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BASILICA HOURS

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.

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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.



OLV WELCOMES FR. BONIFACE HICKS, OSB

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB to OLV. Fr. Boniface is a Benedictine monk, accomplished author, and spiritual director, 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.) He will celebrate the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and then will be the guest speaker at a gathering in the Basilica hosted by our OLV Victorious Hearts couples' ministry. Fr. Boniface will share insights on how couples can enter into Mass more fruitfully. He will also concelebrate our Noon Mass on Sunday, during which we will have the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Victory by some of our First Communion children. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL:

As you know, our Parish Goal here at OLV

for this year's appeal is \$131,058. **To date** we have raised \$56.657.50 from 217 donors from our parish. Catholic Charities is a beacon of **HOPE** for individuals, children and families in need across the eight counties of WNY. We serve people from all walks of life, without regard to faith. You too can make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling and in need of assistance. Every donation (large or small) makes a difference. For details about Catholic Charities, visit ccwny.org. 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 member of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. May God bless you for

Be assured of my grateful prayers for all that you do for Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones.

your generosity on behalf of those most

in need throughout WNY!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 11—Easter Weekday

7:30 am OLV Spiritual Society Intentions
12:10 pm Paula Biniewski-Heimburs by Gabriella Gorman

1:30 pm Wedding: Brooke Frawley and Matthew Thomas

4:30 pm Laura Mancuso (Anniversary of Death) by Whitey Boettcher

SUNDAY, MAY 12—Seventh 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 13—Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 am	ΑII	Souls	Inte	ntior	าร

Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by the Rosolowski Family

12:10 pm Janice Przewlocki (Birthday) by Thomas Przewlocki and Kimberly Sefaniak

David M. Olivieri and Joseph T. Shehadi by Renee Olivieri

TUESDAY, MAY 14—Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:30 am	Samuel & Jeanette Grasso by the Grasso Family
12:10 pm	Sr. Mary Anne Weldon, RSM by Kevin Whelan

Gloria Nettina by children (David, Daniel, Lauren, and John Nettina, Jr.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15—Saint Isidore

7:30 am	Joseph J. De	el Vecchio by the De	el Vecchio Family

12:10 pm Marilyn Ross by Randy & Peggy Evans

Elizabeth Payne (living) by D.O.F. Prayer Group

THURSDAY, MAY 16—Easter Weekday

7:30 am Intentions of the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory

Irene Sasiadek by son, David

12:10 pm John Stoklosa by Family

FRIDAY, MAY 17—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	Edward I. Kaczmarczyk by Pat and daughters
	Daniel B. Tauriello by Regina DelVecchio
9·15 am	Intentions of the Nevens In Honor of Our Lady of Vic

8:15 am Intentions of the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory

12:10 pm Theresa Miller (Birthday Remembrance) by Family Dorene Kania by daughter, Theresa Kania

SATURDAY, MAY 18—Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

7:30 am	Intentions of the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory
12:10 pm	Rev. Msgr. John J. McMahon by Arthur J. Smith & Family
1:30 pm	Wedding: Kristen Melohusky and Martin Gregoire
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SUNDAY, MAY 19—Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am	Intentions of the Novena In Honor of Our Lady of Victory
10:00 am	Michael Anthony Cione by Joseph & Christine Cione
12:00 pm	Jennie Swiech by the Swiech Family
4:30 pm	Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Sister Lucette Kinecki

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 21, June 4, 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.



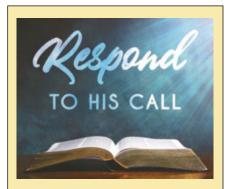
TELEVISED & ONLINE MASS

The Basilica's Sunday Mass is available each weekend online at **olvbasilica.org**. Simply click on the link that will appear in the popup box, or click under *Digital Mass Archive*.

Sunday Mass is also televised on WGRZ Ch. 2 at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Also, 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.

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Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit **buffalovocations.org**.

COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA

Next weekend (May 18-19), is our annual Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Church



in Africa. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. The Church in Africa faces economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. Your support for this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly/religious formation, outreach programs, schools, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, visit usccb.org/africa and usccb.org/latin-america.

OLV SERVICE CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

Our next service day at Resurrection Life Food Pantry (2145 Old Union Road, Cheektowaga) is **Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.** We need at least five members to participate.

On **Tuesday, June 4 from 5—7 p.m.**, we will host a festival for residents of OLV Human Services on Martin Road. Volunteers are needed to assist with face painting, karaoke, snow cones, lawn games, and a picnic dinner.

