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Sunday, November 19, 2017 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PAROCHIAL VICARS: Rev. Samuel T. Giangreco, Jr.
Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.

DEACON: Deacon Michael V. Comerford

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Folk Mass),

Noon (Choir), 4:30 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES: Please see bulletin

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. (Mon.-Sat.)

8:15 a.m. (Monday, Friday during School Year)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Eve of Holy Day: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Eve of First Friday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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GIFT SHOP and MUSEUM HOURS:

Daily

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ROSARY: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Our Parish offers a special Pre-Baptism preparation program for parents who desire to share their faith with their children. Parents-to-be must attend this class prior to the birth of their child. Baptisms are usually scheduled two times each month. Call the Rectory to register for classes. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics. Non-parishioners are required to have a Letter of Recommendation to serve as a sponsor.

Sacrament of Marriage:

To be married in the Basilica, you must be an active parishioner for at least 9 months prior to setting a date. Engaged couples should contact the pastor before making other wedding arrangements. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference, or equivalent pre-marriage preparation program.

Letters of Recommendation:

Recommendations to act as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation can be issued only to registered members of Our Lady of Victory Parish who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion regularly, have their children attending a Catholic school or Religious Education class. If married, the marriage must be in conformity with the regulations of the Catholic Church.

Devotions:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins immediately after the 12:10 p.m. Mass in the Basilica on Fridays and concludes with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

First Friday:

On the eve of the First Friday of each month there are confessions from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Mass is celebrated at 7:30 p.m. on First Friday.

Care of the Sick:

Please notify the rectory office for a visit to any family member who is sick, in the hospital or confined to home. Regular home Communion visits are usually on the First Friday of the month by a priest, deacon, or minister of the Eucharist.

Tours:

To schedule a tour of Our Lady of Victory Basilica, please contact Dianne Bosinski, Tours & Basilica Programs by email at dbosinski@ourladyofvictory.org or by phone at (716) 828-9424.

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This weekend is the weekend the Church in the U.S. takes up a collection for the **Campaign for Human Development**. This annual national collection helps economic and spiritual development programs throughout our nation. It will help in the rebuilding efforts for many, many people who have suffered personal losses due to earthquakes, fires and floods. There is a special envelope for this collection in your packet.

The parish Finance Council will meet this week Monday, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. This is the first meeting of this group for the fall season. These folks assist me in making decisions which touch on the financial stability of the parish. I am grateful for their help.

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving. This day brings families and friends together to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has given us. I invite you to **consider joining us for the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day, along with its food procession**, as a great way to begin this day of thanks. I know how busy life can get on Thanksgiving morning, but I can't think of a better way to thank God for our blessings than by attending the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving"). If you are attending this Mass, bring a gift of nonperishable food, as a gift to the poor. This food, and any cash donations from Thanksgiving Day Masses, will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society for their work with the needy throughout the holiday season.

In addition to the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day, there will also be a 7:30 a.m. Mass. The collection from this Mass will also aid the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The rectory, Gift Shop and Museum will all be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on the day after Thanksgiving.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, and is the last Sunday in our current Church Year. **Advent begins on Sunday, December 3**, the beginning of a whole new Church Year.

In case you have not heard, **my visit to Rome, scheduled two weeks ago, did not take place.** My flight to Rome was cancelled due to a large storm which closed all of the airports on the East Coast that day and part of the next day, as well. **I'll be rescheduling my visit as soon as I receive new dates from the Vatican**, after the first of the year.

May Jesus bless you and may Our Lady of Victory watch over you.

Father Paul



**Pray for the canonization of our founder,
Venerable Nelson Baker**



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Summary of the Readings Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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Weekend of November 25-26

Lectors:

Saturday, November 25

4:30 p.m.—S. Puckhaber

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m.—B. DeMike

10:00 a.m.—C. Swan

12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech

4:30 p.m.—M. Monroy

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 25

4:30 p.m.—Clark, Dulak, Jackson, Schaefer, Welsch

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m.—M.&P. Allman, M. Murray

10:00 a.m.—T. McCann, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Smolen, Trabucco, Wallum

4:30 p.m.—Barr, Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski

Servers:

Saturday, November 25

4:30 p.m.—E.A. Brotz, P. Diamond, C. Reidy

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m.—K.R. Wick, D.M. Wietchy

10:00 a.m.—C. Heitzhaus, A.J. Matyas, A. Pavolich

12:00 p.m.—A. Grinder, R. Litwin, T. Sitarek,

K. Thompson

4:30 p.m.—D.N. Clark, M. McNatty, J. Pearson

Tours: November 26: Deb Bossman

MassSchedule

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Week of November 19, 2017

Saturday, November 18

4:30 Matthew & Connie Zak & Joan Bonafede by Daughter & Sister, Diane Zak

Sunday, November 19—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Samuel Grasso by Children

