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Sunday, December 23, 2018 - Fourth 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.

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 or by phone at (716) 828-9424.

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If you are reading this bulletin on Saturday evening, December 22, there is still one more opportunity for Christmas Confession this evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Three priests will be hearing confessions this evening.

Also, the decorating of the Basilica for Christmas will take place this evening, Saturday, December 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to assist in this process which makes our Basilica look so beautiful for the Christmas season.

Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. (Family Mass); 6:00 p.m. (St. Francis High School Choir will lead the music); and at Midnight (preceded by carols and hymns at 11:30 p.m.).

On Christmas Day, Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon. (Please note that there will be no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas afternoon).

A very blessed and peaceful Christmas to all of you from all of us here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica. From Father Romulus and myself, from Deacons Michael and Mario, from all of our parish, school, and religious education staff – we wish you all of the blessings of this holy season. May the peace, joy and hope which Jesus brings to us and to the whole world, fill your heart and homes. To you and to all your loved ones – we wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

I am grateful to our parish staff and parish ministries for making our Christmas celebration so beautiful. To our music ministries, our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers, to our Ushers and to our parish maintenance staff – I am so grateful to you for all your help. I am also grateful to all who helped decorate the Basilica. Each year those who help in this process make it so memorable. God bless you all.

If you haven't already blessed your family's Christmas manger scene, here's a prayer for you to use when you do:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
You have made your love known to us.
When our need for a Savior was great
You sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy and love.

Lord,
Bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us all of the humble birth of Jesus
and raise up our thoughts to Him,
Who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

May Jesus, our new-born Savior, 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of December 29-30

Lectors:

Saturday, December 29

4:30 p.m.—S. Saunders

Sunday, December 30

8:00 a.m.—W. O'Rourke

10:00 a.m.—A. Boneberg

12:00 p.m.—R. Koepfel

4:30 p.m.—M. Arza

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 29

4:30 p.m.—Jackson, Schaefer, Welsch, Wood

Sunday, December 30

8:00 a.m.—Murray, Twist

10:00 a.m.—R.&S. Boneberg, Jarosz, Osborne, T.Wing

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Swan, Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, December 29

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

Sunday, December 30

8:00 a.m.—V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom

10:00 a.m.—R. Jackson, M. Schwarzott

(MC=C. Heitzhaus)

12:00 p.m.—M. Viverto, L.J. Sokolik (MC=A.Grinder)

4:30 p.m.—M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC-J.Pearson)

Tours: December 30: Jim Drzymala



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Week of December 23, 2018

Saturday, December 22

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

Monday, December 24—Vigil of Christmas

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

Filomena Del Vecchio by The Del Vecchio Family

12:10 Filk Family & Friends by James Filk

Marcy & Regina Just by Family

4:00 For the People of the Parish

6:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8:00 For the People of the Parish

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 26—St. Stephen

7:30 Paul "Rick" Diviak by Dianne Bosinski

12:10 Kathryn Carney by Kathleen Carney Craig

John Cotton by Sharon Puckhaber

Thursday, December 27—St John

7:30 Soul of Hermania Delizo by Stephen & Maria Lim

James Tully by Family

12:10 Special Intention for Johanna & Kim O'Connell by The

O'Connell Family

Martha Kardynalski by The McGrath, Panek &

Cummings Families

Friday, December 28—The Holy Innocents

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions

Faustina Tiberio by John & Mary Ann Tiberio & Family

12:10 Corinne Preischel by The Family of Corinne Preischel

Bruce Capell by Rose & Dave Barus

4:00 Wedding: Eric Christopher DeRose & Amanda Marie

McLaughlin

Saturday, December 29—St. Thomas Becket

7:30 Mary Ann O'Donnell by The Downey Family

12:10 Joyce Schmidt by Christina Reece

4:30 Joseph Trala by The Trala Family

Sunday, December 30—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 Phil Avino by Wife, Christine Avino

10:00 Cynthia & Jerome Kida by Karen & Greg

12:00 Shaun McLaughlin & Margaret Goulet by Diane &

Amanda McLaughlin & Mary Goulet

4:30 Victor J. Stachowski, Sr. by Grandson, Greg Stachowski



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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)

Monday, December 24—Vigil of Christmas*Christmas Eve**Masses at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and Midnight**Gift Shop open 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.***Tuesday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)***Christmas Day**Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon; NO 4:30 p.m. Mass**Novena in Honor of the Birth of Our Lord Ends**Rectory, Museum & Gift Shop Closed; No Tours*

NO Rosary for Peace

NO Prayer Group Meeting

Wednesday, December 26—St. Stephen**Thursday, December 27—St John**

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

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

Friday, December 28—The Holy Innocents

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

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

Saturday, December 29—St. Thomas Becket

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

Sunday, December 30—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

NO Religious Ed Classes

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



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As I take this time to wish all of our parishioners, our Pastor and Priests, as well as our school families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, we remember God keeps the great promise of the gift of Jesus and what a special gift he is! We encourage everyone to remember that God amazes us with other gifts we never could have imagined and asked for. Just think of the many things we need in order to stay alive and yet the earth contains much more that is necessary to keep us going. As we spend this beautiful day with everyone we love and cherish, I am grateful for one of the greatest gifts of all, a chance to make a difference in the lives of your children. Thank you to everyone for all that you do to support our school and our students. Merry Christmas to all!

