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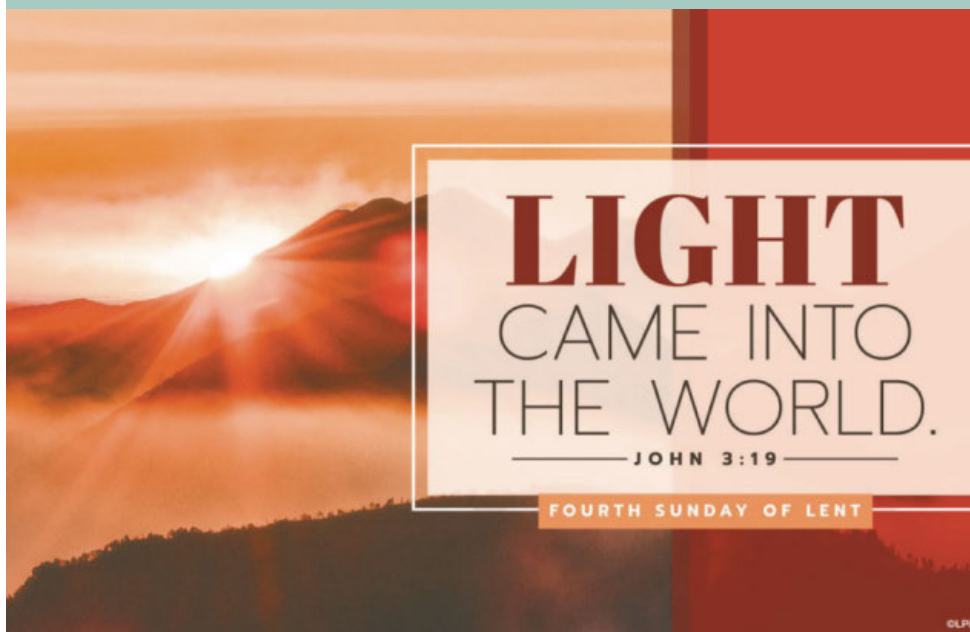
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March 10, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



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## COME & WORSHIP

### BASILICA HOURS

The Basilica is open for private prayer from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily and until 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

### 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:**

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.**

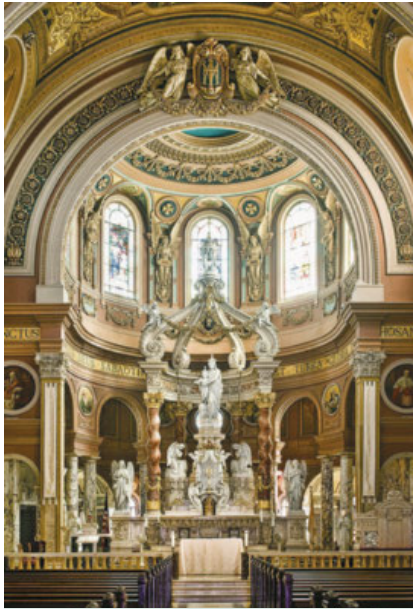
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## WELCOME TO OLV NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA

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](mailto:olvrectory@olvbasilica.org). All are welcome!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS IN CHRIST,

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Please join us as we host the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass on **Friday, March 15 at 12:10 p.m. Mass**. (Please note the change in day to Friday.) Following Mass will be the "shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade," beginning outside the Basilica and parading to Lackawanna City Hall. I am truly humbled and honored to have been asked to serve as Grand Marshal of the parade. My maternal great-grandmother from County Cork would be proud!



### KINDRED RETURNS TO OLV: Saturday, March 16 at 4:30 p.m. Mass

We warmly welcome back to OLV Basilica "Kindred," the husband and wife team of David & Felicia Meyer. With a rare blend of voice, cello, guitars, and percussion, this musical duo has delighted audiences for years. They will lead the music at our 4:30 p.m. Mass on 3/16, just in time for Saint Patrick's Day! They do always do a beautiful job!

