





A Father Baker Legacy

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March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday



GET IN TOUCH!

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (closed Th and Fri from 1-2 p.m. for lunch)

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SCHOOL 2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna

Mary Doyle-Szlosek, Principal

716-828-9434 elementary@olvbasilica.org www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org

FAITH FORMATION 2760 S. Park Avenue, Lackawanna

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Carmelann Zomeri, Director 716-828-9437 faithformation@olvbasilica.org

GIFT SHOP AND MUSEUM

Open Daily 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for lunch)

James Murphy, Gift Shop Manager 716-828-9433 olvgiftshop@olvbasilica.org

COME & WORSHIP

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. 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Saturday:

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 SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it! Alleluia! I extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for the joyous celebration of Easter. I am so filled with joy and so grateful to God for the gift of each and every member of our parish family as well as all of our visitors and friends of OLV!. In the words of St. Augustine, "We are Easter people and alleluia is our song!" The resurrection of Jesus is the centerpiece of our Catholic faith. On this Easter Day and throughout the coming fifty days of the Easter season, may we give glory and praise to God, singing our alleluias and bearing witness to the Risen Christ by the way we live our lives.

When our Risen Lord appeared to Mary Magdalene that first Easter morning, He sent her to announce the Good News to His disciples that He had truly risen from the dead. Our Lord sends us out to do the same. He calls us to live our faith in such a way that others will come to know, love and believe in Him, because they will see the difference our faith in Jesus Christ makes in our daily lives.

During this beautiful season of Easter, please reach out to all those who need to hear this message of hope and the promise of New Life that only our Risen Lord Jesus can give. Invite others whose faith has grown lukewarm, or who for whatever reason have drifted away, to return to the Lord Jesus and the Sacraments of the Church, which we are so privileged to celebrate and receive. Please join me in praying this Easter prayer:

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER): April 7, 2024

Next Sunday, we will have a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. for Divine Mercy Sunday. It will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Liturgy of the Word, Reflection, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, and Intercessions, and will conclude with Benediction and the Divine Praises. All are welcome!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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 \$44,142.50 from 151 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, 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. Every donation (large or small) makes a difference. For more info about Catholic Charities, visit **ccwny.org**. Thank you to all who have contributed; may God bless you for your generosity on behalf of those most in need throughout WNY.

SR. ELLEN O'KEEFE ANGEL FUND

The unique gift of Catholic education forms the mind, body, and spirit of youth to be faith-filled individuals who will serve their community. Though the times and faces of the students have changed over the decades, OLV's commitment to forming young minds in the Catholic tradition has not. OLV Elementary, following the example of Venerable Nelson Baker, strives to provide the best possible experience by addressing the unique needs of each student in their care.

As you may imagine, the cost to provide this individualized education is outside the means of some families who want to enroll their children at OLV. Recognizing this reality, the Sr. Ellen O'Keefe, SSJ Angel Fund was established to provide financial assistance to families unable to cover the cost of tuition. Sr. Ellen devoted nearly her entire religious life to the children and families she encountered through OLV Elementary School. The Sr. Ellen O'Keefe, SSJ Angel Fund continues her legacy of providing Catholic education for youth, especially those with financial

challenges. For details on how to become a "Sr. Ellen Angel" and help give the gift of Catholic education, please use the QR code or go to



https:/www.olvcharities.org/ sister-ellen-angel-fund

THANK YOU

On behalf of Fr. Paul, Fr. Rob, Deacon Michael, Deacon Mark, and myself, we thank all of you for your wonderful dedication and generous support of our parish throughout the year. May God bless you and your loved ones with a blessed and joyous Easter! May Father Baker intercede for you, and Our Lady of Victory watch over and protect you!

