



# OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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## *Sunday, August 18, 2019 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**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. (Friday when school is in session)

**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.

**SCHOOL:**

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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](mailto:dbosinski@ourladyofvictory.org) or by phone at (716) 828-9424.

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It is hard to believe that we have already reached the mid-point of August and the end of the Annual Hamburg Fair. We all know what that means...September is upon us with Labor Day and the return of our children to school. For parents that might be a happy thought... for many of our children...not so much. But in any event, the reality is that school resumes in September.

My intention of this message is to encourage our parents and families to consider a Catholic education for your children here at Our Lady of Victory School, founded in 1920, and continuing to grow stronger every year. I myself am a strong proponent of Catholic education. My parents chose a Catholic education for me and my brothers at Our Lady of Pompeii Elementary School in Lancaster from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and then 4 years at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster. These formational years provided me and my brothers with a strong foundation to build our lives as leaders in the Church and community today. I am deeply grateful to my parents and teachers who made the necessary sacrifices to provide us with a strong Catholic education.

Here at Our Lady of Victory, we can be very proud to be one of 34 Catholic Elementary Schools across the Diocese of Buffalo. Through a Catholic education, our children benefit from the religious guidance, prayer, and the support the parish provides to build a strong faith-based community. By focusing on faith, knowledge, and service, the children entrusted to our care learn the importance of family, community, and serving others. Our mission here at OLV School is to provide our students with a high-quality, Catholic education modeled after the ideals of our founder, Father Nelson Baker. This is done by fostering Christian values, academic excellence and global awareness in order to develop well-educated, responsible individuals.

As your Pastor, I encourage you to share this message with family and friends who have school-aged children and are looking for a place where their children will thrive and grow academically, emotionally and spiritually. We have a wonderful Principal in Mrs. Carolyn Kraus and a strong and dedicated faculty who give their all to make a positive difference in the lives of the children entrusted to our care each and every day. **Please come and take a look at our school. You will not be disappointed. It is never too late to register your children here at OLV School. You can call Mrs. Carolyn Kraus (828-9434) anytime for a tour and for any questions you may have. We welcome you and your children with open arms.**

I know our parents who have already registered their children in our school realize that sending their children to OLV is a wise investment that will promise to pay huge dividends in the future of these boys and girls who will grow to become productive members of our Church and society, rooted in strong moral values and respect for all people.

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



### Summary of the Readings Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### Weekend of August 24-25

#### Lectors:

##### Saturday, August 24

4:30 p.m.—A. Boneberg

##### Sunday, August 25

8:00 a.m.—M. Pawenski

10:00 a.m.—E. Wieleba

12:00 p.m.—C. Swan

4:30 p.m.—L. Smolen

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

##### Saturday, August 24

4:30 p.m.—Deb Bush, Jackson, Welsch

##### Sunday, August 25

8:00 a.m.—M.&P. Allman, Murray

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

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

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

#### Servers:

##### Saturday, August 24

4:30 p.m.—M. Bush, A. Pavlovich, MG. Wood

##### Sunday, August 25

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

10:00 a.m.—A.J. Matayas, L. J. Sokolik  
(MC=C. Heitzhaus)

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

4:30 p.m.—A. Mateer, D.N. Clark  
(MC= J. Pearson)

**Tours: August 25:** Paul Gorczyca

### Mass Intentions Week of August 18, 2019

#### Saturday, August 17

4:30 Norbert (Leo) Handzlik by Daughter, Linda Klice

#### Sunday, August 18—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Bonnie Marie Bergen by Cathy Bergen

10:00 Dec. Family & Friends by The Dick Powers Family

12:00 Paul & Albina Solli by Angelo & Teresa DiGiuli

4:30 Chester & Theresa Lelito by Kevin Lelito, Sharon & Brian Stanton & Family

#### Monday, August 19—St. John Eudes

7:30 Mary Lou Curtin by Rosemary Scahill & Sandra Berdysiak

Richard Sterling by Norm & Paulette Mendrysa

12:10 Ed & Alice Soban by Family

Nicholas Joseph Glomb by Tom & Mary Glomb

#### Tuesday, August 20—St. Bernard

7:30 James B. Downey by Dorothea A. Downey

Robert L. Monheim, Jr. (living) by Barb Mytych

12:10 Adam J. Opiel by Family

George Bunich & Emily Bunich by Granddaughter, Elizabeth Bunich

#### Wednesday, August 21—St. Pius X

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Helping Hands Club Members

Edward Schaefer by Cindy & Dave Schaefer

12:10 Dec. Mem. of the Osborne & Fitzgerald Families by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Osborne

