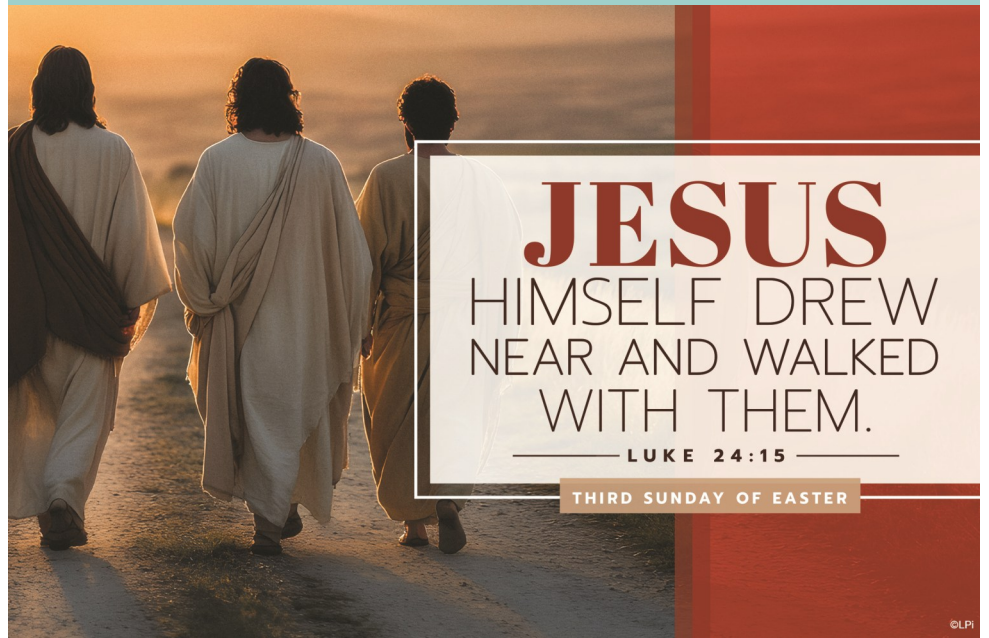




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Monday-Friday: 6:45 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

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)

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,



PARISH MISSION: April 27, 28, 29

After the success of our Lenten Mission with the Dominican Fathers last year, I would like to encourage you to please plan on participating in this year's three-day Parish Mission here in the Basilica, scheduled for April 27, 28, and 29.

Fr. Philip Nolan, O.P. and Fr. Louis Mary Bethea, O.P., members of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), will lead us on this parish mission, which will concentrate on the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, with a focus on Fr. Baker and preparing for the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the Basilica.

The mission talks will be offered twice daily—following the 12:10 p.m. Mass and again at 6:30 p.m. in the evening. Feel free to attend whichever time works best for you.

Please see the flyer on the next page of this bulletin for more details and consider joining us. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2026:

As you know, the Diocesan Goal for this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is \$8,000,000. Our Parish Goal at OLV Basilica is \$172,709. **To date, we have raised \$137,477 from 207 donors, which is 80% of our parish goal.**

I encourage everyone to consider making a gift to this year's appeal. Catholic Charities is a beacon of HOPE, which last year helped provide many essential services to those who needed it most in our community. You too can make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling and in need of assistance!

To make a gift, please mail in your donor card to Appeal 2026, 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. Thank you to all who have contributed to date!

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.

For more information about Catholic Charities, visit ccwny.org.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31

On Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31, OLV will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the Shrine, officially concluding our five-year Centennial Celebration.

The weekend will kick off with our **Centennial Gala at The Statler on May 30**, where commemorative program booklets will be distributed. Be part of this historic occasion by placing an ad in our Centennial Gala Commemorative Program Book! Full-page ads are available for \$250 (black and white) or \$500 (color). All advertisers will receive a complimentary copy of the program booklet. (Ad size is 4.5" W x 7.5" H, PDF preferred, deadline is May 1.)

