



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, April 7, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. Paul J. E. Burkard

PAROCHIAL VICAR:
Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.

DEACONS: Deacon Michael V. Comerford
Deacon Mario Racho

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 is Coffee and Donuts weekend. Stop down to the Marian Room after any of the Sunday morning Masses for a cup, a donut, and conversation with your fellow parishioners.

The Parish Council will meet this Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the Our Lady of Victory Elementary School cafeteria. In the weeks following this meeting, we will open nominations for Parish Council membership for next year. The ballot will run in the bulletin until the end of May. Consider placing your name—or the name of another faithful parishioner—in nomination if you would like to help the parish as a member of the Parish Council.

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet this Monday, April 8, also in the Elementary School cafeteria. Among the points of discussion will be the dates and times for decorating the Basilica for the up-coming Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Watch the bulletin next weekend to find out the times for decorating, if you would like to help.

On Saturday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m., we will host the Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Touched by Adoption. This Mass brings together birth parents, adopted children, adoptive parents and their families, to celebrate the adoption process and to thank God for the blessings adoption has been in their lives. Folks whose lives have been touched by adoption will come from all over Western New York and beyond for this Mass. Cheryl Calire, from the Diocesan Pro Life Office, and Judy O'Mara, from the Baker Victory Services staff are the coordinators of this annual event. I am grateful to them for their work on this. A reception will follow this Mass. All are invited to attend. It has been my pleasure to celebrate this Mass for the past 12 years. (I have an adopted niece and nephew). My prayers are always with families which have chosen adoption as a way of sharing life together.

Next Sunday, April 14, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all of the Masses that weekend. As we begin Holy Week, make it a point to attend the Holy Week Masses and Services during this—the holiest week of our church year.

Looking ahead, note the times for Holy Week Confessions. In addition to our regular times for the Sacrament on Saturday afternoons and evenings, we will hear confessions on Tuesday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 17, at 3:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

May Jesus, our Savior, bless you and Our Lady of Victory watch over you.

Father Paul



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

Summary of the Readings Fifth Sunday of Lent

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of April 13-14

Lectors:

Saturday, April 13

4:30 p.m.—G. Reid; A. Boneberg

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m.—M. Kipler; M. Pawenski

10:00 a.m.—No Lector—Children's Liturgy

12:00 p.m.—C. Swan; E. Bednarz

4:30 p.m.—J. Howell; M. Arza

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, April 13

4:30 p.m.—R.&A. Boneberg, Dulak, Jackson, Schaefer

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m.—Fitzgerald, M. McCann, Murray

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

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Koepfel, R. McDonough, Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, April 13

4:30 p.m.—D.M. Bush, A. Pavlovich, A. Mateer

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m.—M. Wietchy, V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington

10:00 a.m.—N. Lindstrom, K. Pietrkiewicz, N.M. Powers (MC=K. Thompson)

12:00 p.m.—T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, A. Grinder (MC=C. Carroccia)

4:30 p.m.—M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC= S. Saunders)

Tours: April 14: Ron Bonafede (No 1:00 PM Tour)

MassSchedule

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Week of April 7, 2019

Saturday, April 6

4:30 Marge Check by Betty Pukalo

Sunday, April 7—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Alice Comerford by Deacon & Mrs. Comerford

10:00 Matthew Such by Kathy Such & Family

12:00 Living & Dec. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

4:30 James & Nora McMahon (Wed. Ann.) by Arthur J. Smith

Monday, April 8

7:30 Brian "Jimmy" Bohan by Loving Wife, Donna Rita Obstarczyk by Chuck Scaccia

8:15 All Souls Intentions

Thomas Pawlak by Mike & Ange Gault

12:10 Clarence E. & Teresa A. Neamon by Estate

Rose & Joseph Tamarazio by Rose Marie Joralemon

Tuesday, April 9

7:30 Ted Wieleba by Wife, Ellie Wieleba

Patrick O'Donnell by The Downey Family

12:10 Cornelius P. Downey, Sr. by Dorothea A. Downey

Nellie M. Hohm by Kathleen Carney Craig

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 Joseph Sasiadek by Grandson, David Sasiadek

12:10 Rose Leary by Cindy & Dave Schaefer

Mary Alice Rains by The Downey Family

Thursday, April 11—St. Stanislaus

7:30 Bobby Downey by The Downey Family

12:10 Jacek & Theodora Saniewski by Family

William Roberts by The Roberts Family

Friday, April 12

7:30 For the Glory of the Divine Mercy by Carmen Kozlowski

8:15 For the People of the Parish

Our Lady of Victory Father Baker Guild Members

12:10 John & Margaret Welsh by Ann & Jewel Cavanaugh

Richard T. Smokowski by Wife, Ruth Smokowski

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 Virginia Muniak by Family & Grandchildren