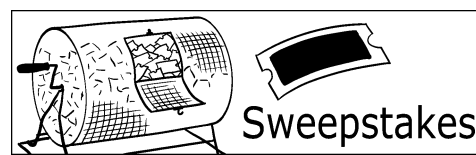
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2019 Sweepstakes tickets are on sale now! Get your tickets after weekend Masses at the exit on the lower level of the Basilica or in the Rectory, Gift Shop and the School Office during regular business hours. Each ticket is \$50.00 and admits two people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



Sunday, December 16th

Due to an early deadline, totals for the December 16th Sunday collection will be listed in an upcoming bulletin.



Eric Christopher DeRose & Amanda Marie McLaughlin

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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

Please send me _____ set(s) of Daily Draw Tickets at \$55 per set. (Total enclosed: _____)

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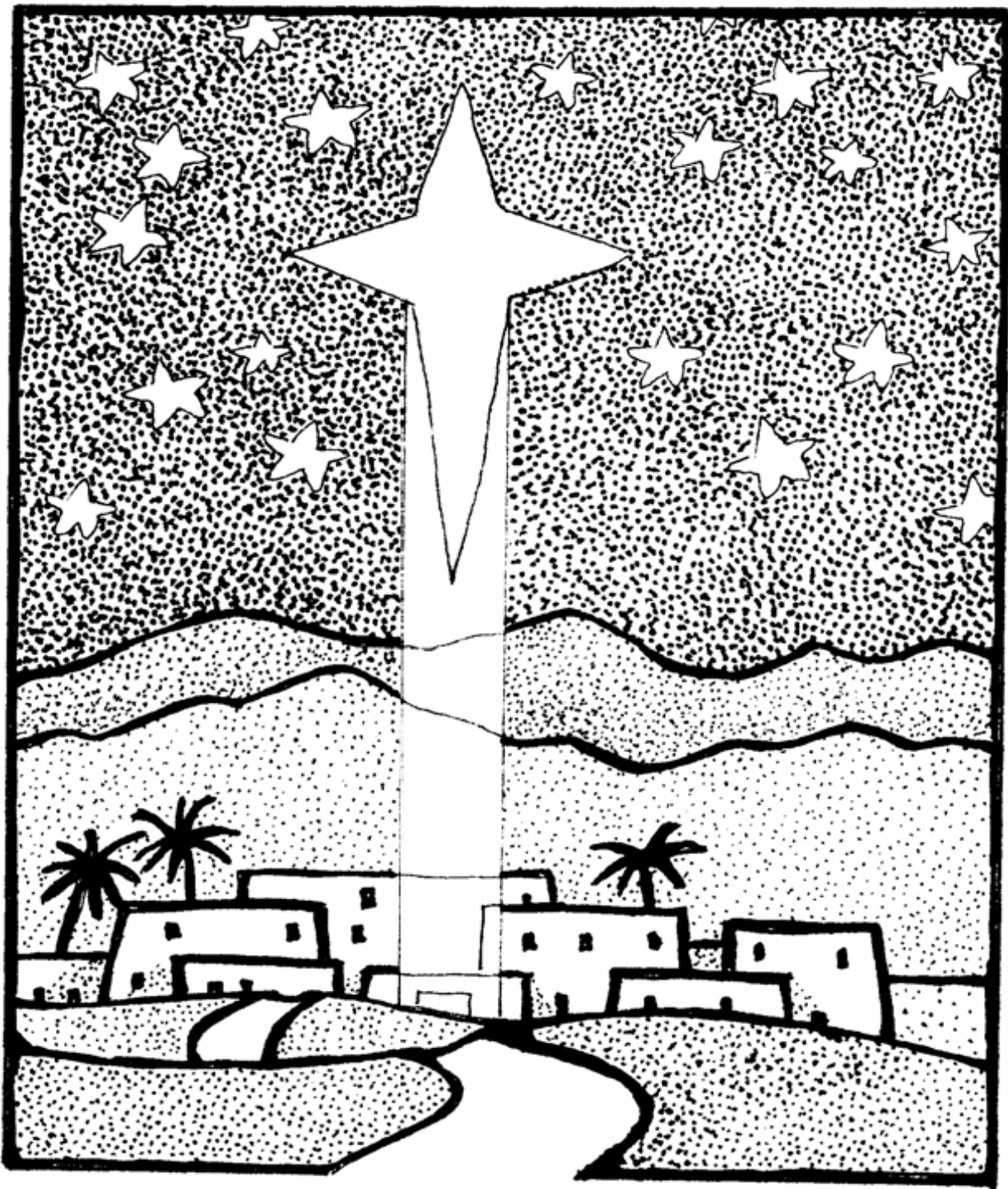
Please call the Rectory at 828-9444



Vocation Thought Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we hear that Jesus' coming into our world and all of the love he poured out for us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father's will. Remember that it may be God's will that you be a priest or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus' example of faithfulness? 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.

Merry Christmas from Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica!



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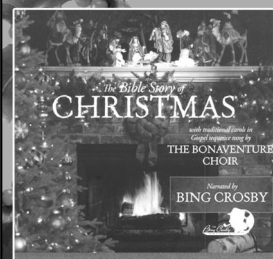
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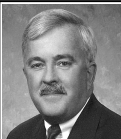
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