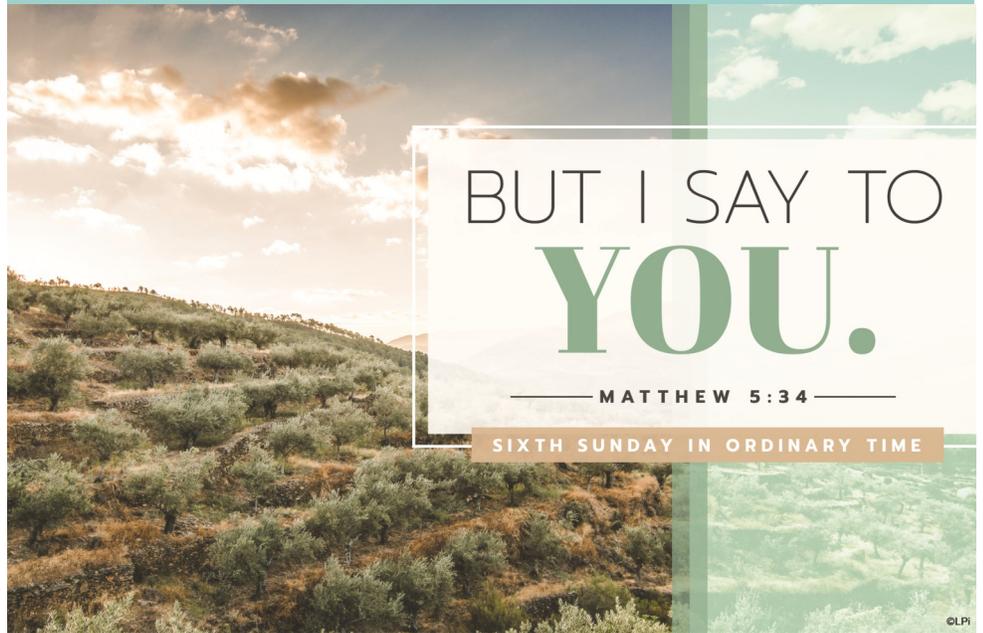




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The Basilica is open for private prayer every day during the following hours:

Sunday: 6:45 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Monday- Friday: 6:45 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 6:45 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)

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.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,**



**LENT BEGINS:  
Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

The Season of Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 18. The priests and deacon will be assisted by our Eucharistic Ministers and the distribution of ashes will take place following the homily. We will use the four Communion stations as we do for the distribution of Holy Communion. Ashes will also be available on Ash Wednesday in small packets for those who wish to bring them home to sick family members and/or shut-ins.

**The Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday will be as follows:**

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:10 p.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. (no Mass) - Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
- 7:30 p.m. Mass

### THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens (unbaptized), by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. From the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, the *Alleluia* is not said.

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the

following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

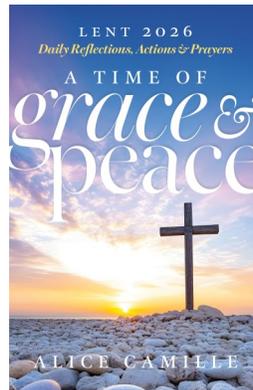
**Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

**Stations of the Cross & Friday Evening Masses during Lent:** Every Friday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

### LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS:

As a gift to our parishioners, daily Lenten reflection booklets are available at the entrances of the Basilica this weekend.

**Please take one booklet per family.** Entitled *A Time of Grace and Peace* and authored by Scripture scholar Alice Camille, the insightful daily reflections are intended to guide us to embrace Lent as a season of grace, truth, and transformation.



Some children's booklets are also available at the entrances, although children who are enrolled in our OLV Elementary School or our OLV Faith Formation program will receive their booklets through those programs.

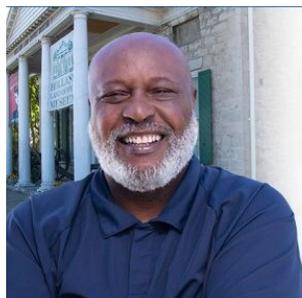
### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2026:

The Season of Lent always coincides with our Annual Catholic Charities Appeal and Fund for the Faith. As we will hear on Ash Wednesday, the three disciplines of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. There is no better way to exercise the call to almsgiving than to support our Catholic Charities Appeal, which last year helped provide many essential services to those who needed it most in our community.

