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Sunday, December 9, 2018 - Second 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-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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My pastor's message this week is somewhat bitter sweet. As you know, I turned 75 years old on September 15th. That's the age at which, by Canon Law, pastors are required to retire from positions of administration. (A priest never stops being a priest – celebrating Mass, administering sacraments - but he is asked to step aside from administrative roles in the church). I spoke to Bishop Malone about a year ago, knowing that my 75th birthday was approaching. At that time, we agreed to speak at a later date to firm up my retirement plans. About two weeks ago, Bishop Malone and I did meet to discuss this further, and I now have a firm date for retirement. I asked Bishop Malone to permit me to stay on as pastor and head of the Our Lady of Victory Institutions until after my 50th Anniversary of Ordination, which is May 24, 2019. Bishop Malone graciously agreed to this. ***I will be retiring on June 1, 2019.*** I am grateful to Bishop Malone for his flexibility in setting this date. So, we now have six months to prepare for a new pastor to be announced. As of now, there is no decision on Bishop Malone's part as to who this new pastor might be. That decision will come later. (We can and should begin praying to the Holy Spirit to help Bishop Malone with this decision). Needless to say, I have loved serving as pastor of our parish and as head of Our Lady of Victory Institutions for these past twelve years. It also goes without saying that it has been an honor to spearhead the canonization cause for Father Baker. I am grateful to all of you, and to so many people throughout our parish and throughout the OLV Institutions who have helped make these years a joy and who have helped me with this important ministry. The work of the parish and of the Our Lady of Victory Institutions continues to move forward, so the next six months will keep me busy. We will look for a suitable time in early spring to celebrate all we have been able to do together to continue Father Baker's great legacy. Pray for me as I begin to enter this new phase in my life!

Here are a few dates between now and Christmas which you may want to keep in mind.

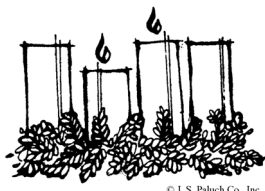
- ◆ Friday, December 14: St. Vincent de Paul Society needs help packing food bags for the needy – 10:00 a.m. – rectory garage
- ◆ Saturday, December 15: Delivery of Christmas food bags – 10:00 a.m. – rectory garage
- ◆ Friday, December 21: 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Confessions
- ◆ Saturday, December 22: 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Confessions
- ◆ Saturday, December 22: 6:00 p.m. – Christmas decorating of the Basilica – in the Basilica. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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



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

Father Paul



Summary of the Readings Second Sunday of Advent

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MassSchedule

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Week of December 9, 2018

Saturday, December 8

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. Thomas A. Hassenfratz by Betty Pukalo

Monday, December 10

7:30 Deceased Members of the Sasiadek Family by David Sasiadek

8:15 Francis Igoe by The Downey Family

12:10 Kirk Michael McKay by Elizabeth Willard & Diane VonHeckler

Ellen Taylor by John & Patty Sibiga

Tuesday, December 11—St. Damasus I

7:30 All Souls in Purgatory by Carmen Kozlowski
Victoria Usiak by Joan Usiak

12:10 Bruce Dickenson by Lori Dickenson

Raymond Colpoys by Gregory Schuyler & Linda Weiss

Wednesday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 Msgr. Robert C. Wurtz

Sue Boderick (Death Ann.) by Pat & Marilyn Gallagher

12:10 Bobby Plandowski by John & Barbara Radwan

Claire McGuire by Loving Daughter, Michelle

Thursday, December 13—St. Lucy

7:30 Rudolph & Katherine Rzepecki & Family by Estate of
Mary R. Rektorik

Matthew Mytych by Mother, Barbara Mytych

12:10 James Mahoney by Daughter, Karen & Grandchildren

Friday, December 14—St. John of the Cross

7:30 Living Members of the Uschold Family by Uschold
Estate

Emily Mercado by Debbie & Mike Raymond

8:15 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions

12:10 Joseph Battista by The Battista Family

Saturday, December 15

7:30 Healing for Felipa, Emjay & Robin Cartagena by Felipa
Cartagena

12:10 Michael LoVullo by Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Jung

1:30 Wedding: Brendan Peter Barthel & Elise Janice
Shoemaker

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



Weekend of December 15-16

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Lectors:

Saturday, December 15

4:30 p.m.—B. McDonough

Sunday, December 16

8:00 a.m.—B. DeMike

10:00 a.m.—L. Smolen

12:00 p.m.—E. Wieleba

4:30 p.m.—M. Kipler

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 15

4:30 p.m.—Dulak, Jackson, R.&D. McDonough

Sunday, December 16

8:00 a.m.—M.&P. Allman, Fitzgerald

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

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Trabucco, Wallum

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

Servers:

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

8:00 a.m.—V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom

10:00 a.m.—M. Wietchy (MC=K. Thompson)

12:00 p.m.—L.J. Sokolik, A. Grinder

(MC=C. Carroccia)

4:30 p.m.—M. McNatty, B. Gwozdz, D.N. Clark

(MC= S. Saunders)