### RETURN OF VOTIVE CANDLES

I know a number of people have asked about the small votive candles. We are in the process of refurbishing the stands. As soon as they are ready, the small votive candles will be placed back in the Basilica. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES GUEST SPEAKER ON MARCH 16—17: KEVIN GANNON

We welcome Kevin Gannon to OLV Basilica, who will speak at all of the weekend Masses on March 16-17 on the Catholic Charities Appeal 2024. It is

most appropriate that Kevin, a native son of our OLV Basilica Parish, will be here to speak on St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is the Patron Saint for the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal and, as you know, the original church before the building of the Basilica was St. Patrick's Church on what was then known as Limestone Hill.



Father Baker was also the original signer for the Catholic Charities Charter when it began in 1923. I encourage all of our parishioners to be as generous as possible in supporting this year's appeal. Every donation large or small makes a difference in caring for those most in need in our Western New York Community.

The Diocesan Goal for Appeal 2024 is \$9,500,000. **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 \$17,195 from 34 donors.**

**To make a gift, please mail your donor card to Appeal 2024, donate online at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org), or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.** Please identify yourself as a parishioner of OLV National Shrine & Basilica, so that our parish is credited to ensure we make our parish goal.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday. The Knights of Columbus Father Baker Council is encouraging the families of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Parish to attend the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. The liturgy of the Lord's passion and death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through His passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us.



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:  
FAMILY OF PARISHES #26:  
Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m.  
at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Church, Orchard Park**

A Communal Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 3148 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, for the Family of Parishes that includes St. Anthony's, Queen of Angels, Our Lady of Bistrica, Lackawanna, and Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell, along with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Victory. All are welcome to attend. A number of Confessors will be available.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY:

**Saturday, March 23**  
**4:30 p.m.** Vigil Mass

**Sunday, March 24**  
**8:00 a.m.** Mass  
**10:00 a.m.** Mass  
**12:00 Noon** Mass  
**4:30 p.m.** Mass

### ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

In addition to our regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our three priests will be available on:

**Tuesday, March 26**  
**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 27**  
**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

**9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer

**7:00 p.m.** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

**9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer

**12:00 Noon** Stations of the Cross (inside the Basilica)

**12:00 Noon** Outdoor Stations of the Cross (beginning at the South Park entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery)

**3:00 p.m.** Celebration of the Passion of the Cross with Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion

**7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

**9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer

**1:00 p.m.** Blessing of Easter Baskets

**8:00 p.m.** The Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

**8:00 a.m.** Mass  
**10:00 a.m.** Mass  
**12:00 Noon** Mass

**Please note there is no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.**

### SEVEN CHURCH VISITATION: HOLY THURSDAY

You are cordially invited to join me for the *Seven Churches Visitation* on Holy Thursday, March 28, starting at 8:30 p.m. This special event will feature stops and adoration at some of WNY's most sacred places:

1. OLV National Shrine & Basilica
2. Saint Stanislaus Church
3. Corpus Christi Church
4. Saint John Kanty Church
5. Blessed Sacrament Church
6. Saint Joseph Cathedral
7. Holy Family Church

Bus transportation is available and security is provided. Participants will gather at the Basilica at 8:30 p.m.

**Spots are very limited. To reserve your place, contact Kim at 716-828-9607 or [kkutera@olvcharities.org](mailto:kkutera@olvcharities.org).** There is no cost to attend.

May Father Baker intercede for you and Our Lady of Victory protect you and your loved ones. God bless you!