Saturday, April 13—St. Martin I

7:30 Walter & Isabel Bernacki by The Rybicki Family

10:30 Adoption Mass

12:10 Karen Sosnowski by Roseann Zielinski

4:30 Edward I. Kaczmarczyk by Deenah Simchick

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 Chester & Theresa Lelito by Kevin Lelito, Sharon & Brian Stanton & Family

12:00 Walter Burdzy & Bob Wild by The Swiech Family

4:30 Thomas Lauber by The Fisher Family



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Sunday, April 7—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses (MR)

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
- 11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (Mus R)
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA Third Scrutiny at Mass (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. Ask the Pastor/Soup & Bread Lunch (Caf)
- 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
- 2:30 p.m. RCIA Make-up Class (Mus R)

Monday, April 8

- 5:30 p.m. RCIA Make-up Class (Mus R)
- 6:30 p.m. Catholic Daughters (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Caf)
- 8:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting (Caf)

Tuesday, April 9

- 6:30 p.m. Home School Association Meeting (Caf)
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (Mus R)

Thursday, April 11—St. Stanislaus

- 1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (SC)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)

Friday, April 12

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bas)
- 7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

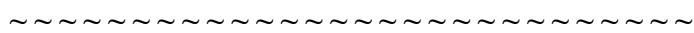
Saturday, April 13—St. Martin I

- 9:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy Practice (Mus R)
- 10:30 a.m. Adoption Mass
- 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

No 1:00 p.m. Tour

- NO Religious Ed Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
- 1:00 p.m. Ask the Pastor/Soup & Bread Lunch (Caf)
- 2:30 p.m. RCIA Make-up Class (Mus R)



Come to the *Marian Room this Sunday, April 7, after any of the morning Masses.*
 Begin your day with a cup of coffee,
 a donut and conversation with other parishioners!
 All are welcome.

OLV Home School Association Fish Fry

Our Lady of Victory Home School Association Fish Fry will be held on Good Friday, April 19, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dine in or takeout. \$12 Dinner includes Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Rye Bread & Butter, Lemon, and Tartar Sauce. \$6 Children’s Meal includes Macaroni & Cheese and French Fries. Pre-sale tickets are available through the School Office OR Contact Kate Lorden at 716-870-9394 or Laura Shannon at 716-725-4049. Fish fry supplied by BW’s Barbeque.

Pro-Life

Week 3 of pregnancy: Formation of the placenta begins. Baby’s first blood vessels are now forming. Baby is still the size of a grain of sand.

Care for Creation

Please Note: The *Care for Creation meeting* scheduled for *Tuesday, April 9, has been cancelled.* If you would like more information regarding this group, please contact Bob and Darlene McDonough at mcdonoughdar@aol.com.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Baker #1043 will hold their next meeting on *Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room.* Plans for our scholarship fundraiser at Applebee’s on April 27 will be finalized. If you have your theme basket ready, bring it to this meeting. There will be an opportunity to learn about wine and cheese pairings (with samples!). Other upcoming events are Million Rosaries for the Unborn, our pot luck anniversary party and the state convention. Our meetings are open to any Catholic woman over 18 and new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Susan at 939-7450.

Baker Victory Nite

Help us build a playground and create childhood memories at *Baker Victory Nite 2019 on Thursday, May 9!* Silent and live auctions, limited split club sales and more. The proceeds will go to help build a playground for the children in Baker Victory Services’ Foster Care programs. For more information or to purchase your ticket today, go to www.BakerVictoryNite.org. Each ticket comes with a sit down dinner and open bar.

Children's Liturgy Sunday, April 14 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Please join us with your family at *our next Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.* This is a very special liturgy for our community. The Palm Sunday Liturgy includes a procession of palms through the church to begin the Mass and participation with the Gospel reading. ***Any child interested in joining in the procession before Mass is advised to be at church by 9:50 a.m.*** Parents are welcome to join their children if they wish.

