

March 1, 2026 | Second Sunday of Lent



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### BASILICA HOURS

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.

### 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.**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,**

### LENTEN CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2026:

The Season of Lent always coincides with our Annual Catholic Charities Appeal and Fund for the Faith. As we heard 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 \$34,907 from 94 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 parish is credited to ensure we make our goal. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit [ccwny.org](http://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.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & FRIDAY EVENING MASSES

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



### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PARISH MISSION: April 27, 28, and 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 another three-day Parish Mission here in the Basilica, which is scheduled for the end of April.

Fr. Louis Mary Bethea, O.P., a member of the Order of Preachers

(the Dominicans), will lead us on this parish mission, which will concentrate on the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, with a focus on Father Baker and preparing for the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the Basilica, which is the weekend of May 30-31, 2026.

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. Please feel free to attend whichever time works best for you. There will be no other parish meetings on these nights to ensure that everyone is free to attend. I know that their message will be exactly what we all need to hear, especially during these challenging times for our Church. Please come and bring a friend and spread the word... All are welcome!

### 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 details, 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 2 —Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Rev. Msgr. Robert Wurtz (Birthday Remembrance)
9:30 am	<b>Funeral for Carol Polichette</b>
12:10 pm	Marlin Salmon (Anniversary of Death) by Roxanne C. Miller
1:30 pm	<b>Funeral for Patricia Corbo</b>
4:30 pm	Stan Smaczniak by Felicia Bosinski

### SUNDAY, MARCH —Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Cheryl Ann and Stella Gawel by the Gawel Family
10:00 am	Donald & Lynn Krol (Wedding Anniversary) by the Krol Family
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 pm	Rev. Msgr. Robert Wurtz

### MONDAY, MARCH —Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	OLV Golden Treasury Intentions
12:10 pm	Frank Yakovac by Michelle and Karen Yakovac

### TUESDAY, MARCH —Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:30 am	OLV Spiritual Society Intentions Daniel & Ann O'Brien by Jackie Kujawski
12:10 pm	Jean DePasquale (Anniversary of Death) by daughters Margaret Battista by Diana McGuire and the Battista Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH —Saint Casimir

7:30 am	Donald Krol, Jr. (Birthday Remembrance) by the Krol Family Matthew John Prout, Jr. by Great-Grandma Prout
12:10 pm	Howard Strasser (Anniversary of Death) by Paula, Bill, and Sonny Martinez

### THURSDAY, MARCH —Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Sr. Mary Ellen (Sister of St. Joseph, Albany) (living) by Molly Anne Harris
12:10 pm	OLV Father Baker Guild Members Marilyn Siler by Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH —Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Casimir M. Slaski & Family Herbert & Mary Kujawski by Jackie Kujawski
8:15 am	Samuel J. Chiodo II by Sara, Jil, Amanda, and Claudia
12:10 pm	Kathy Marcinkiewicz by Christine Brown
7:00 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7:30 pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

### SATURDAY, MARCH —Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:30 am	Edward Tomaka and David Sawicki by Stan & Sue Kowalski
9:00 am	<b>Funeral for Doreen Guadagno</b>
10:30 am	<b>Funeral for James M. Downing</b>
12:10 pm	John Ward (Birthday Remembrance) by wife, Eileen
4:30 pm	Carol Ann Denny (Anniversary of Death) by Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH —Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
10:00 am	Michael J. Bona by Petrina Bona & Family
12:00 pm	Tom Mysiak by Felicia Bosinski
4:30 pm	Joanne Vitaris by the Balcarczyk Family



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, March 5, from 3:00—4:00 p.m.**

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

## 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.  
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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OLV SERVICE CLUB MEETING

Sunday, March 1 1:00 p.m.

Our next meeting is this Sunday in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria. All ages 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. Our service focuses on the corporal works of mercy. For questions, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.



### OLV SERVICE CLUB SOUP & SPEAKERS SERIES

Fridays in March 6:00 p.m.

The 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 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 homemade vegetarian soups and bread from Mazurek's Bakery before the 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!

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Weekend of March 7—8

Girl Scout Troop 31478 will host their annual cookie booth here at OLV Basilica next weekend before and after all Masses. Cookies are \$6 a box. Cash, credit, and Venmo are accepted. Thank you for your generous support!

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.  
March 10, April 14, May 12, or June 9

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 code to register. For questions, contact Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767 or [mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org](mailto:mbialkowski@olvbasilica.org).

### VOLUNTEER AT THE BASILICA FOR A SPECIAL MINISTRY

Are you feeling called to get more involved? Adult volunteers are needed for liturgical ministries! Register at <https://bit.ly/OLVTraining>



or scan the code. For questions, call or text Deacon Mark at 716-339-0767. Sessions will take place in the main Basilica, but only if volunteers are registered to attend. The schedule is:

- **Monday, March 16, 6:30—8:00 p.m.**  
Sacristan Training
- **Monday, April 20, 6:30—8:00 p.m.**  
Greeter & Usher Training

### AN INVITATION TO JOIN COR

Thursday, March 19 6:30 p.m.