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As we approach Holy Week, may we continue to keep praying for our catechumens and candidates as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church:

*Catechumens*  
(not yet baptized)

**Dennis Higdon**  
**Lamonica Higdon**

*Candidates*  
(baptized Catholics receiving further catechesis in preparation for First Communion and/or Confirmation)

**Libby Marinaccio**  
**Alexander Preiss**  
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND PENANCE SERVICE

Please note that we will continue to have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Our family of parishes (#26) is also hosting Stations of the Cross. If you wish to visit our neighboring churches, the remaining schedule is:

- **Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.**  
Our Lady of Bistrice, Lackawanna
- **Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m.**  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park

A Lenten Penance Service will also be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Orchard Park at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

## 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. April 9 and April 23

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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9—Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

- 7:30 am OLV Spiritual Association Members
- 12:10 pm Rosemary Potter by Family
- 4:30 pm Kevin Bartosz (Anniversary of Death) by wife Denise and children

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Holy Name Society
- 10:00 am Trina Stillwell by William & Mary Ann O'Rourke
- 12:00 pm Eleanor Erny by Don & Maryann Omicioli
- 4:30 pm OLV Golden Treasury Intentions

### MONDAY, MARCH 11—Lenten Weekday

- 7:30 am Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
- 12:10 pm George E. & Marion A. Michael by Estate

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12—Lenten Weekday

- 7:30 am Ignacy, Aniela, Andrew, Edward, Peter Kaczmarczyk & Nell Vidrine by Pat
- 12:10 pm Novena in Honor of St. Joseph  
Thomas James Raczka by The Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13—Lenten Weekday

- 7:30 am Novena in Honor of St. Joseph  
Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk (Anniversary of Death) by Pat and Daughters
- 12:10 pm Lenore McGinley by Judy & Pat Quinn  
David M. Olivieri & Joseph T. Shehadi by Renee Olivieri

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14—Lenten Weekday

- 7:30 am Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
- 12:10 pm Darlene Ghosen by Joan Milazzo  
Rev. Msgr. Michael E. DelVecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15—Lenten Weekday

- 7:30 am Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Regina A. Del Vecchio
- 8:15 am Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
- 12:10 pm Anthony Saniewski Sr. and Stella & Anthony Saniewski Jr. by Family  
George C. Wright by Teresa Gabbey
- 5:00 pm **Wedding: Carol Ann Tokarczyk and Chester Partacz**
- 7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
- 7:30 pm Frank E. Lord, Jr. by Anna Lukaszewicz

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16—Lenten Weekday

- 7:30 am Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
- 12:10 pm Friends of St. Patrick by The Patriots Club
- 4:30 pm Roy, Theresa & Margaret Klink by Tim and Dawn Fiust-Klink

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17—Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
- 10:00 am Irma McDermott by the Wutz Family
- 12:00 pm John J. Kubisty by Elaine Kubisty
- 4:30 pm Micheline Wilcox by Mary Gallagher

## WORD BEYOND SUNDAYS

**Mondays in Lent •**  
**1:00 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.**

This Lent, take some time to reflect on *God's Word Beyond Sundays* by joining us to take a deeper look at each weekend's readings. Sessions will take place every Monday in the Basilica's Marian Room at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will meet weekly until Easter. Come to any or all sessions!

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**Fridays • 6:00—6:50 p.m.**  
**March 15 and 22**

Our first two Lenten soup suppers went very well! Thank you to our generous parishioners and OLV Service Club members for providing so many different and delicious soups. If you have not stopped in, there are just two opportunities left. Soup's on at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica's Brvenik Community Room, with time to get to the Stations of the Cross afterwards. Each supper includes a guest speaker:

- **3/15**—Amy Betros, Co-Founder of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy
- **3/22**—Ellen Wood, Director, Little Portion Friary

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with setup, vegetarian soup prep, and cleanup. Soups can be brought hot in a crock pot between 5:00-5:30 p.m. To volunteer, contact Bridget Wood at 716-536-3887. All are welcome! (Special note to the kind woman who dropped off her delicious soup on 3/1, please contact Bridget so we can return your Tupperware.)

## OLV SERVICE CLUB

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m.** in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria. We will assemble Easter baskets for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Please join us!

Our next volunteer night at Resurrection Food Pantry is **Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.** We need at least 5 volunteers; please let Bridget (716-536-3887) know if you can help.

## LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES: LIVING OUT LENT

**Tuesday, March 12 • 6:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, March 14 • 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, March 19 • 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a series of thought-provoking sessions designed to show how Lent is lived every day through acts of discipleship and giving.

- **3/12**—Fr. Ronald Sajdak, director of *Reaching Out to Africa*, shares the impact that Lenten discipleship has on the world, particularly in Africa.
- **3/14**—Jeff Papia, Chief Strategy Officer of OLV Human Services, shares his experiences of Lenten discipleship and the role it plays via the compassionate work OLVHS continues in Fr. Baker's name.
- **3/19**—Sr. M. Johnice Rzakiewicz, CSSF, founder of *Response to Love*, shares her experiences with some of the most marginalized in WNY.

No cost to attend. Sessions take place in the Basilica's Community Room.

## SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

**Wednesday, March 13 • 6:30 p.m.**

All are invited to Resurrection Parish Center (130 Como Park Blvd, Buffalo) for a diocesan-wide listening session to discuss the *Synod on Synodality*.

## HEALING MASS AT OLV

**Wednesday, March 13 • 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a Healing Mass in the Basilica with Fr. Richard DiGiulio, the Director of Charismatic Renewal for the Diocese. All are welcome!

## ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

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## ANNUAL OLV SWEEPSTAKES

**Saturday, March 23 •**  
**Doors open at 5:30 p.m. •**  
**OLV Elementary Cafeteria & Gym**

Purchase a ticket for the OLV Annual Sweepstakes 2024, sponsored by OLV Elementary School, with a total of 30 cash prizes including a Grand Prize of \$10,000! Each \$50 ticket admits two adults to the Grand Drawing. Winners need not be present. Party in the cafeteria and gym from 6—10 p.m. Pizza, snacks and beverages provided; outside food encouraged.

Tickets are available at the Gift Shop, School, and Rectory, or scan the QR code below, or visit <https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org>. For questions, please call the school at 716-828-9435 or Rick Diamond at 716-253-4679. We appreciate your support!



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Palm Sunday, March 24 •**  
**10:00 a.m. Mass**

Please join us with your family at our next Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday! This is a very special liturgy for our community. This is the Palm Sunday Liturgy, which includes participation with the Gospel reading.

**Practice for this Mass will be held one week before on Saturday, March 16 from 9:00—10:30 a.m. in the Basilica's lower level Community Room.** We need more readers, collectors and more singers. Please call Tina Hatem (716-826-5075) to volunteer or if you have any questions about this Mass.

**NOTE: We are also looking for volunteers for our Good Friday Stations of the Cross.** Youth of all ages are needed to act out the Stations in the cemetery at Noon. Sign-up sheets will be available after Palm Sunday Mass or please call Tina Hatem (716-826-5075) to volunteer.

### WE ARE GRATEFUL!

In order to continue to maintain our beautiful Basilica and support the mission and ministries of our parish, including our 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**. For online giving, go to <https://olvbasilica.weshareonline.org>. We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Our Lady of Victory Basilica!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday, February 11, 2024**

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Weekly	\$15,308.00
Monthly	\$454.00
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Christmas	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Fuel	\$1,260.00
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Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary (1/1)	\$40.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$291.05
Sr. Ellen O'Keefe Angel Fund	\$70.00
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Black & Native Missions	\$7.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$7.00
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 3/16	4:30 p.m.	Jeffrey Stenzel	Jean Dulak, Kathleen Roche
Sun. 3/17	8:00 a.m.	Paul Miazga	Catherine Bergen, Mary Ellen Carosa, Mary Check
	10:00 a.m.	Michael (Mickey) Kipler	Carolyn Kipler, Patricia Jarosz, Terrence McCann
	Noon	Arthur Smith	Ellen Scheiderer, Linda Smolen, Christopher Swan
	4:30 p.m.	Cathleen Woods	Moey Oakley, Gregory Stachowski



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