Robert S. Kroll by John Olszowy & Mich Jarosz

#### Thursday, August 22—The Queenship of the BVM

7:30 For the People of the Parish

12:10 David Lalka by The Dick Powers Family

Michael P. Sanders by Michael Sanders

#### Friday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima

7:30 To Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Carmen Kozlowski

Rose Marie Kelley by Husband, James Kelley

12:10 Angeline & Aniello DiSarno by The DiSarno Family

Matilda & Albert Jaromin by Elaine Jaromin & Georgiann & James Barber

#### Saturday, August 24—St. Bartholomew

7:30 John Phillips by Estate

12:10 Gail Mattulke (living) by Margaret Bueme

1:30 Wedding: Ronald Charles Trabucco, Jr., & Carrie Lynn Dreibelbis

4:30 Robert C. Baumgarden by Elizabeth Willard

#### Sunday, August 25—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Joseph E. Hassey by Brian & Sharon Stanton

10:00 Helen Mahoney by Daughter, Karen & Family

12:00 John & Regina Filk by James Filk

4:30 Joanna & Maria Ceccarelli by Angelo & Gemma Ceccarelli



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Message from the Pastor  
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**Sunday, August 18—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

1:00 p.m. Baptism (Bas)

**Monday, August 19—St. John Eudes**

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

**Tuesday, August 20—St. Bernard**

8:00 a.m. Diocesan Teachers Conference (Caf)

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

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

NO Prayer Group Meeting

**Wednesday, August 21—St. Pius X**

6:30 p.m. OLV Board of Education Meeting (School)

**Thursday, August 22—The Queenship of the BVM**

8:00 a.m. Diocesan Teachers Conference (Caf)

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (MR)

6:00 p.m. HS Confirmation Class (School)

**Friday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima**

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

**Saturday, August 24—St. Bartholomew**

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

**Sunday, August 25—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)



**Year of Healing - Universal Prayer**

O Merciful Father,  
Your Son in Love stretched out his hands upon the cross to  
embrace us.  
Embrace and heal our brothers and sisters  
who carry the wounds of abuse inflicted upon them.  
Heal Your Church broken by this betrayal of trust.  
Cleanse and sanctify Your Clergy  
that they may radiate the selfless love of Your Son.  
And strengthen and call the people of the Church throughout  
Western New York  
to a new dawn of hope and grace in your Holy Spirit.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**Parking in the Victoria Square Lot**

Parishioners, visitors and employees of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica are asked not to park in the Victoria Square Lot. This lot is posted for residents of Victoria Square Apartments and patrons of businesses there. Please use the lot behind the Basilica or the lot behind Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity when you come for Mass at the Basilica. Thank you for your cooperation.

We also have a strong Religious Education Program here at OLV Parish for families that choose public school education. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to register your children in our OLV Religious Education Program by contacting our Director of Religious Education, Carm Zomeri, at 828-9437. Carm does a wonderful job along with our dedicated Catechists in providing a strong Religious Education for our children from Kindergarten through Grade 10. Today more than ever, we need to instill a strong faith in our children to anchor them both now and in the future in the unconditional love of God and the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Finally, I invite all of our parishioners to be great “Ambassadors” for Our Lady of Victory School by informing the surrounding community of Lackawanna, South Buffalo and Orchard Park and beyond of the great treasure we have here in our faculty, students and families. Our school has been in existence for more than 120 years and I pray that we will continue to serve our community for many more years to come. We must continue Father Baker’s legacy of educating our children and providing the very best for them.

May God bless you and your loved ones...May God bless Our Lady of Victory School!

Our Lady of Victory...pray for us!

Gratefully,  
Fr. David

**Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries**

The Diocese of Buffalo will honor couples celebrating their **50th, 60th, or 70th wedding anniversary this year** with a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Malone, on **Sunday, September 22, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph’s Cathedral**, 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo. During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows. If you would like to attend the **Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral**, please complete the following form and return it to the Rectory **by August 21**.

50th, 60th, 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, September 22, 2019—10:30 a.m. Mass  
At St. Joseph’s Cathedral

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return to the Rectory **by August 21**.  
Thank you.

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**Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian?** Or do you know someone who is? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process here at Our Lady of Victory is about to begin for those who are seeking to enter the Catholic Church through the initiation rites of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Join us for an informational meeting on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:15 p.m. in the Rectory.** For details, contact Ellie Wieleba (481-7222/elliwieleba@yahoo.com) or Fr. Justin Steeg (828-9428/jsteeg@ourladyofvictory.org).

### Our Lady of Victory Service Club

Attention all OLV families with children in Grades K-12! The Our Lady of Victory Service club is now open to all parish families with children of school age. We try to fulfill several charitable projects throughout the school year that benefit a variety of people in our community and beyond. **Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 8, in the Our Lady of Victory Elementary School gymnasium from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** We will plan events, as well as decide on a fundraiser that evening. All ideas are welcome. Parents with children under 6th grade MUST stay. However, we encourage ALL parents to stay in order to foster participation as a family. In addition, there will be paperwork that must be filled out that evening and signed by a parent. Together, we can do great things! All questions can be directed to Kathryn Schultz at kathrynschultz@hotmail.com or 716-361-3109.

### OLV Class of 1954 Reunion

**Our Lady of Victory Academy Class of 1954 will hold a 65 year reunion on Wednesday, September 11.** Classmates are encouraged to attend the 12:10 p.m. Mass in the Basilica followed by a Dutch treat luncheon at Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant. For more information, call Fran Skipper Riter at 941-9074 or John Twist at 822-2153.