GRATEFULLY, FR. DAVID

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

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—Living & Deceased Parishioners of OLV Basilica		

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

	Please Note: There will be <u>no 4:30 p.m. Mass</u> on Easter Sunday
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
10:00 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica

MONDAY, APRIL 1-Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am	Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv. by Regina A. Del Vecchio
	Marilyn Ross by Terry Kind

12:10 pm Mary Ellen (Birthday Remembrance) by Mary J.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:30 am Alfred Reisdorf by Judi Laird and Paul Gusmann
- OLV Helping Hands Club Members 12:10 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am	Walter Kupkowski, Sr. by Family	
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12:10 pm Michael & Mildred Idzior by Ron & Donna Kraus

THURSDAY, APRIL 4—Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am	OLV Father Baker Guild Members
12:10 pm	Michael Chiodo II by son, Landon Chiodo

FRIDAY, APRIL 5—Friday within the Octave of Easter

- **OLV Spiritual Association Members** 7:30 am Cornelius P. Downey, Jr. by the Downey Family
- Casimir M. Slaski & Family 12:10 pm Michael & Patricia Ando by Mike & Patty Bidlack

SATURDAY, APRIL 6—Saturday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am	OLV Spiritual Society Intentions
12:10 pm	Saleh "Sal" Assad by OLV Charities and Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma
4:30 pm	Carolyn Mooney by Thomas Grys

SUNDAY, APRIL 7—Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 am	Alice Comerford by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Comerford		
10:00 am	David M. Regan by Family		
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the OLV Altar & Rosary Society		
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Eucharistic Holy Hour		
4:30 pm	Bart & Florence Danahy (Wedding Anniversary) by Family		

PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, April 1 and Monday, April 8.

The Basilica Gift Shop will be CLOSED on Sunday, March 31.



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, April 4 from 3:00—4:00 p.m.

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.

PARISH NEWS

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VOCATION REFLECTION

The Lord is truly risen! Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. You must now decide how you are going to live that new life. Will you answer His call? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit **buffalovocations.org**.



Liam Charles Trendell, son of David and Elaina Trendell, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

Cecelia Lisa Sadler,

daughter of Joshua & Danielle Sadler, was baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

Emery Wilhelmina Keem and Isla Claire Keem,

daughters of Ryan & Beth Keem, were baptized here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING 2024 MINISTRY SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

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.



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 today 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 p.m.

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.



OLV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know that OLV Elementary School offers our 8th Grade students the ability to take two Regents courses? Algebra and Living Environment!

Registration is open! Give us a call at 716-828-7592 or visit us online at **OurLadyofVictoryElementary.org**.

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

OUR COMMUNITY

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Dear Lord,

Bless our families and friends as we gather together this Easter.

Bunnies remind us of all the animals You made,

and all of the beautiful things You created.

We love you, God, more than any chocolate, candy or toys

We ask for Your Easter blessing on this special day.

Amen.

Written by: Miss Redman's Third Grade Class

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC SINGLES AGES 21-35

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

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, please contact Rosalie Constable at rosaliecon15@ gmail.com.



UVElementary School

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CHESTERTON ACADEMY

Join Chesterton Academy of Buffalo for our 10th Anniversary Celebration!

Thursday, April 11 • Revive Eucharistic Conference with Jackie Angel—She will speak about the Charisms of the Holy Spirit at St. Gregory the Great Church.

Friday, April 12 • Barrel & Burn: A Fireside Chat with G. K. Chesterton This event at Chesterton Academy

COMMUNITY EVENTS

(5331 Genesee Street, Bowmansville) includes a cigar truck, BBQ, wine, bourbon, and beer tastings, as well as many great prizes.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. To purchase tickets (\$40 per event), visit https:// buffalochestertonacademy.org/ news-and-events or call 716-674-8101.

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.

CAMP TURNER REGISTRATION

Camp Turner Summer Registration is OPEN! Camp Turner has been serving children for over 100 years in a safe, nurturing, and developmental environment. Our first aid and CPRcertified staff undergo an extensive background check and attend a weeklong training to best care for your camper. **Register online at** www.campturner.org.