Our Knights of Columbus Fr. Baker Council invites men (ages 18+) to join us for our monthly meeting in the Community Room. Format includes light refreshments, praying the rosary, and an engaging faith discussion.

### OLV ELEMENTARY FISH FRY

Friday, March 27 4—7 p.m.

Support OLV Elementary at a fish fry fundraiser in the school cafeteria with delicious fish dinners by BW's BBQ! Proceeds support school programs and activities. Choose from a fish fry

meal (\$20), breaded shrimp (\$12), or chicken fingers (\$12). Tickets available after weekend Masses in the Basilica through March 22, or purchase online via this QR code or by visiting [olvbasilica.org](http://olvbasilica.org) (click *Donate* and select *HSA Fish Fry*).



### STABAT MATER PREMIERE WITH DAVID BUTLER

Saturday, April 11 4:30 p.m. Mass

WNY composer David Butler has completed a new musical setting of *Stabat Mater* for solo voice and piano that will premiere at the Basilica on Saturday, April 11 (the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday) at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, immediately followed by a 20-minute free concert. Highly-acclaimed musicians, Allison Gish on vocals and Melody Fader on piano, will lead everyone into the depths of the Virgin Mary's heart as she stood beneath the cross. David Butler's innovative composition brings this epic medieval text into the 21st century. To learn more, visit [davidbutlercomposer.com](http://davidbutlercomposer.com).

### ADOPTION MASS

Sunday, April 19 Noon Mass

All are welcome to this special Mass honoring anyone touched by adoption. Adoptees, adoptive families, birth parents, friends, and relatives are all invited to attend. A light reception will follow Mass and tours of the OLV Infant Home will be offered. For more information, contact the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 716-847-2205 or [pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org).

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

Wednesdays after 12:10 p.m. Mass

This vocational initiative, part of OLV Human Services' WAY program, gives students and young adults hands-on workforce training. For questions, contact [mazureksbakery@gmail.com](mailto:mazureksbakery@gmail.com).

# OLV Elementary School

A Father Baker Legacy

“Our daughter has attended OLV since Pre-K and is now in seventh grade. Throughout the years, she has truly enjoyed her experience—from the classroom and activities to building lifelong friendships. She loves going to OLV and has developed a strong passion for attending and serving at OLV Church. We didn’t just find a great elementary school; we found a wonderful family at OLV.”

—The Garner Family

OLV Elementary School is a place where kindness, respect, and compassion are taught—and lived—every day. We educate children from PreK3 to 8th Grade.

Please call 716-828-7592 for a private tour.



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 Birmingham, Thomas Bigouette, Molly Bryniarski, Dia Castro, Melanie Delmendo, Sandy Dunkleman, Cort Farley, Lindsey Heferle, Emily Hoffman, Taylor Hollarn, Trent Kubiak, Xuehua Liu, Allison Malecki, Dylan Marciano, Jared Murray, Carol Parker, Evelyn Parker, Sienna Pawlowski, Brenna Smith, Tamra Frick, Murray Wright, Natalie Wright

### Order of Christian Initiation of Children & Families:

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## VICTORY CASH BASH

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!  
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS  
AND WIN BIG!**

**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!



### VOCATION REFLECTION

Lent is here—a time to challenge ourselves to be holier. Begin by asking Jesus, “What can I do to serve you?”

If the answer is a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



# SUPPORT OLV

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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.



## Volunteer

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- 3 Set up your 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, 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, January 25, 2026

##### **PARISH COLLECTIONS:**

Weekly	\$15,473.39
Monthly	\$123.00
Ash Wednesday	\$3.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1.00
Fuel	\$6.00
Holy Day: Christmas (12/25)	\$151.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$16.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$11.00
Processing Fees (online)	\$20.52
Shrines / Votive Candles	\$771.00
Sr. Ellen O'Keefe Tuition Assistance for OLV Elem.	\$886.00

##### **ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:**

Archdiocese for the Military Services	\$1.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$647.00
Religious Retirement Appeal	\$1.00

**TOTAL** **\$18,111.91**

### OLV BASILICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH —

	TIME	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTAN
SAT.	4:30 pm	Amanda & Richie English	Kenneth Osborn, Michelle Radominski, Joanne Setlock, Susan Zakrzewski, Michael Zakrzewski	A.J. & Samantha Ball	Sandy Swiech
SUN.	8:00 am	Paul Miazga	Mary Patricia Allman, Eugene Allman, Sheila Allman, Catherine Bergen, Mary Ellen Carosa	Theodore, Joshua, & Nathaniel Lindstrom	Laurie Grundner
	10:00 am	John Loss	Timothy Wing, Bridget Wood	Carter Cofield	Carolyn Kipler
	Noon	Linda Smolen	Kathleen Roche, Christopher Swan	Erin Bialkowski	Jon Paul Trabucco
	4:30 pm	Stefan Gelle	Donna Gelle, Marsha Lipke, David Lipke		Patricia DiVito

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