10:00 Susan Krencik by Maureen Powers & Family

12:00 Emmett O'Leary by The O'Leary Family

4:30 Michael Kasprzak by Jim & Karen Dillon

Monday, November 20

7:30 Francis E. Downey by Family

Father Jaby by Gabriella & Family

8:15 Dec. Members of the Uschold Family by Uschold Estate

12:10 Frances Haggerty by Michael & Marjorie Haggerty

Mike Boland by Derek & Diane Smith

Tuesday, November 21—Presentation of the BVM

7:30 Helen Wieleba by Estate

All Souls in Purgatory esp. Dec. Members of the Suffering Souls Society by Valerie Corys

12:10 Jennie Swiech by The Swiech Family

The Couhig & Tobias Families (living) by The Couhig & Tobias Families

Wednesday, November 22—St. Cecilia

7:30 Our Lady of Victory All Souls Golden Treasury

Robert Walters by The Walters Family

12:10 Mark J. Halbina by Robert Sikorski

The Bandura Family by Viorica Bandura

Thursday, November 23—St. Clement I; St.

Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro; Thanksgiving

7:30 For the People of the Parish

12:10 St. Vincent de Paul Mass & Food Procession

Friday, November 24—St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions

7:30 Thomas Kevin Twist by John & Mary Twist

12:10 Bobby Blatt by Mary Anne Jackson & Children

Patsy Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer

Saturday, November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:30 James P. Donohoe (Birthday) by Wife & Family

12:10 Living Members of the Uschold Family by The Uschold Estate

4:30 Susan M. Fox by Steve Check

Sunday, November 26—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 James F. Sturckler by The Sturckler Family

10:00 Peter & Sue Stoycoff by Mr. & Mrs. James Kern

12:00 John Steinbrenner by Loving Daughters, Carolyn, Diane & Family

4:30 Charles & Kathleen Friedman by The Friedman Family



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Sunday, November 19—Thirty-third Sunday in**Ordinary Time***Campaign for Human Development*

8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)

10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)

Monday, November 20*School Thanksgiving Dinner*

8:15 a.m. School Thanksgiving Mass (Bas)

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (R)

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Caf)

7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, November 21—Presentation of the BVM

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (R)

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)

7:30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, November 22—St. Cecilia*School Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.*

NO RCIA Class

Thursday, November 23—St. Clement I; St.**Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro; Thanksgiving***Rectory, Gift Shop & Museum Closed; School Holiday*

7:30 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass & Food Procession

NO Legion of Mary Meeting

NO Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 24—St. Andrew Dũng-Lac &**Companions***Rectory, Gift Shop & Museum Closed; School Holiday*

1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)

2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)

Saturday, November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria

3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, November 26—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King**of the Universe**

NO Religious Ed Classes

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

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Our Lady of Victory School wishes everyone a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. As always, we are so grateful for the support our parish gives to our school each year. **Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!**

**Special Dates to Note:**

- ◆ November 19 - Secular Franciscans meeting in the school cafeteria 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ November 20 - Thanksgiving dinner
  - \* Pre-K to Grade 4 - 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  - \* Grades 5 to 8 - 12:15 to 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ November 22 - Half day with dismissal at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ November 23-24 - Thanksgiving Recess

**Daily Draw Tickets**

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**Questions?**

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### Baker Victory Services Angel Tree

**The Baker Victory Services Angel Tree is here.** Fall will soon be over so let's prepare for the Christmas holidays. We have angels on the tree in the Basilica for you. Please choose a boy or girl and purchase a gift or gifts for them.

They provide ideas, but you are not obligated to purchase those items. We appreciate what you can give to make our children feel special during this Christmas season. **Please attach the angel to the gift and return unwrapped to the rectory by December 8.** Thank you.

### From the Altar & Rosary Society

**Our parish Altar & Rosary Society invites you to join them for their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3, at J's White Elephant, Abbott Road, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Dinner menu includes breaded pork chops, stuffed rolled steak, potato, mixed veggies, salad and ice cream cake. To make a reservation, please call Ellie Wieleba at 481-7222. The Altar & Rosary Society will be accepting gift baskets for the Christmas Party. Please leave them at the rectory. The afternoon will include gift baskets and mystery gifts. It's a great way to begin the Christmas season. Cost: \$25 per person.

### Football Party

Please join us for an afternoon Bills Game sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society. **Watch the Bills vs Indy on the BIG screen on Sunday, December 10 in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.** (adults only). We will have beer, roast beef sandwiches, salad and pop. Join us for a great afternoon. For tickets (\$10 per person) please call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747.

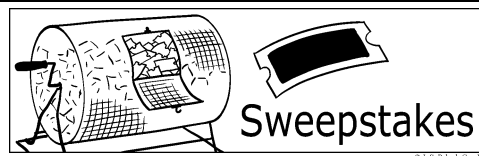


### The Traveling Chalice

Would you like to host the **"Traveling Chalice"** in your home to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Father Sam invites families with school-aged (including college-aged) children still living at home, to bring his personal chalice home for a week to help promote vocations through brief prayer each evening with your family.

