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Sunday, December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

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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 weekend is the beginning of Advent. We will start the Advent season by lighting the first candle on the Advent Wreath at each of this weekend's Masses. This marks the official beginning of this holy season of waiting and of preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

This Saturday, December 1, is the Kick-Off Party for our spring Sweepstakes. The Kick-Off will be held in the Our Lady of Victory School cafeteria. Sweepstakes tickets will be available at the door – and after all weekend Masses, and in the Gift Shop.

Coffee and Donuts will be served next Sunday after all the morning Masses, instead of this weekend.

Next Saturday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation. Since it is the patronal feast of the United States, this feast is always a day of obligation. This year, since it is the Saturday before the Second Sunday of Advent, the feast is celebrated only in the morning and early afternoon. ***There will be a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. On the feast itself, Feast Day Masses will be at 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. It is one of the times in the church calendar when we are required to attend Mass twice on the weekend*** – once for the holy day (between Friday evening and Saturday noon) and once for the Sunday (from Saturday's 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass through Sunday's 4:30 p.m. Mass).

You will notice that the Angel Tree is up in the St. Joseph Chapel, with ornaments containing the names of students who are enrolled in one or another of the Baker Victory Services programs. If you choose to take one of these ornaments, purchase a gift for that young student, and then bring the gift (unwrapped) to the rectory. The Baker Victory staff will see to it that the gift gets to the right student for Christmas. Thanks for taking time to help one of these children at Christmastime.

Lectors, if you have not already done so, please pick up your new Lector Workbook, which begins this weekend for the new church year. They are available in the sacristy. Please sign the sheet indicating that you have received this book. Thank you.

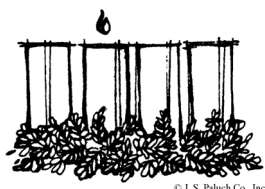
Look for the special Advent cards with the information on Advent confessions, and Mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as Mass times for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. These cards are available at the entrances to the Basilica. Post it some place convenient so that you will have this information for the Christmas Season.

May Jesus 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 First Sunday of Advent

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Weekend of December 8-9

Lectors:

Saturday, December 8

4:30 p.m.—M. Kipler

Sunday, December 9

8:00 a.m.—E. Bednarz

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

12:00 p.m.—M. Arza

4:30 p.m.—L. Smolen

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 8

4:30 p.m.—Jackson, R. & D. McDonough

Sunday, December 9

8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Murray

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

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Swan, Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, December 8

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

Sunday, December 9

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, B. Gwozdz, D.N. Clark
(MC= S. Saunders)

Tours: December 9: Frank D'Avanzato

Mass Intentions Week of December 2, 2018

Saturday, December 1

4:30 Deacon Frank Shaughnessy by Barb Shaughnessy & Family

Sunday, December 2—First Sunday of Advent

8:00 Catherine Ward by Deborah Russell

10:00 Mary Powers by The Powers Family

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

4:30 Martin Joralemon by Wife, Rose Marie

Monday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier

7:30 Rosemarie Madigan (Birth) by Henen Regan, Ellen & John Ward

All Souls Intentions

8:15 Julia Opiel by Family

Living & Dec. Toomey Family Members by The Toomey Family

12:10 Mary Friend by Mary Anne Jackson

All Souls in Purgatory by Carmen Kozlowski

Tuesday, December 4—St. John Damascene

7:30 Barbara Hotnich by Sharon & John McNamara

Valeriano & Dorotea Cartagena by Felipa Cartagena

12:10 Rosemary (Tommy) Gardon by Elizabeth Willard & Diane VonHeckler

Ellen Taylor by Harold Switala

7:30 Sharon Ann Ciavarella by David Sutter (in Chapel)

Matthew Mytych by Mother, Barbara Mytych (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 5