For more info or to reserve your space, please contact Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610 or scan the QR code.



A limited number of tickets and tables to attend the Gala are available to purchase at olvbasilica.org/gala or use the above QR code.

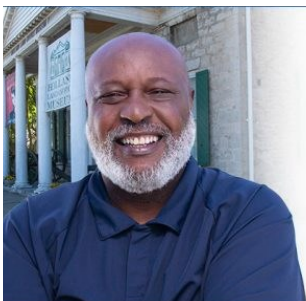
Then, on Sunday, May 31, I invite you to join me for a 2:00 p.m. Mass, followed by a tent reception behind the Basilica.

No tickets are required to attend the Mass and tent reception, however to assist with preparations, it would be most helpful if you would please register at CentennialMass.org (or use the QR code) if you plan to attend.



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**



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OLV PARISH MISSION

APRIL 27-29 at 12:10 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

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The mission talks will be offered twice each day — following the 12:10 p.m. daily Mass and then again at 6:30 p.m. in the evening. Feel free to attend whichever time works best for you. Please come and bring a friend and spread the word... *all are welcome!*

For details, go to olvbasilica.org/mission or scan this code



Father Phillip Nolan, O.P.



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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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SCHOOL MASS LOCATION

Please note that the 8:15 a.m. Friday School Masses will be held in the OLV Elementary Gym for the rest of the school year, due to the continued construction work on the Basilica's dome.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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

Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m.
April 21, May 12, May 26

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18—Easter Weekday

- 7:30 am Regina Gier (Anniv. of Death) by Chloe Gier and Sharon Budziszewski
10:00 am **Funeral for Matthew C. Saxe**
12:10 pm Barry, Pat & Bill Wood by Tom & Bridget Wood
1:30 pm **Wedding: Colleen Sikora and Robert Simoneit**
4:30 pm Susan Procknal Borowiak by the Griffin Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 19—Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Alice Comerford by Deacon Michael & Judie Comerford
10:00 am Mary Pinker by Donna Jeffers
12:00 pm Pam Mendez by the Lackawanna Graduation Class of '71
4:30 pm John & Stephanie Studzinski by the Powell Family

MONDAY, APRIL 20—Easter Weekday

- 7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
12:10 pm Josephine Simchick (Birthday Remembrance) by Ron's Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 21—Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 7:30 am Mary E. Duggan by OLV Charities
Maria E. Mustillo by Vince Lonergan and the Lonergan Family
12:10 pm David Ceccarelli by Joe & Chris Ceccarelli
Dolores Brockenshire (Birthday Rem.) by daughter, Susan Whitney

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22—Easter Weekday

- 7:30 am OLV House Blessing Intentions
Aurelia Senko by Julie Scoma
12:10 pm Lillian Manka (Birthday Remembrance) by daughter, Linda and Family
Bambina Lepore by Joseph & Luisa Bruzga, Vincent & Donna Lepore, Marco & Suzanne Lepore, and Frank, Ricardo & John Lepore

THURSDAY, APRIL 23—Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

- 7:30 am James B. Downey by the Downey Family
Joseph J. Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family
12:10 pm Kathleen Cooley by Trish Hadrovic

FRIDAY, APRIL 24—Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

- 7:30 am Michael Haggerty by Msgr. David G. LiPuma
8:15 am **(in School Gym)** John & Norma Jean Cleary by the Del Vecchio Family
12:10 pm Thomas O'Donnell by Bob & Eileen Singer
Caroline Yakovac by Michelle and Karen Yakovac

SATURDAY, APRIL 25—Saint Mark, Evangelist

- 7:30 am John Jr. & Norma Cleary by Dion Benzino
12:10 pm John Santomauro by Elizabeth Willard
1:30 pm **Wedding: Alexandra McGowen and Joseph Flading**
4:30 pm Rose DiPaolo by Eileen Ward