High school seniors can apply for an OLV Service Club Scholarship. Up to \$500 will be awarded. Email **bowood62@gmail.com** for an application, which is due by June 1st.

For questions or to volunteer, call Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Congratulations to the following high school students who achieved honors for the third marking period in this 2023-2024 school year:

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors

Nathaniel Lindstrom, Grade 9

Second Honors

Brandon Drummond II, Grade 12



COMMUNITY EVENTS

BW'S CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 8 • 3-6 p.m.

The Catholic Daughters Court 1311 is hosting a takeout-only chicken dinner fundraiser at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish Center, 3688 South Park Avenue. Tickets are \$15 each; presale tickets not required. Free delivery to Good Counsel apartments and Lily House in Blasdell. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and roll. Contact Therese Constable at 716-390-8618 for more information.

CAMP TURNER STAFFING

Camp Turner is HIRING for the summer! We are recruiting college students (age 18+) looking to work with children ages 7-15 for the summer at a camp in beautiful Allegany State Park. Camp staff can build their resume while developing

youth in nature. Apply online at www.campturner.com/employment or contact Camp Director John Mann at jmann@olvcharities.org.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT BISHOP HEAD RESIDENCE

The Bishop Head Residence for retired priests in Lackawanna has the following job opportunities available:

- Part-Time Housekeeper—
 20 hours per week (W, Th, F), \$16.50 per hour plus prorated PTO and sick time, along with holiday pay
- Part-Time Cook—8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday and Saturday, plus every other Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$18 per hour plus prorated PTO and sick time, along with holiday pay

For more information, please contact rjaniszewski@buffalodiocese.org.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord.

Bless my mom for all she does for me.
Her hugs and snuggles warm my heart.
Her kind and loving words make me brave.
Her laugh makes me feel happy inside.
Her guiding example leads me in all I do.
Lord, thank you for the gift of my mom.

DEVElementary School

by: Mrs. Mullins' Kindergarten Class



Grace Elizabeth Gonka,

daughter of Justin & Taylor Gonka, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

Ellieanna Payton'Arabella

Landsman, daughter of Aaden Landsman & Hope West, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

Brooks Nicholas Ortiz.

son of Nicholas & Carly Ortiz, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Daniel Walter Glab, Jr.,

son of Daniel & Emily Glab, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Bruno Alexander Rivera.

son of Joseph Rivera & Lauren Clark, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

Jackson Michael West..

son of Joshua West & Heather Thurman, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, May 5, 2024.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:

To participate, students must be currently in 9th grade AND:

- be a registered member of a parish in our Family of Parishes
 (OLV Basilica, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Our Mother of Good Counsel, St. Anthony, Queen of Angels, or Our Lady of Bistrica)
- be currently enrolled in and up-to-date with the requirements of our Faith Formation program <u>OR</u> be currently attending a Catholic High School

If you meet these requirements and have not received a letter from the Faith Formation Office, please contact Carm Zomeri at 716-828-9437 or faithformation@olvbasilica.org.

Upcoming Confirmation Dates:

- Sunday, June 2 12:00—1:30 p.m.
 Group Session at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Gym We will be discussing service, saints, and sponsors. Lunch is included for all candidates.
- Thursday Evenings 6:00—8:00 p.m.
 July 11, 18 and 25 and August 8 and 15
 Confirmation classes will be held at OLV.
- Sunday, September 29 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
 MANDATORY Confirmation Retreat



Carol Anne Tokarczyk and Chester Partacz

were married here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Saturday, March 15, 2024.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:

Registration is open for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Classes will begin in October. Forms are available through the Faith Formation Office. Please contact Carm Zomeri at 716-828-9437 or faithformation@olvbasilica.org.

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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**

For online giving, please go to https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica! OFFERTORY COLLECTION for Sunday, April 14, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$15,428.59
Monthly	\$805.00
Easter	\$417.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$54.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,881.10

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Altar & Rosary Society \$30.00 Catholic Home Missions \$16.00

Total \$19,651.69



VISIT THE BASILICA 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. Please stop in to see what we have to offer!

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- Go to our WeShare site at: olvbasilica.weshareonline.org
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 5/18	4:30 p.m.	Lydia Zielinski	Jean Dulak, Mary Anne Jackson, John Leszak
Sun. 5/19	8:00 a.m.	Martin Tobin	Mary Ellen Carosa, Mary Check, Richard Grasso
	10:00 a.m.	Laura Schuh	Terrence McCann, Bridget Wood
	Noon	Linda Smolen	Robert McDonough, Jon Paul Trabucco
	4:30 p.m.	Patricia DiVito	Marsha Lipke, Moey Oakley, Gregory Stachowski

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