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

4129 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg

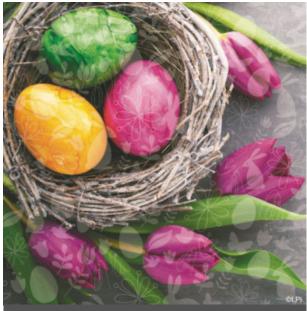
Everything you need for a memorable summer is here at St. Francis! Check out our Rising Red Raider program for boys entering 8th grade in



the fall of 2024, filled with engaging and interactive activities such as a movie-making workshop, robotics, E-sports and much more! For young athletes, we have multiple sports camps for various grade levels to help you learn the basics and set you on a path for high-level performance. Scan the QR code for the schedule and to register today! For questions, contact us at 716-627-1200 x455 or admissions@stfrancishigh.org.

SUPPORT OLV

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GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE.

It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.

Support OLV Basilica today using your credit or debit card, or checking or savings account.

Go to our WeShare site at: olvbasilica.weshareonline.org

Select the collection or event of your choice.

Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

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, March 3, 2024

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$18,780.75
Monthly	\$1,515.00
Ash Wednesday	\$30.00
Easter	\$35.00
Easter Flowers	\$310.00
Holy Day: Assumption (8/15)	\$5.00
Fuel	\$65.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$15.71
Sr. Ellen O'Keefe Angel Fund	\$30.00
Votive Candles/Shrines	\$2,887.83

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Black & Native Missions	\$801.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$30.00

Total

\$24,505.29

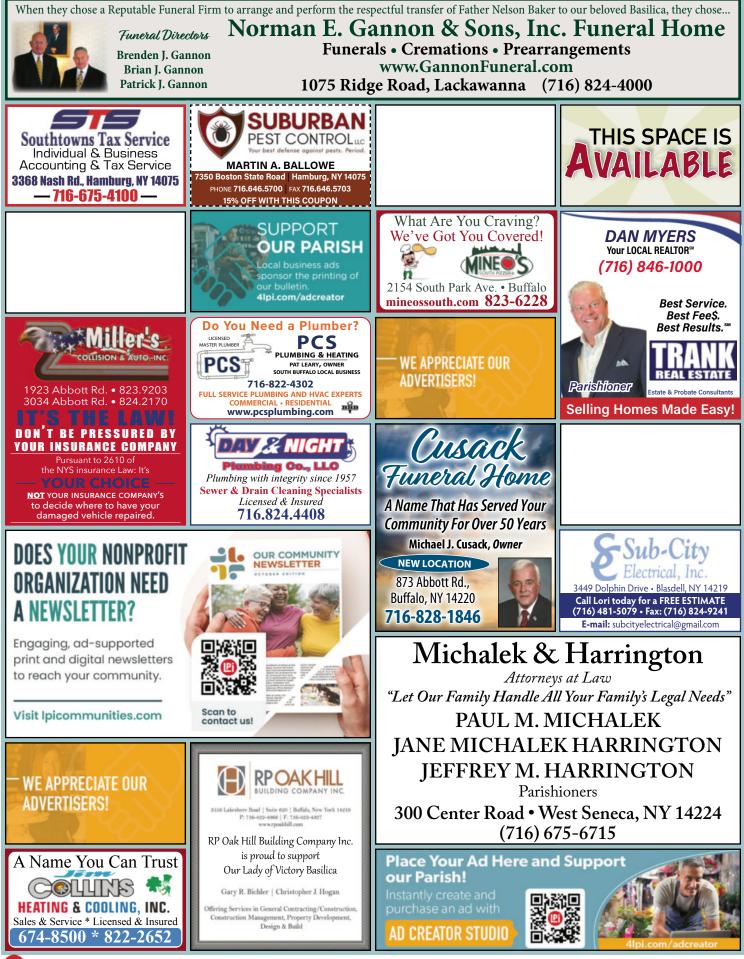


VISIT THE GIFT SHOP

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 Ladv 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.

MINI	MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat. 4/6	4:30 p.m.	Amanda and Richie English	Kathleen Clark, Cindy Schaefer, Lydia Zielinski
Sun. 4/7	8:00 a.m.	Paul Miazga	Eugene Allman, Sheila Allman, Catherine Bergen
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	Patricia Jarosz, Timothy Wing
	Noon	Arthur Smith	Robert McDonough, David West, Doreen West
	4:30 p.m.	Kathy Dimitrievski	Donna Gelle, Stefan Gelle, Richard Grasso





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