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Society Intentions

Matty Becker by Co-workers at EC Water Authority

12:10 Ronald Handzlik (Ann.) by Sister, Linda Klice

Thursday, December 6—St. Nicholas

7:30 Joseph P. Merrick by The Downey Family

Nicholas Joseph Glomb by Grandma & Grandpa

12:10 Patricia Motyka by Family & Friends

Ann O'Leary by The O'Leary Family

Friday, December 7—St. Ambrose

7:30 Rita Gallagher (Death Ann.) by Pat & Marilyn Gallagher

Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions

12:10 Robert A. Downey by The Downey Family

Upengran Dr. T by Dave & Rose Barus

7:30 Casimir M. Slaski & Family by Estate

Jean & Jerome Zurek by JoAnn & Christine

Saturday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

7:30 Helen Wieleba by Estate

12:10 Dorene Kania by Daughter, Theresa

4:30 Michael Carey by Rita & Vincent

Sunday, December 9—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 Paul, Mary Pat, Sharon & Joe Gannon & Dave Baldwin
by Mary Anne Gannon

12:00 Ann T. O'Leary by The O'Leary Family

4:30 Dr. Jay Hassenfratz, Sr. by Betty Pukalo



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Sunday, December 2—First Sunday of Advent*Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Party after Noon Mass*

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

8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 6-9

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

Monday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier

7:00 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (MR)

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

Tuesday, December 4—St. John Damascene

10:00 a.m. Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training (MR)

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 5**Thursday, December 6—St. Nicholas***School Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*

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

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)

Friday, December 7—St. Ambrose*First Friday; No School: Conferences*

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

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

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions

7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

Saturday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the BVM*Holy Day of Obligation: Masses at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m.**Retirement for Religious Collection*

9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy Practice (MR)

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

Sunday, December 9—Second Sunday of Advent*Coffee & Donuts (Mus R)**Retirement for Religious Collection*

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

8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 3-5

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

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

This week our school family begins the season of Advent, our time of preparing. We prepare to celebrate Jesus' Incarnation this Christmas, that is, his first coming. We also prepare for the Parousia, Jesus' Second Coming at the end of time. We will discuss with our students how Advent gives us time to prepare our hearts and minds for both of these events.

We will light the Advent Wreath each week, plant wheat seeds for every good deed that we complete throughout the season, and countdown to Christmas with "14 Days of Giving," before we break for Christmas. As we celebrate the season of Advent we will work to help our children to realize there is so much more to celebrating Christmas besides the hustle and bustle of gift giving, baking cookies and everything that this busy holiday brings.

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ December 3: Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. for faculty meeting. Out of uniform for \$1.00.
- ◆ December 6: Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. for Report Card distribution. No Aftercare available as teachers will be in conferences with parents.
- ◆ December 7: Day off for students; Parent-teacher conferences.

Immaculate
Conception

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Saturday, December 8
Holy Day Mass Schedule
Vigil Mass

Friday, December 7: 7:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Saturday, December 8: 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
 (The 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday is for Sunday)



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Coffee and donuts will be available in the Music Room next Sunday, December 9, after morning Masses. All are welcome.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart - seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.



Sunday, November 18th

Weekly:	\$ 11,631.00
Monthly:	\$ 297.00
Total:	\$ 11,928.00
Shrines	\$ 1,511.02
Pennies	\$ 32.93
All Saints	\$ 33.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00
Catholic University	\$ 20.00
Fuel	\$ 282.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 211.00
Human Develop.	\$ 1,006.00
Christmas	\$ 101.00

Sunday, November 25th

Weekly:	\$ 10,343.58
Monthly:	\$ 265.00
Total:	\$ 10,608.58
Shrines	\$ 798.91
Pennies	\$ 65.32
Christmas Flowers	\$ 676.00
Human Develop.	\$ 41.00
Immac. Conception	\$ 6.00
Retire. Religious	\$ 41.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1.00



Brendan Peter Barthel & Elise Janice Shoemaker



We welcome *Victor Richard Ernst* into our Parish Community. He was baptized on Sunday, November 25, 2018 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: *Michael C. LoVullo, Arthur A. Zawadzki, Theodore Cintron, Barbara A. McCormick, Florence Giannantonio, James Sieracki, Paul Felschow, Robert A. Mendez and Joseph Abram.*



Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training Opportunity

Learn how to be a loving, successful presence on the sidewalk. Learn how to reach the abortion-minded person with effective ways to communicate and instill confidence in their ability to give life to their child.

