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Sunday, December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

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-Canva 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 Sunday, December 16, at the Noon Mass, we will accept three candidates into the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the regular way in which unbaptized adults and baptized-but-not-catechized adults prepare to join the church through the sacrament of Baptism or, in the case of already baptized adults, a formal rite of acceptance into the Catholic Church. These candidates will meet with our parish RCIA staff from now until Holy Saturday, studying the faith and learning our Catholic tradition. They will be baptized or received into the church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. We welcome them into this process of learning the faith and joining our church.

Confessions for Christmas will be held on Friday, December 21, and Saturday, December 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m.

The decorating of the Basilica for Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you are able to help with the decorating of the church, please come to the Basilica at that time, and members of our parish Liturgy Committee will be there to oversee the process. All are invited to help with this process. High school aged students who would like to use this time as part of their service hours are welcome. Anyone under the age of 15 should be accompanied by an adult.

Here's a brief prayer which you can use to bless your family Christmas tree as you decorate your own house for Christmas:

Holy Lord,
We come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son.
We praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon and the stars of night.
We praise you for Jesus Christ your Son:
He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
And light of the world.
He fills us with your light.

Lord God,
Let your blessing come upon us
as we bless this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives us
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts this Christmas
season.

May all who delight in this tree
come to the everlasting joy of salvation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May Jesus bless you and 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 Third Sunday of Advent

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of December 22-23

Lectors:

Saturday, December 22

4:30 p.m.—S. Puckhaber

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m.—C. Swan

10:00 a.m.—A. Buckley

12:00 p.m.—E. Bednarz

4:30 p.m.—M. Pawenski

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 22

4:30 p.m.—Jackson, Schaefer, Welsch

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Twist

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

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Smolen, Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 23

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

10:00 a.m.—N. Lindstrom, A.J. Matyas, 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, B. Gwozdz, D.N. Clark
(MC= J. Pearson)

Tours: December 23: Joanne Haley



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Week of December 15, 2018

Saturday, December 15

4:30 Brian “Jimmy” Bohan by Loving wife, Donna

Sunday, December 16—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Stella Gawel by The Gawel Family

10:00 Anna Carey by Rita & Vincent

12:00 Diane Romance by Family & Friends

4:30 Joan Nagy & Marie Kalenda by Betty Pukalo

Monday, December 17

7:30 Albin Sasiadek by Son, David Sasiadek

8:15 Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Intentions

12:10 Dr. Raymond A. Hudson by Shannon, Cronan & Tom

Tuesday, December 18

7:30 Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Intentions

Jennie Vertalino by Family

12:10 Special Intentions, Heather, Jessica & James T. Caputi
(living) by Family

Ellen Taylor by John & Patty Sibiga

Wednesday, December 19

7:30 Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Intentions

Catherine Ward by Deborah Russell

12:10 David (living) & Micah (deceased) Ferland by John &
Barbara Radwan

Rita Schichtel by John & Maureen Schichtel

Thursday, December 20

7:30 Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Intentions

Joseph Bierut by Sharon & Lynne Bierut

12:10 James & Stasia DePasquale by Peter & Judith Pawlak

Friday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions

Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Intentions

12:10 Matthew & Eleanor Woloszyn by Sons

James Yoviene by The Downey Family

Saturday, December 22

7:30 Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Intentions

12:10 Marge & Gerry Mahoney by Mr. & Mrs. Wood

4:30 James Kern by The DiSarno Family

Sunday, December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Intentions

10:00 Effie Ringle by Daughter, Louise

12:00 Florence Rams by Family

4:30 Victor & Natalie Stachowski by Gregory Stachowski



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Sunday, December 16—Third Sunday of Advent

8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
 12:00 p.m. RCIA Rite of Acceptance at Mass (Bas)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

Monday, December 17*Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Begins*

7:00 p.m. Care for Creation Meeting (MR)
 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, December 18

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, December 19*School Christmas Program***Thursday, December 20**

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (MR)
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

Friday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius*School Holiday*

1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SC)
 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)
 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, December 22

3:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Decorating (Bas)

Sunday, December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

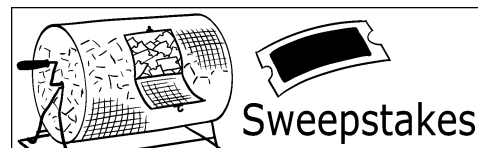
NO Religious Ed Classes
 11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy Practice (Bas)
 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)



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Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ December 17: Nativity Mass at 8:15 a.m.
- ◆ December 17-19: Santa's Christmas Shop opens for the children to do their family Christmas shopping
- ◆ December 19: Christmas Program at 12:00 p.m. in the School Gym



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Get Your 2019 Sweepstakes Tickets!