The funds from the Appeal support dozens of Catholic Charities programs and services and every dollar raised results in \$5-\$6 in additional funding from grants and government contracts. Appeal dollars directly support programs like food pantries, emergency financial assistance, extensive behavioral health programs, and much more. The Appeal also supports the Diocese's Fund for the Faith, which supports various ministries like faith formation, pro-life ministries, and seminarian, diaconate, and lay ecclesial formation. Donors have the option to direct their gift to go entirely to either Catholic Charities or the Fund for the Faith, or to both.

The Diocesan Goal for Appeal 2026 is \$8,000,000. **Our Parish Goal here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica for this year's appeal is \$172,709. To date, we have raised \$12,752 from 47 donors.**

To make a gift, please mail in your donor card when you receive it to Appeal 2026, donate online at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org), or text HOPE4WNY to 44321. Please identify yourself as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, so that our



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parish is credited to ensure we make our goal. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit [ccwny.org](https://ccwny.org).

Please remember that HOPE starts with you. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus' message is clear: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Your support of Appeal 2026 carries out Jesus' call to us and brings HOPE and help to the lives of children, families and adults in every corner of Western New York.

## PILGRIMAGE: FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL

Please consider joining me on our "Footsteps of St. Paul" pilgrimage to Greece this Fall from September 22—October 2.

This pilgrimage, through OLV Charities, includes round trip airfare from Toronto (other airports available), first class hotel accommodations, daily private Mass, a 3-day Mediterranean island cruise, and breakfast and dinner daily.



For more details, please scan the QR code, or visit <https://www.catholicjourneys.com/gc-sept2026> and enter "OLV" as the password. A \$500 deposit is needed to reserve your spot for the trip; total cost is \$6,499 per person (based on double occupancy).

May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you, and may Almighty God bless you abundantly with His love and peace.

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14—Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

- 7:30 am Dorothy A. Downey by the Downey Family
- 9:00 am **Funeral for Bambina Lepore**
- 12:10 pm Walter Melohusky, Sr. (Anniversary of Death) by daughter, Janet
- 4:30 pm Nelson & Theresa Siwa by the Siwa Children (Anne, Deborah, Nelson Jr., Jennifer, David)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Donald Krol, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance) by the Krol Family
- 10:00 am Deceased Members of the Patriots Club by the Patriots Club
- 12:00 pm Jerry & Sandy Schabel by the Schabel Family
- 4:30 pm James Cooke by Chris & Aimee Cooke

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16—Weekday

- 7:30 am OLV Golden Treasury Intentions  
Rev. Nelson H. Baker (Birthday Remembrance) by Michael Nayda
- 12:10 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica  
Rose Marie Delaney by Carolyn Angle

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 7:30 am Jose Luis Marzan by Erica Kreutzer  
Charles & Madonna Evingham by Nicholas & Kathleen Grasso
- 12:10 pm Joseph & Cora Lipkus by Marshall & Carol Lipkus  
Florence Przewlocki by Paula Chiodo

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18—Ash Wednesday

- 7:30 am Casimir M. Slaski (Birthday Remembrance)  
Maria Herman by Michael Nayda
- 12:10 pm Marilyn Gallagher by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ehlers  
Florence Przewlocki and Janice Przewlocki by Thomas & Kimberly
- 3:00 pm **Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes (no Mass)**
- 7:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 7:30 am Marianne Vanaria Seilheimer by Roger Daley
- 12:10 pm Jean Polino by Eileen Wolmering, OLV Charities  
James Richard Phillips by Tom & Eileen Sullivan

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20—Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 7:30 am OLV House Blessing Intentions  
Paul J. Pfentner by Stefan G. & Donna Gelle
- 12:10 pm Special Intention for Theresa Dybalski (living) by Family  
Francis Deacon by the Steinwald Family
- 7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
- 7:30 pm Mary Kujawski by Jackie Kujawski

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21—Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 7:30 am Anastasia Downey by the Downey Family
- 12:10 pm John Joseph Ray by Family
- 4:30 pm Doris Swan by Stefan G. & Donna Gelle

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22—First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Lindy & Eglia Moretti by Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Fran Wilk
- 10:00 am Brandon Cody Tallau by Linda Tallau & Family
- 12:00 pm Lorraine LiPuma by Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
- 4:30 pm Alfreda Bodziak by the Bodziak Family

## JOIN US IN PRAYER

**Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

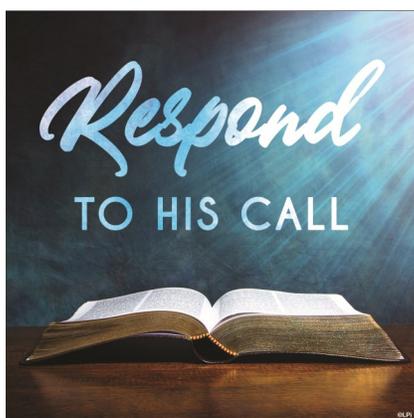
All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for Peace on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica's Community Room.

**Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m.  
February 17, March 3,  
and March 24**

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.



## VOCATION REFLECTION

"Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, what God has prepared for those who love him." Come and find out what God has prepared for you! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VOLUNTEER AT THE BASILICA FOR A SPECIAL MINISTRY

Are you feeling called to get more involved? Adult volunteers are needed for our liturgical ministries! Register at <https://bit.ly/OLVTraining> or scan the QR code. For questions, call/text Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767. Sessions only run if volunteers are registered to attend. The schedule is:



- **Monday, February 23, 6—7 p.m.**  
Extraordinary Minister Interest Meeting (lower level chapel)
- **Monday, February 23, 7—8 p.m.**  
Lector Training (lower level chapel)
- **Monday, March 16, 6:30—8:00 p.m.**  
Sacristan Training (main Basilica)
- **Monday, April 20, 6:30—8:00 p.m.**  
Greeter & Usher Training (main Basilica)

### MAZUREK'S BAKED GOODS AVAILABLE IN THE BASILICA

**Wednesdays • after 12:10 p.m. Mass**

This vocational initiative is part of OLV Human Services' WAY program, which gives students and young adults hands-on workforce training and builds on Father Baker's vision of preparing youth with skills that empower them for life. Mazurek's baked goods are available on the Basilica's lower level on most Wednesdays after the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

Please note that **the students will not be present on Ash Wednesday, February 18. They will, however, be selling Paczki and King Cakes at the 790 Ridge Road Café on Tuesday, February 17.** Please stop in! For questions or more info, contact [mazureksbakery@gmail.com](mailto:mazureksbakery@gmail.com).

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

**Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m. • March 10,  
April 14, May 12, June 9, or July 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 class that fits best with your schedule. Sessions are held in the Basilica's Marian Room. Scan the QR code to register. For questions, contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or [mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org](mailto:mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org).



### OLV SERVICE CLUB SOUP & SPEAKERS SERIES

**Fridays in March • 6:00 p.m.**

OLV Service Club is sponsoring a free Soup Supper & Speaker series on Fridays in March from 6:00—6:45 p.m. in the Basilica's Community Room, before the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

- **March 6** - St. Vincent de Paul Society
- **March 13** - Holy Face Devotion
- **March 20** - Disciples of Divine Mercy in the Holy Face ministry
- **March 27** - Flame of Love Devotion

Join us for fellowship, enlightening speakers, and a variety of tasty homemade vegetarian soups and delicious bread from Mazurek's Bakery before the Lenten Stations of the Cross service at 7:00 p.m. (Please call Bridget at 716-536-3887 if you are interested in donating your favorite vegetarian soup for one of our evenings.) We hope you will join us!

## KIDS' SKATING PARTY

The South Park Social & Athletic Club and South Park Youth Association is sponsoring a Kids' Skating Party (free open skate) on **Monday, February 16 from 1:00—2:30 p.m.** at Cazenovia Ice Rink for grammar school age children and their families. Refreshments and skate rental provided. Prizes distributed for all children attending. Questions? Email [spnac@roadrunner.com](mailto:spnac@roadrunner.com).

## SUPPORT OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, February 18 • 3–7 p.m.

Support our 8th grade students at a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Ash Wednesday in the OLV School Cafeteria. Proceeds help fund graduation and a class trip. Choose breaded fish/shrimp (\$20), chicken fingers (\$15) or cheese pizza (\$10). Tickets available after weekend Masses in the Basilica through 2/15, or purchase online via the QR code or at [olvbasilica.org](http://olvbasilica.org) (click *Donate* and select *Fish Fry*). Advance tickets are recommended; dinners may sell out.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!  
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS  
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Saturday, March 21 • 6:00 p.m.

Join us for the 31st Annual Victory Cash Bash (formerly "Sweeps") on **Saturday, March 21** at Our Lady of Victory Elementary School. This long-time favorite fundraiser isn't just about great prizes, it's about coming together to support the students of OLV Elementary and the programs that help them learn, grow, and thrive!

