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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,

#### FATHER BAKER'S PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE & ITALY 1874 RE-ENACTED IN 2024:

As a seminarian at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls, then-Nelson Baker requested from the Bishop and the Seminary Rector permission to participate in an American Pilgrimage specifically to Paris & Lourdes, France and then onto Rome, Italy to St. Peter's Basilica and the Shrines of the Apostles. Father Baker desired to use this pilgrimage as an opportunity to thank God for his physical recovery from a very serious illness and to visit the famous shrines of Europe.

On May 13, Father Baker departed by train from Buffalo to New York City to join the other pilgrims from across the country. On May 16, after Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the pilgrims boarded the ship, S.S. Periere, which set course for France. On May 27, the Periere reached Le Havre, and then continued on to Paris, arriving on May 28, and then eventually to Rome and then began their return home on June 21, eventually arriving back in NYC on July 15, 1874.

It was while Father Baker was on this pilgrimage that he visited the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires in Paris. In the critical biography "Father of the Fatherless" this quote can be found: He (Baker) was amazed as he entered the shrine. His eyes focused on the intensely appealing statue of a lady holding a little boy in her arms atop the main altar...He knelt at the communion rail, still gazing at the statue. And then his words came in a torrent of whispers: "From now on I shall devote my entire life to your service. I shall devote all my thoughts and actions to your name, I will spread devotion of Our Lady of Victory throughout America." And as we know here in Father Baker's City of Charity, that is exactly what he did. We are all the beneficiaries of Father



Baker's profound love and devotion for Our Lady of Victory.

I am leaving on Tuesday, April 30 -May 8, along with 34 pilgrims, to reenact the journey Father Baker took back in 1874. However, rather than traveling by ship, we will depart New York City by plane on Tuesday evening for Paris, France. Our journey will begin with 2 nights in Lourdes, celebrating Mass and praving at the Grotto, and then back to Paris, where the highlight of the pilgrimage will be celebrating Mass at Notre Dame des Victoires on Friday, May 3. Please know that I will be offering this Mass for all of our parishioners, donors and benefactors of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. We then proceed onto Rome arriving on Sunday, May 5. Highlights will be celebrating Masses at St. Peter's Basilica, the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and participating in the Wednesday General Audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.

Please pray for all of our pilgrims for a safe and grace-filled pilgrimage. Be assured that you will all be remembered in my daily Masses and prayers. May Father Baker intercede for us and Our Lady of Victory protect us.

#### MAY CROWNING, Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)

On Sunday, May 12, during the 12:00 Noon Mass, we will have the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Victory. Children who have recently received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to attend this Mass wearing their First Communion attire. All are welcome!

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2024:

As you know, our Parish Goal here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica for this year's appeal is \$131,058. To date we have raised \$52,612.50 from 203 donors from our parish. I encourage everyone to consider making a gift to this year's appeal. The need for assistance is greater than ever for those who are struggling financially, emotionally and physically.

To make a gift, please mail in your donor card to Appeal 2024, 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 more information about Catholic Charities, visit 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 2024 carries out Jesus' call and brings HOPE and help to the lives of children, families and adults across Western New York.

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 27—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

10:00 am **First Communion Mass** 

12:10 pm George Stipanovich by Joanne Scofield

4:30 pm Dennis O'Hara by wife and sons

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28—Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Timothy S. Downs (Birthday Remembrance) by the Downs Family

10:00 am Florence Danahy (Birthday Remembrance) by Family Eleanor Erny by Denise Omicioli Kolodziej 12:00 pm

**OLV House Blessing Intentions** 4:30 pm

#### MONDAY, APRIL 29—Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am Christine Coviello by Rosemary Scahill

12:10 pm Scott Eagan by Mom, Stan, Kelli, Melissa & Family

Patricia J. Breen (living) by Jack Zimmerman

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 30—Saint Pius V, Pope

7:30 am The Lopes Family (living) by Anton Lopes

Michael Schuta by Jim & Peg Velasquez

Henry & Anna Kusmierczyk by Bob & Joanne Rand 12:10 pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1—Saint Joseph the Worker

7:30 am **OLV Helping Hands Club Members** 

Sgt. John Kupkowski by Family

Clarence E. & Teresa A. Neamon by Estate 12:10 pm

George Najuch by daughter, Linda Smolen

#### THURSDAY, MAY 2—Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am **OLV Golden Treasury Intentions** 

Dawn Marie Geary (Birthday Remembrance) by the Parkinson Family

12:10 pm **OLV Father Baker Guild Members** 

#### FRIDAY, MAY 3—Saints Philip and James, Apostles

7:30 am Marco Liberta by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lombardi

8:15 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

Casimir M. Slaski & Family

Jane Mattimore by the Steinwald Family 12:10 pm

Living & Deceased Members of the Bayerl & Pettit Family by Family

#### SATURDAY, MAY 4—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Natalie Lewis by Family

Louis Izzo by Tom & Linda Youngman and Jackie Izzo 12:10 pm 4:30 pm Mario Inglese by his loving wife Mary and Family

#### SUNDAY, MAY 5—Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Dabin Cayanitta by bushand Daminia
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10:00 am	Michael J. Bona by Petrina Bona & Family

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

4:30 pm Frank Chiodo by Mike & Paula Chiodo





## 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.

#### Tuesdays • 6:30 p.m. May 7, May 21, June 4, and June 25

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.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### INCIPIO CHORAL CONCERT

#### Sunday, April 28 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

This Sunday evening, Incipio presents GLORIA, a celebration of triumphant choral sound, in the Basilica at 7:00 p.m.

