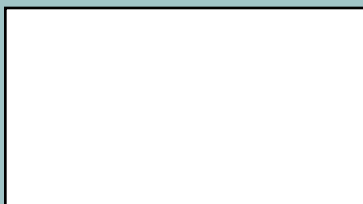


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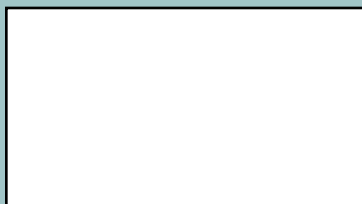
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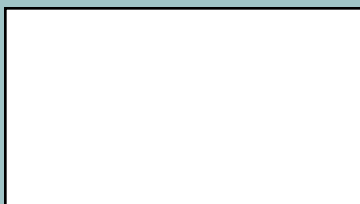
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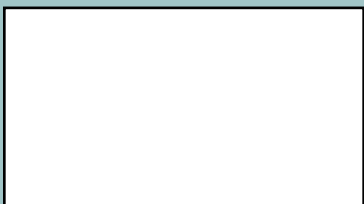
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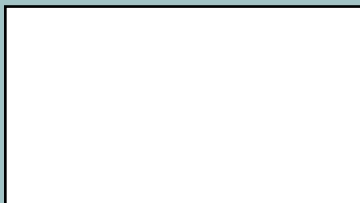
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