- ◆ Tuesday, December 4, 2018
- ◆ 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ The Marian Room

Registration Limited. Please RSVP to Sarah Lindstrom at olvproulife@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, November 28. For more information, call 716-847-2205 or email Sarah.

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, December 9 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Advent is the season for preparing for Christ's birth. Join us as we celebrate the season at ***our next Children's Liturgy on Sunday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m.***

This is a very special liturgy for our community. Right after the Mass during our refreshment hour, we will get a visit from Santa! ***We are asking every family to bring a new, unwrapped toy to give to Santa.*** This is our ***Reverse-Gift-Giving***, a more than 20-year tradition for Children's Liturgy. Santa will take the toys he collects and give them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who will distribute the toys to less fortunate families in our community. The toys need not be costly or large. It may help to get a toy that your own children would like to get for themselves. Please involve the children in selecting the toy. This can be a wonderful way to help them see the importance of giving! We will also be collecting food for St. Vincent's Christmas distribution.

Practice for this liturgy will take place on ***Saturday, December 8***. Singers will practice from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. and readers, collectors and gift bearers will practice from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

The Ministers list is:

Readers: Devan Harden, Madelyn Powers, Liam Sokolik

Collectors: Kathryn Powers

Gift Bearers: (No one yet)

Greeters: (No one yet)

Singers: Noah Takacs, Olivia Maciuba

All ministers must practice for the Mass unless previously excused by Tina. We need 3 collectors, greeters, gift bearers and more singers! Please call Tina Hatem (826-5075) if your child is a minister and will be unable to attend Mass or practice.

Join us this month! If you and your family have never been to a Children's Liturgy, please come. We always have room for more!



The OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the parish community because through your generous contributions of food, money and time, we delivered Thanksgiving baskets to over 150 needy families in our neighborhood! We are also extremely grateful for all of your prayers, along with the food and monetary donations, at the Thanksgiving Day Masses, which helps with our ministry of helping the needy all year long.

We will also have a **Christmas food distribution**, so we can use help packing bags of food on the morning of **Friday, December 14**. We will also continue to need drivers on **Saturday, December 15**, to deliver those bags and some toys to Lackawanna homes. It is a hectic time for everyone, but please consider taking two hours of your morning/afternoon for a great start to the Christmas week.

For more information, call the rectory at 828-9444 to leave a message for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a member will return your call.

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 holiday. 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 7. Thank you.

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Vocation Thought First Sunday of Advent

Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering this call? If you think God is calling you, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Canisius College Chorale: On **Monday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m.** **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church**, 3148 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, will be hosting a concert by the **Canisius College Chorale**. The Canisius College Chorale is Western New York's premier collegiate choir. The 120-voice Chorale, under the direction of Bradley Wingert, performs throughout the region in numerous concerts before school, church and community audiences. This free of charge performance is open to the public. All are welcome to attend. The Canisius College Chorale is a treasure of our Western New York fine arts community, so this is an evening you will not want to miss!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Nelson H. Baker #1043 will hold its next meeting on **Monday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room**. Please bring some Christmas decorations (Dollar store is fine) to be donated to those escaping abusive situations. We will be sharing finger foods and goodies as our Christmas party. There are some items that need to be voted on and it is important that every member make an effort to attend - we must have a quorum to do this! Yes, this is a busy time of year, but please take this time to share fellowship, goodies and prayers with our members. All Catholic women 18 and over are welcome to attend. Come see what it is all about.

Blood Drive at **Lake Erie Italian Club** Small Hall, 3200 South Park Avenue, on **Tuesday, December 11, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.** For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome!

St. Francis High School: Vocal Christmas Concert on **Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.** in Alumni Hall Theatre featuring the Chorus classes, Men's Choir and Senior Schola. **Instrumental Christmas Concert** on **Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.** in Alumni Hall Theatre featuring the Concert Band, Jazz Messengers and K-OS. All of the performances are free of charge.

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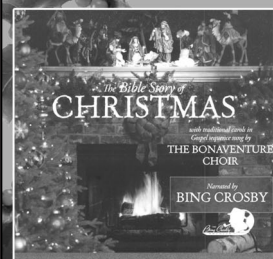
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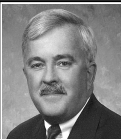
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