Practice for this Mass is scheduled for Saturday, April 13. (There may be an additional rehearsal during the week prior to this Mass. Please contact Tina for more information.) We will meet in the Music Room on the lower level of the Basilica. The singers will practice from 9:00 till 9:45 a.m. and the readers, greeters, collectors and gift bearers practice from 9:45 till 10:30 a.m. Gospel readers will rehearse from 10:30 till 11:30 a.m. ***All ministers need to attend this practice.***

The Ministers are:

Readers: Madelyn Powers, Ava Zambron

Gift Bearers: Kathryn Powers

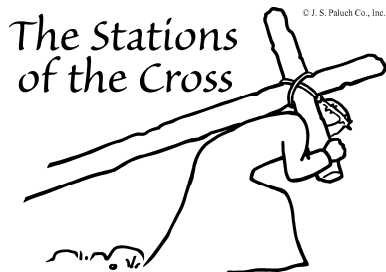
Collectors: (no one yet)

Greeters: Jonathan Ramirez

Singers: Noah Takacs

Gospel Readers: Roman & David Jackson

As always, there will be refreshments after Mass. ***We ask that anyone who is able, please bring baked goods to share.*** We also still need 2 gift bearers, 3 collectors, Gospel readers, greeters and singers. Please call Tina Hatem (826-5075) to volunteer as a minister or if you have any questions about this Mass.



Good Friday Living Stations

We are looking for children and teens from our parish to volunteer to do Stations in the cemetery on Good Friday. We need a few readers, but the actors do not have any dialogue to learn. The only practice is held one hour before the Stations at 11:00 a.m. on Good Friday, in the Music Room, on the lower level of the Basilica. You do not need experience to help, just a willingness to be a part of something special.

If you or your child is interested in volunteering, please call Tina Hatem at 826-5075. Thank you for your help.



Lenten Services at Our Lady of Victory ~ 2019

Every Friday

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.; Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Confessions

Tuesday, April 16: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17: 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (Basilica)

12:00 noon Living Stations (Holy Cross Cemetery)

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Baskets

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

No 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Altar & Rosary Holy Thursday Excursion

Come join us on a pilgrimage to seven churches to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament on this Holy Thursday evening. The seven churches are: OLV, St. Joseph's Cathedral, St. Louis, St. Michael, Blessed Sacrament, Blessed Trinity and Assumption Church. Pick-up in the Basilica parking lot at 8:30 p.m.; return at 11:30 p.m. Come and explore some of our older churches and their beauty. Please call Mary Anne Jackson (864-0747) for reservations. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Southern Erie Vicariate Lenten Soup & Speaker Series

Join us this ***Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the SS. Peter & Paul Community School cafeteria, Hamburg,*** for a simple meal of soup and bread. Guest speaker who will be sharing his Lenten message will be:

April 12

Mr. Josh Brunner

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Church.



Sunday, March 31st

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Total:	\$	11,217.18
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Jonathan Raymond Tiedman & Alicia Marie Santonati



We welcome *Liam Daniel Gemerek, Annabelle Rose Lindstrom, Mara Rose Strassburg* and *Michael James Sutton* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, March 31, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: *John P. Balcarczyk, Thaddeus Nowinski, Madeline E. Dillon, Patricia A. Sawicki, Edward Aldrich* and *Judith T. Both.*

Vocation Thought ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Often we are tempted to focus a great deal on other things and other people, and we fail to take account of what is going on deep within ourselves. Deep within our hearts is where we come to know God’s plan for us. Take a look! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Check out the “Priest of the Month” stories at www.buffalovocations.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS

St. Francis High School Spring Concerts: *Spring Instrumental Concert* will be held **on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m.** *Spring Vocal Concert* will be held **on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m.** Both concerts will be held in Alumni Hall Theatre and admission is free.

Holy Cross Cemetery Open House on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to visit Holy Cross Cemetery and talk with one of our Family Service Counselors to help you understand the benefits associated with planning ahead. See our beautiful Our Lady of Victory Garden, Holy Trinity Mausoleum and the Garden of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You will receive special discounts only available during our Open House. There will also be several sections that will have an extra discount on top of the Open House discount. When you make a purchase at the Open House you will receive 0% interest through 2024 and a \$50 Gift Card.

Lenten Fish Fry at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 3148 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, on Good Friday, April 19, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Catered by OLSH (all home made) includes beer battered haddock, French fries, macaroni salad, cole slaw, tea, coffee, beer, soft drinks and dessert. Pre-sale tickets available at the parish office and after Mass. Fish fry dinner: \$10 pre-sale, \$12 at the door. Children’s meal: Chicken fingers and Fries \$6; Mac & Cheese \$3.

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