They will present the world premiere of Roland Martin's full choral and organ song cycle, *Such Glorious Gifts*, featuring organist Peter Gonciarz, alongside shorter works for large choir and organ, written by living composers.

Join us for this historic event as Incipio closes its third season with a joyful noise! Directed by Erin Alexander, Julia Anne Cordani, and Elizabeth Vennari. Incipio founders Julia and Elizabeth both sing at OLV Basilica.

General admission is \$15 and student tickets are \$10. Scan this QR code to purchase your tickets or visit



inviolatamusic.com/events.

#### **DOUGHNUTS & DISCIPLESHIP**

## Sunday, May 5 • after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses

Our next *Doughnuts* and *Discipleship* will take place on Sunday, May 5 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. Representatives from both groups will also be present if you would like to find out more about them.

#### VICTORIOUS HEARTS: AN EVENING WITH FR. BONIFACE HICKS

# Saturday, May 11 ● 6:00 p.m. (following 4:30 p.m. Mass)

The Victorious Hearts couples ministry is planning a special evening here in the Basilica on Saturday, May 11 with guest speaker Fr. Boniface Hicks. Starting at 6:00 p.m. (following the 4:30 p.m. Mass), Fr. Boniface will share insights on how couples can enter into Mass more fruitfully in this year of

Eucharistic Revival. Fr. Boniface, a Benedictine monk, accomplished author, and spiritual director, is known for his contributions to EWTN and other programs on theology and the spiritual life. You can learn more about his background by visiting his website at **fatherboniface.org**. Whether you are dating, engaged, married, or discerning marriage, all are welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship and growth. No RSVP is necessary. For questions, please email **VictoriousHeartsOLV@gmail.com**.

#### OLV SERVICE CLUB SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us on **Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.** in the OLV Infant Cemetery. We will place potted plants and pray for the mothers who lost their young children as they celebrate Mother's Day.

Our next service day at Resurrection Food Pantry is **Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed.

For more information, please call Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

# Dear God, Thank you for our beautiful planet, Earth. Help us remember to take care it. Also, help us care for all the animals and plants. May your Spirit guide us to make choices that protect our planet. Amen. by: Miss Olejniczak's Third Grade Class Arather Baker Legacy

# VOCATION REFLECTION

"Remain in me... I am the vine, you are the branches." Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body and Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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Thank you cannot express the gratitude the young ladies of Girl Scout Troop 31478 have for the parishioners and visitors of OLV. Your generosity during their cookie booth was overwhelming and the girls sold 486 boxes of cookies!!! The time you spent chatting with the ladies, getting to know them a bit, and allowing them to grow in their ability to communicate with adults is a skill they can use now and in the future. Thank you! Thank you!

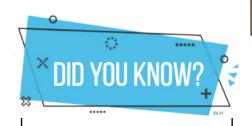
## STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



#### **CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL**

This weekend, April 27-28, we will take up a collection for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal to help strengthen the Church at home. Your participation in this annual appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral service and missions of mercy to those they serve.

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### OLV CINCO DE MAYO MEAT RAFFLE

#### Friday, May 3 • 5:00 p.m. OLV Elementary School Gym

Let's fiesta! Win premium meats, raffle baskets, 50/50, and more. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each or \$100 for a table of 8. Draft beer, wine, soda, chips and salsa. Bring your own snacks (no outside alcoholic beverages), lots of singles, and a cooler for your winnings. Proceeds benefit OLV Charities & OLV Human Services. Questions? Call OLV Charities' Dawn Hewitt at 716-828-9638 or OLV Human Services' Joyce Maziarz at 716-828-7844. Visit www.olvcharities.org/olv-meat-raffle for more information.

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We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday, March 31, 2024

#### **PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Weekly	\$16,445.75
Monthly	\$413.00
Easter	\$10,266.00
Easter Flowers	\$131.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$43.00
Sr. Ellen O'Keefe Angel Fund	\$10.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$3,476.80

#### **ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS**

Altar & Rosary Society	\$10.00
Black & Native Missions	\$10.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$10.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$2,296.00

Total \$33,126.55

## 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	
Sat. 5/4	4:30 p.m.	Laura Schuh	James McEvoy, Cindy Schaefer, Joanne Setlock	
Sun. 5/5	8:00 a.m.	Kevin O'Neil	Mary Patricia Allman, Mary Check, Moey Oakley	
	10:00 a.m.	Lydia Zielinski	Sal Howard, Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann	
	Noon	Ellen Scheiderer	Linda Smolen, Christopher Swan	
	4:30 p.m.	Cathleen Woods	Patricia DiVito, Richard Grasso, Marsha Lipke	

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