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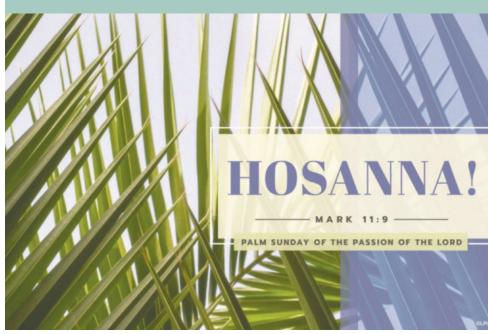
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COME & WORSHIP

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: (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,

We gather on this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord to begin Holy Week. Today the Church throughout the world recalls the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery of His passion, death and resurrection. May we take time out of our busy lives this week to come to church, to pause, to pray, and to thank God for the greatest gift of His love, and to accompany our Lord Jesus Christ through the liturgies of this Holy Week.

ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Priests will be available to hear confessions during the following times.

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.

On Holy Thursday, there is no morning Mass, as we gather at 7:00 p.m. for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in which we commemorate the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the Priesthood, and the commandment of the Lord Jesus concerning fraternal charity. The celebration concludes with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. The Basilica will remain open until 10:00 p.m. for the people to come and silently pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be communal Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Holy Thursday,

Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. All are welcome!

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

On Good Friday, we gather at 3:00 p.m. for the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. This service will include the Liturgy of the Word with Proclamation of the Passion, followed by the Solemn Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion. The service will conclude in silence. The Basilica will remain open for the remainder of the day for people to come and pray in silence before the wood of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

(Main Basilica)

8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

- Sacraments of Initiation

On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass until the celebration of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (after sundown). The entire celebration is to take place at night. In the first part of the Liturgy, we will have the Blessing of the Fire, the Blessing of the Easter Candle, and the solemn chanting of the Exultet (The Easter

Proclamation). The second part of the Liturgy is the extended Liturgy of the Word proclaiming the events of salvation history leading up to the Gospel of the Resurrection. The third part of the Liturgy is the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates, along with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises for all who are present. The celebration concludes with the fourth part: The Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is truly a most holy night!

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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

Please note there is <u>no</u> 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

May this Holy Week and celebration of Easter be filled with many graces and blessings for you and your loved ones. All are welcome here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2024:

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 \$41,457.50 from 138 donors from our parish. I encourage everyone to consider making a gift to this year's appeal. If you have donated in the past, please consider an increase in your gift this year. If you have never donated, please consider making a donation to this year's appeal. Due to the lingering effects of the pandemic, 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, visit **ccwny.org/ donations**, 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 parish goal. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit **ccwny.org**.

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. In the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:31-46) Thank you to all who have contributed to date!

The Patron for Appeal 2024 is Saint Patrick. St. Patrick, God's calling was revealed to you only in the midst of poverty and captivity, not in the material comfort of home. Pray then, that we come to our work with humility. Open our hearts to God's calling and guide us to do His work, just as you did. May your example of perseverance, forgiveness, and hope guide our efforts for our 100th Appeal. Through your intercession, St. Patrick, we pray that our Loving God will bless us and those we serve, and that through Him, we will be successful. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Patrick, pray for us!

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. Again, I wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and a most Joyous Easter!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

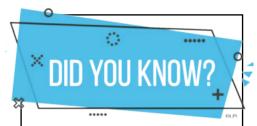
Catechumens (not yet baptized)

Dennis Higdon Lamonica Higdon

Candidates

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

> Libby Marinaccio Alexander Preiss Michael Spence Christopher Whalen Noelle Ortiz



OLV Elementary School places a strong emphasis on a Christian attitude, academic achievement, and self-discipline for all our students PreK4—8th Grade.

If this is what you desire for your children or grandchildren, give us a call at 716-828-7492 or visit us online at **OurLadyofVictory Elementary.org**. Remember to check us out on Facebook and Instagram at Our Lady of Victory Elementary.

Our first 100 years were awesome, the next 100 will be even better! *The Legacy Lives On*, join us!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory Office will be CLOSED on

- Good Friday, March 29
- Easter Monday, April 1
- Monday, April 8

The Basilica Gift Shop will be CLOSED on Easter Sunday,

March 31. However, it will be open on Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 1.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. Please be generous! For more information, visit my franciscan.org/good-friday.