2019 Sweepstakes tickets are on sale now! Get your tickets after weekend Masses at the exit on the lower level of the Basilica or in the Rectory, Gift Shop and the School Office during regular business hours. Each ticket is \$50.00 and admits two people (21 and over) to the Sweepstakes night on **March 2, 2019**.

If you are able to help with the Sweepstakes Drawing on March 2, please contact Deniece Diamond at 716-997-8125.

The next Early Bird drawings will be held on Saturday, January 5 (\$150) and Saturday, February 9 (\$150).

Care for Creation

The **next meeting** of the Care for Creation group **will be on Monday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room** on the lower level of the Basilica. If you would like more information regarding this group, please contact Bob and Darlene McDonough at mcdonoughdar@aol.com.

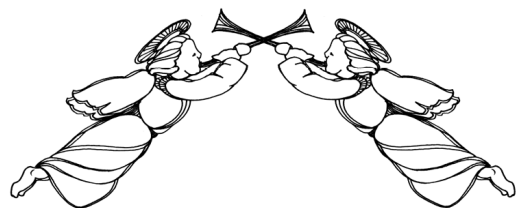
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Prison Ministry

It's that time of year when we collect cards (Christmas or all occasion cards) for the Men's Prison. We also need calendars with no wire on them. We will be collecting these from now until January, 2019. Your help is greatly appreciated. This is a work of mercy. You may leave cards and calendars at the Rectory or call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747 for pick up.

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Immaculate Conception - December 8

Total: \$ 1,894.90

Sunday, December 9th

Weekly: \$ 14,729.39
 Monthly: \$ 644.00
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 Immac. Conception \$ 653.25
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Eric Christopher DeRose & Amanda Marie McLaughlin

Planning a Trip over the Christmas Holidays?

When you are out of town, you can find Mass times for parishes all over the country via the Internet. Go 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.

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Vocation Thought Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist urged his followers to turn from their sins and renounce anything that was keeping them from doing God's will. If God is calling you to priesthood or religious life, what can you turn from in order to hear the call more clearly and answer more readily? 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.



Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24 ~ 4:00 PM

We would like to remind everyone of our *next Children's Liturgy celebration on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. Mass*. The Mass will begin with a procession of the children to the manger. Packets of Christmas wheat were distributed after the Children's Liturgy last week and children are reminded to plant and care for their wheat. Remember to cut and bundle the wheat on Christmas Eve or at whichever Mass you attend, and bring it to church to place it in the manger for the Baby Jesus.

We would also like to remind those children who signed-up as ministers for the Christmas Eve Mass that *rehearsal will take place on Sunday, December 23, at 11:00 a.m. after the 10 o'clock Mass*. We will meet upstairs in the church by the Folk Group stand. *All ministers must attend the practice*.

The Ministers are:

Readers: Nathan & Madelyn Powers, Devan Harden

Collectors: Kathryn Powers, Roman & David Jackson, Sophia Spino

Gift Bearers: (no one yet)

Greeters: (no one yet)

Singers: Vivian Spino

We still need 2 gift bearers, greeters and more singers. Please call Tina Hatem at 826-5075 if your child would like to volunteer or if your child has problem making rehearsal or for a packet of wheat. Thank you and have a wonderful Christmas!

Updates Wanted

Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? Are your envelopes not coming to your home? Do you have any changes in your family status? Are you a newlywed planning to remain in the parish?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please call the rectory (828-9444) and help us to update our records. Often mail is returned to us because of an incorrect address and this is costly to the parish.

Also, be sure to use your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your participation and financial support. This is important for your year end income tax preparation and also so that we can provide you with a letter of recommendation if you are asked to be a sponsor.

Thank you for your help in keeping our parish records accurate!



Christmas Confession Schedule

Friday, December 21: 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00 PM
 Saturday, December 22: 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24
 4:00 PM - Children's Liturgy
 6:00 PM - Christmas Vigil
 12:00 AM - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25
 Nativity of the Lord
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
 No 4:30 PM Mass

New Year Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve - Monday, December 31
 4:30 PM - Vigil Mass

New Year's Day - Tuesday, January 1
 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
 No 4:30 PM Mass

Daily Draw Tickets

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Questions?

Please call the Rectory at 828-9444



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.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every weekday at 11:45 a.m. (before the 12:10 p.m. Mass). The Angelus is recited at noon. The rosary is recited following the Mass.

Our Rosary Prayer Group is looking for people to join them praying for peace. The group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in front of the main altar. Please come and join us.

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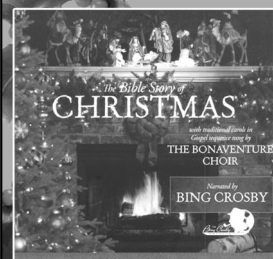
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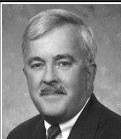
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