SUNDAY, APRIL 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Rev. Msgr. Michael E. Del Vecchio by the Grasso Family
10:00 am Florence Danahy (Birthday Remembrance) by Tom & Pat Smith
12:00 pm Joseph & Angeline Ieradi by Family
4:30 pm David Ceccarelli by Dianne Bellagamba

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY: A DAY FOR CATHOLIC TEENS

Sunday, April 26 • 11:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to attend the third Diocesan Youth Rally as part of a group from OLV Basilica, which will be chaperoned by Deacon Mark and Mrs. Stephanie Bialkowski. The gathering at Hilbert College in Hamburg features keynote speaker Tony Melendez and includes pizza, group activity sessions, a Q&A panel, and Mass with Bishop Fisher. Please contact Deacon Mark or Mrs. Stephanie Bialkowski if you are interested in attending (716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org).

VOLUNTEER TO BE A GREETER OR USHER

Monday, April 20 • 6:30—8:00 p.m.

A training session for adults interested in volunteering as greeters or ushers will be held in the main Basilica. To volunteer, please register at <https://bit.ly/OLVTraining> or scan the QR code. For questions, call or text Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767. The training session will only take place if volunteers are registered to attend.



OLV SERVICE CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 26 • 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join the OLV Service Club at its next meeting in the Elementary School Cafeteria on **Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.** We will be preparing a meal for the Little Portion Friary Homeless Shelter.

On **Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m.**, all are welcome to join us to place flowers in the infant garden just behind the back parking lot.

And our help-yourself food pantry in the parking lot is always in need of shelf-staple food items. Please be sure

to mark each item “not for resale.”

For questions or more information about the OLV Service Club and its activities, please contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m. • May 12, June 9, July 14, or August 11

If you are a new parent looking to have your baby baptized, please plan to attend one of our upcoming Baptismal Preparation classes.



Choose the class that best fits your schedule! Sessions are held in the Basilica’s Marian Room. Simply scan the QR code to register for the class of your choice. For questions, contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org.

COLLECTION FOR VETERANS



The Columbiettes are sponsoring a toiletry drive for local WNY Veterans in April and May. There are boxes by each Basilica entrance for toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, ladies’ hygiene products, etc. Donations will be delivered to WNY Heroes prior to Memorial Day. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated!



FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL

Join Msgr. David LiPuma on a special pilgrimage to Greece this Fall from September 22—October 2.

The 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 details, scan the code or visit <https://www.catholicjourneys.com/gc-sept2026> and enter “OLV” as the password. A \$500 deposit reserves your spot for the trip; total cost is \$6,499/person (double occupancy).



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- HVAC Technician



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Vigil Candles

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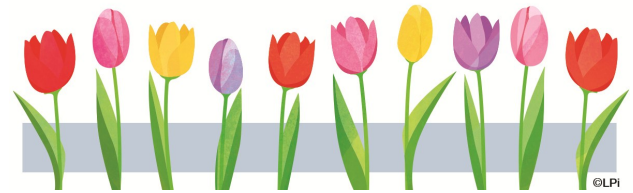
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Support our Basilica Centennial Campaign. Questions? Call Shannon Donovan at 716-828-9610.



Volunteer

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



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- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.
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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 OLV Basilica!

Offertory Collection for Sunday, March 15, 2026


PARISH COLLECTIONS:

Weekly	\$21,386.44
Monthly	\$736.00
Ash Wednesday	\$67.00
Easter	\$1.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,128.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$10.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$161.00
Processing Fees (online)	\$10.77
Sr. Ellen O'Keefe Tuition Assistance for OLV Elem.	\$53.00
Shrines (Votive Candles)	\$2,599.00

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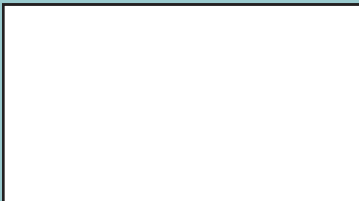


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