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We continue to follow the timeline of Mary's pregnancy with Jesus. Week 22: What a big week! The inner ear is fully developed and adult sized. Hearing begins, as does response to sound, and all skin layers and structures are complete. Eyelids now separate, and eyes will open and close. If born prematurely this week, baby's survival rate is as high as 40%. Baby is now the size of a spaghetti squash.

### Care for Creation

The *Care for Creation meeting scheduled for Monday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. will be cancelled.* Please note this change in your calendar. Thank you.

### Prayer Group Members

The *Prayer Group meetings scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, and Tuesday, August 27, have been cancelled.* The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, at 7:30 p.m. beginning with Mass in the Chapel.

### Altar & Rosary Society

Our Lady of Victory's Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor an **End of Summer Sunset Cruise on Saturday, August 31, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on the Miss Buffalo Boat II.** Participants must be at the Miss Buffalo dock by 8:00 p.m. Music is included; beer, pop and food will be available for purchase. Reservations are required. There are a limited number of tickets. If interested, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747 for further information.

### Legion of Mary

We will be changing the time of our meetings to **6:00 p.m. every Thursday in the Marian Room beginning in September, 2019.** Please make note of this change in schedule. New members are welcome.

### Adult Confirmation Classes

There are many adult Catholics who have not been Confirmed. Besides the fact that they have not been received into full initiation of the Catholic faith, it becomes a problem when they want to serve as godparents/sponsors for Baptism/Confirmation. If you are a practicing adult Catholic (*that is, go to Communion, and if married, married according to the rite of the Catholic Church*) and have completed high school (*high school students should be in our teen Confirmation program*) consider attending the five catechism-review classes and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this August/September. For more information, or to register for the classes, please call Father Romulus (828-9425).

### Planning A Summer Vacation?

When you are out-of-town, you can find Mass times for parishes all over the country via the Internet. Log on to **www.masstimes.org**. Enter the city, state or zip code you will be visiting and get a list of parishes in that area with the address and phone number for each parish, a schedule of Mass days/times and directions to the parish.

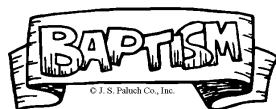


**Sunday, August 11th**

Weekly:	\$	11,668.05
Monthly:	\$	505.00
Total:	\$	12,173.05
Shrines	\$	1,930.00
Pennies	\$	52.00
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Peter's Pence	\$	20.00



Ronald Charles Trabucco, Jr. & Carrie Lynn Dreibelbis  
 Matthew Edward Crawley & Kathryn Christine Ryan



We welcome *McCoy Creed Farley* into our Parish Community. He was baptized on Saturday, August 10, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica. We also welcome *Matthew Henry Williams* into our Parish Community. He was baptized on Sunday, August 11, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



**Vocation Thought  
 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Although God's truth is not always welcome, it is only in such truth that we can find any assurance. Don't fool yourself about the truth of your vocation! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Also, go to [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org) and check out the "Priest of the Month" stories.

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

**Annual WNY Irish Famine Commemoration Mass** at the *Irish Famine Memorial on the Waterfront* (rain or shine) on **Sunday, August 25**. Sacred Seisiun: 10:30 a.m. Mass: 11:00 a.m. Celebrant: Rev. Roy Herberger. Music coordinated by Kindred.

**Spaghetti Dinner** at *St. Anthony's Drilling Hall on Sunday, August 25, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. or sell out*. Donation: \$10. Dine in or Take Out. Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs prepared and served by Joe Jerge (Mulberry Italian Ristorante). Gluten free dinners available. Theme baskets, bell jars, split club, raffles. Tickets available for the dinner and raffle after Masses, in the rectory or the day of.

**Family Day** sponsored by the African Commission and the Office of Cultural Diversity on **August 31, at LaSalle Park, Buffalo, Shelters 6 & 7. Mass at 1:00 p.m.** Refreshments and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and games to play.

**Dinner and a Show: "Lost in Yonkers"** sponsored by St. Anthony's Altar & Rosary Society on **September 8, at Bobby J's in Cheektowaga**. \$60.00 per person includes choice of three Entrees, salad, hot rolls, dessert, coffee or hot tea, tip included. Bus leaves St. Anthony's parking lot at 12:00 noon, return at 5:30 p.m. Call Cindy Polisenio at 880-9203 for more information.

**Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass:** The Office of Cultural Diversity is having their annual **Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass on Sunday, September 15, at Holy Angels Parish at 10:30 a.m.** We would like you to join us for this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard J. Malone and Homilist Deacon Alejandro Manunta.

**1958 Class Reunion - Baker Victory High School:** **September 18 at White Elephant**, 1404 Abbott Road, Lackawanna. Cost: \$25 per person from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Payment must be received by August 30.** For more information, call Sharon Gallegar Romaro (716-941-6730) or Dorothy Jablonowski Hattenbloch (716-992-9066) or Gloria Cswojkis Scioli (716-823-9106).

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