Tickets are \$50 each (cash, check or credit card) and give you a chance to win: \$10,000 Grand Prize, \$4,000, \$2,000, two \$1,000 prizes, four \$500 prizes, plus more! Each ticket admits two guests to an exciting 21+ night of fun at the school. Tickets available before/after all weekend Masses in the Basilica, as well as at the Gift Shop, School, and Rectory during business hours. Your support is an investment in our students' future. Thank you for your help!



Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the OCIA who are anticipating to fully enter into the Church here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica:

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Jill Bermingham, Thomas Bigouette, Molly Bryniarski, Dia Castro, Victoria Christopher, James Clawson, Melanie Delmendo, Sandy Dunkleman, Cort Farley, Linsey Heferle, Emily Hoffman, Taylor Hollarn, Trent Kubiak, Xuehua Liu, Allison Malecki, Dylan Marciano, Jared Murray, Carol Parker, Evelyn Parker, Sienna Pawlowski, Brenna Smith, Tamara Sullivan, Murray Wright, Natalie Wright

**Order of Christian Initiation of Children & Families:** Mea Alzaidi, Gabriella Chicone, David Cordova, Maria De Moura, Joseph Fox, James Fox, Jason Fox, Brady Hanlon, Noah Hanlon, Chelsea Hanlon, Zoe Hines, Evan Lee, Gabrielle Lohr, Gibson Mansfield, Giovanni Mansfield, Adalis Pellow

## OLV SERVICE CLUB

### NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m. in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!** We will assemble Easter baskets for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and prepare a meal for the Little Portion Friary.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

We are looking for **Easter basket donations** of crayons, activity books, fidget toys, chalk, stuffed bunnies, small crafts, nerf balls, or assorted candies. **There are blue collection barrels at the Basilica entrances, which will be available throughout February, where you can place your donations.** For questions, please contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887 or [bowood62@gmail.com](mailto:bowood62@gmail.com).

### FOOD PANTRY

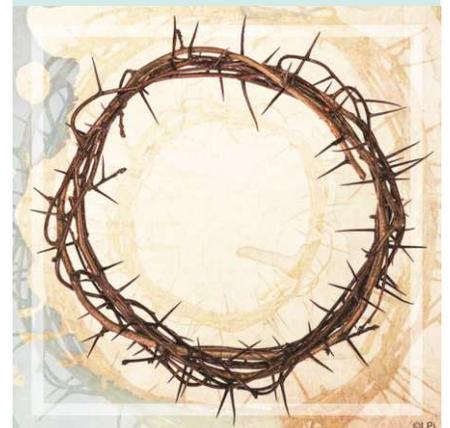
Our Food Pantry located in the back parking lot is always in need of shelf stable food items. Please be sure to mark each can or box "not for resale" in permanent marker.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Attention High School Seniors:** OLV Service Club scholarship applications are available by contacting Bridget Wood at [bowood62@gmail.com](mailto:bowood62@gmail.com). Deadline is March 3.

### PLEASE JOIN US!

Our service focuses on the corporal works of mercy and all ages are welcome. For more info, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.



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## Offertory

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



## Vigil Candles

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



## Welcome Plaza

Support our Basilica Centennial Campaign. Questions? Call Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.



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



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- 1 Go to [olvbasilica.org](http://olvbasilica.org) and click *Donate*.
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3 Set up a donation with 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, including our elementary school, 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, January 11, 2026**

<b>PARISH COLLECTIONS:</b>	
Weekly	\$14,820.77
Monthly	\$729.00
Catholic Education	\$100.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$5.00
Holy Day: Christmas (12/25)	\$155.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$174.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$91.00
Processing Fees (online)	\$13.33
Shrines / Votive Candles	\$5,045.00
<b>ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:</b>	
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,143.10</b>

## OLV BASILICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 21—22

	TIME	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTAN
SAT.	4:30 pm	Laura Schuh	Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle, Bob Lohr, Susan Zakrzewski, Michael Zakrzewski		Thomas Miller
SUN.	8:00 am	Kevin Higgins	Mary Patricia Allman, Eugene Allman, Sheila Allman, Catherine Bergen, Mary Ellen Carosa	Riley, Rider, and Riker Darling	Laurie Grundner
	10:00 am	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann, Patricia Osborne	Carter Cofield	Carolyn Kipler
	Noon	Annette Iafallo	Ronald Slawinowski, Jon Paul Trabucco	Nathaniel, Joshua, & Theodore Lindstrom, Erin Bialkowski	Sandy Swiech
	4:30 pm	Patricia DiVito	Richard Grasso, John Leszak, Joanne Setlock		Michalene Murray

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