The week begins with the presentation of the chalice at the end of a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass, and may be concluded with Father Sam celebrating a Mass in your home on the following Friday evening. **Please contact Father Sam** at the rectory at 716-828-9428 or [sgiangreco@ourladyofvictory.org](mailto:sgiangreco@ourladyofvictory.org) **for more information or to sign -up.**



### Save The Date! Saturday, March 3, 2018

We've begun planning our **Annual Sweepstakes**. This year, the Sweeps will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**. This is a school event! All school families are asked to purchase/sell a minimum of 2 tickets at **\$50.00 each**. Each ticket admits 2 adults (over 21) and provides a chance to win 36 cash prizes, with a **Grand Prize of \$10,000!**

There will be a **Holiday Gift Gathering Kickoff Party on December 2, 2017** in the School Cafeteria immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please join us for food, beverages and door prizes. **Three Early Bird Drawings totaling \$700 will be drawn that evening.** Any tickets purchased on or before December 2 will have a chance at the Early Bird Drawings!

**For a limited time only, anyone who purchases 5 Sweeps Tickets will get 1 Free!** This offer is in effect only until the Early Bird Drawing on December 2. Take advantage of this special offer. Sweeps tickets make great Christmas gifts.

For the Kickoff Party, we ask that you bring one unwrapped item (value of \$10 to \$20) to be included in a basket at Sweeps 2018 in March. Gift ideas include: home décor, gift cards, kitchen items, candles, small appliances, wine or liquor, etc.

If you are able to help with either of these events, please contact Deniece Diamond at 716-997-8125 or Louanne Perelli at 716-880-6362.

Working together, we can continue Father Baker's legacy and keep our school strong!

### Young Adult News

Ever feel like you're the only one who believes this stuff? You're not alone! Are you between the ages of 18 and 39? **There are two groups of young adults who meet regularly to build community, growing in faith and friendship.**

**"Frassati WNY" meets on Tuesdays in Our Lady of Pompeii School** in Lancaster for Scripture, discussion, and prayer, along with offering opportunities for various social and service activities. The Frassati link is to a closed group on Facebook, so please request to join!

**"[re] Young Adult Ministry" meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at St. Benedict's in Amherst** for live praise & worship, a witness talk, and prayer, followed by fellowship.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/257158691085077/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/we.are.re/>

**All Saints Day, November 1st**

Total: \$ 2,230.67

**Sunday, November 5th**

Weekly: \$ 15,775.51  
 Monthly: \$ 1,634.00  
 Total: \$ 17,409.51

Shrines \$ 1,701.20  
 Pennies \$ 320.27  
 Solemnity of Mary \$ 5.00  
 Human Develop. \$ 28.00  
 Fuel \$ 165.00  
 Immaculate Con. \$ 15.00  
 Christmas \$ 15.00  
 Christmas Flowers \$ 80.00  
 All Saints \$ 307.00  
 Catholic University \$ 397.00

**Sunday, November 12th**

Weekly: \$ 13,503.95  
 Monthly: \$ 514.00  
 Total: \$ 14,017.95

Shrines \$ 2,179.56  
 Pennies \$ 178.74  
 Solemnity of Mary \$ 10.00  
 Human Develop. \$ 43.00  
 Fuel \$ 2,164.56  
 Immaculate Con. \$ 38.00  
 Christmas \$ 95.00  
 Christmas Flowers \$ 118.00  
 All Saints \$ 43.00  
 Catholic University \$ 15.00

**Baptisms**

We welcome *Gemma Colette Adam*, *Nicolai Scott Flower* and *Trinity Avery Gervase* into our Parish Community. They were Baptized on Sunday, November 12, 2017 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

**Vocation Thought****Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

All of our gifts and talents have been given to be put to use for the building up of God's kingdom on Earth. How productively and fully are you using your gifts for this purpose? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Also, check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website: [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

**International Crèche Display:** Father Roy Herberger invites you to experience a display of 580 nativity sets from 58 countries. These international crèches will be shown **at SS. Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory & Eagle Street (one block south of Clinton)**. The building is handicapped accessible. The hours are **from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday from November 25-26 until January 6-7, except the weekend of December 23-24**. There is no charge and there is a special section for children. If anyone would like to view the display during the week with a large group (e.g. school children, senior groups, church organizations, etc.) please call Father Roy at 852-2076. This is the last year they'll be displayed at SS. Columba-Brigid.

**Advent Reflection: Seeking Christ in our ORDINARY work.** Come hear how we encounter Christ in our daily work as healthcare workers. **Monday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel on the lower level of Our Lady of Victory Basilica.** Light refreshments will be served following the presentation. Sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association of Buffalo.

**Blood Drive** at the Knights of Columbus Main Hall, 2838 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, on **Tuesday, December 12, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.** For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins welcome!

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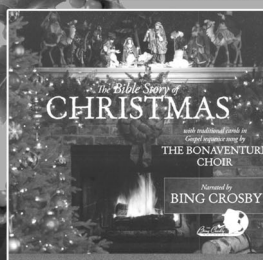


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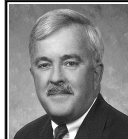
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