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 23—Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:30 am Vincent Lardner by the Roth Family

12:10 pm Francis E. "Bud" Downey by the Downey Family

4:30 pm Michael Eagan by Kelli Eagan

SUNDAY, MARCH 24—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am Laura Mancuso (Birthday Remembrance) by Whitey Boettcher
10:00 am George & Charlotte Frantzen by the Frantzen Family

12:00 pm Jim (Anniversary of Death) & Mary Ellen Zimmer by sister, Denise Clouden

4:30 pm Gene Pluta, Sr. (Anniversary of Death) by wife and son

MONDAY, MARCH 25—Monday of Holy Week

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Idzior Family by Pat
 12:10 pm MaryAnn Najuch by daughter, Linda Smolen Mark W. Clifford (Anniversary of Death) by Carole Clifford

TUESDAY, MARCH 26—Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Charles & Madonna Evingham by Nicholas & Kathleen Grasso

12:10 pm Ted Swiech by the Swiech Family
Matthew & Eleanor Woloszyn by sons

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27—Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Wanda Slaski (Birthday Remembrance)

12:10 pm Thomas Mazurek by Mike & Terry Jakubowski

Michael Lesnick by Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—Holy Thursday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Procession of the

Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29—Good Friday

9:00 am **Morning Prayer**

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

12:00 pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross (South Park entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery)

3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Cross

(Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30—Holy Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

1:00 pm **Blessing of Easter Baskets** (inside the main Basilica) 8:00 pm **The Easter Vigil**—For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 31—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am For the People of the Parish 10:00 am For the People of the Parish 12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Please Note: There will be no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

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SPRING 2024 SCHEDULE AND UPDATED CALL LIST AVAILABLE for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

The new Lector and Extraordinary Minister schedule for Spring 2024 is now available online and in the sacristy. Please visit the sacristy if you would like a print copy. An updated call list is also available in the sacristy. If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Deacon Mark at the rectory.

WORD BEYOND SUNDAYS

Monday, March 25 ◆ 1:00 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m. Basilica—Marian Room

Take some time to reflect on *God's Word Beyond Sundays* by joining us to take a deeper look at next weekend's readings. Our final session takes place on Monday, March 25 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!



Good Friday, March 29 ● 4:00— 7:00 p.m. ● OLV Elementary

The Eighth Grade OLV Class of 2024 is sponsoring a Fish Fry to help defray the cost of their end-of-year class trip to Hershey Park in June. The Fish Fry will be held on Good Friday, March 29 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the OLV Elementary Cafeteria and is dine-in or take-out. A basket raffle will conclude the same evening. Tickets are \$17 and include hand-dipped beer-battered haddock, French fries, potato salad, coleslaw, lemon wedge, rye bread and butter, and tartar sauce. Fish fry is being provided by BW's. Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend and can also be purchased in the school office (716-828-9434). The Eighth Graders would greatly appreciate your support!

EASTER DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, volunteers are needed to help decorate the Basilica. Please join us on Good Friday, March 29, after the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to come and help us prepare our Basilica for Easter!

OLV GARDEN COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 4 ● 5:30— 7:00 p.m. ● Basilica Museum

The OLV Garden Committee is hosting an Open House on April 4 in the Father Baker Museum for you to learn how to volunteer to garden



around the Basilica. Beer, wine, and light fare will be available. Register to attend by March 31st by scanning the QR code above or by emailing Scott at sweigley@olvcharities.org.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Weekend of April 6-7

Girl Scout Troop 31478 will be at OLV Basilica selling cookies on the weekend of April 6/7 before and after all Masses. Cookies are \$6 a box. The girls appreciate the support you give them each cookie season. Your donations help to fund service projects, outings, and learning opportunities for the young ladies of the troop.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 13 • 8—10 a.m.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Nelson H. Baker #1043 will sponsor a pancake breakfast at the Applebee's at Southgate Plaza to support scholarships for local Catholic students continuing at a Catholic High School. Your \$6 ticket gets you 3 pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon, and unlimited coffee, tea or orange juice. Seconds available. There will also be a basket raffle. Tickets available at the door or from any Catholic Daughter.

OLV SERVICE CLUB

Sunday, April 21 • 5:30 pm

Our March 10 meeting was very productive, assembling 50 Easter baskets for the St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Please join us for our next meeting on **Sunday, April 21** in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC SINGLES AGES 21—35

Thursday, April 11 • 5:30 p.m. Sad Boys Brewing 567 Exchange Street, Buffalo

Join us for a Catholic Singles Mingle! An evening of fun and fellowship! Admission is free but space is limited. RSVP by Monday,

April 8 by scanning the QR code. For more info, contact Rosalie Constable at rosaliecon15 @gmail.com.



CAMP TURNER STAFFING

Camp Turner is HIRING for the summer! We are recruiting college students 18 years or older who are looking to work with children ages 7-15 for the summer at camp located 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.

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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 25, 2024

PARISH COLL FCTIONS (including online)

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Weekly	\$16,875.00
Monthly	\$785.00
Ash Wednesday	\$315.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Easter	\$405.00
Easter Flowers	\$390.00
Fuel	\$55.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$3,272.19

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Black & Native Missions	\$15.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$15.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$85.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$45.00

Total \$22,277.19

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.



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