Tours: December 16: Ron Bonafede



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Sunday, December 9—Second Sunday of Advent

Coffee & Donuts after Morning Masses (Music Room)

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)

Monday, December 10

- 8:45 a.m. Reconciliation Grades 3-8
- 6:30 p.m. Catholic Daughters (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, December 11—St. Damasus I

- 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 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 13—St. Lucy

- 1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (SC)
- 5:30 p.m. Trocaire College Pinning Ceremony (Bas)
- NO Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 14—St. John of the Cross

Pack Christmas Bags

School Movie Night

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)

Saturday, December 15

Deliver Christmas Bags

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

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)



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Come to the *Music Room* on the lower level of the Basilica *this Sunday, December 9, after any of the morning Masses*. Begin your day with a cup of coffee, a donut and conversation with other parishioners! All are welcome.

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ December 10: Reconciliation for Grades 3-8 after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- ◆ December 11: 6th Grade STREAM field trip to the Darwin Martin House
- ◆ December 13: Honor Roll Ceremony for the first Trimester at 8:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria
- ◆ December 13: Breakfast of Champions after the Honor Roll Ceremony (around 8:45 a.m.)
- ◆ December 14: Character Trait Awards after 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Basilica
- ◆ December 14: Movie Night and Christmas Shop preview

Box Tops for Education Labels

Did you know you can help support our school? Please check on your grocery purchases for **Box Tops for Education labels**. If you have any labels, please cut them and donate in the box in the front of the church. Our Lady of Victory Elementary School earns 10 cents for each label collected. We appreciate your support. Box Tops for Education labels can be found on Kleenex, Glad, Hefty and many other brand name products.

Altar & Rosary Society Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Altar & Rosary Society raffle held at the Christmas Party on December 2. They are:

- ◆ \$300 - C. MacLaughlin
- ◆ \$200 - Mary Mach
- ◆ \$100 - Deb Friend

Aging Religious Need Your Help

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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.



Sunday, December 2nd

Weekly:	\$	14,123.12
Monthly:	\$	1,621.00
Total:	\$	15,744.12
Shrines	\$	1,841.68
Pennies	\$	157.65
Christmas	\$	88.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	965.00
Immac. Conception	\$	110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	7.00



Brendan Peter Barthel & Elise Janice Shoemaker
Eric Christopher DeRose & Amanda Marie McLaughlin

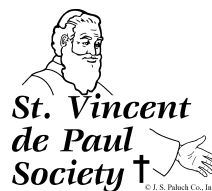


We welcome *Liam Hamilton Smith* into our Parish Community. He was baptized on Saturday, December 1, 2018 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



**Vocation Thought
Second Sunday of Advent**

We are urged to “prepare the way of the Lord!” God has called some men and women to show His children how to do this through their leadership as priests and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories at www.buffalovocations.org.



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.

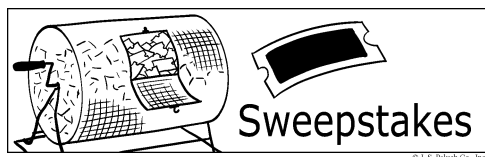


Care for Creation

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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.



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.

Congratulations

The winners of the first Early Bird drawing held on Saturday, December 1, are:

- ◆ \$400 - Wendy Colello (#907)
- ◆ \$200 - Joe Kasior, Jim Dudziak (#35)
- ◆ \$100 - Patricia Hyla (#423)

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

AREA HAPPENINGS

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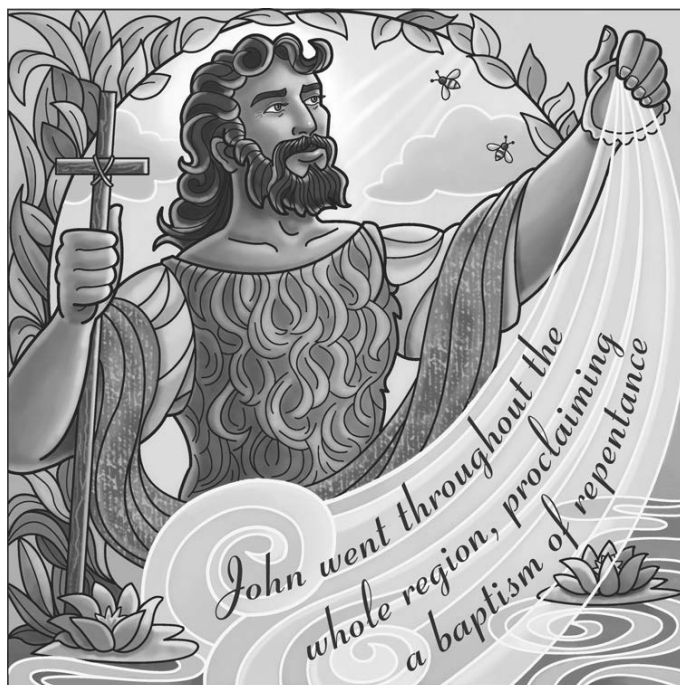
Christmas Confession Schedule
 Friday, December 21: 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00 PM
 Saturday, December 22: 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00 PM

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



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