



# OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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*Sunday, February 16, 2020 - Sixth 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.

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**GIFT SHOP and MUSEUM HOURS:**  
 Daily 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**ROSARY:** Tuesdays 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@olvbasilica.org](mailto:dbosinski@olvbasilica.org) or by phone at (716) 828-9424.

**A Message from the Pastor****LENTEN MISSION: March 30, 31 & April 1, 2020  
PLEASE SAVE THE DATES**

I am pleased to announce that Father Louis Leonelli, CFR, will be coming to Our Lady of Victory Basilica to preach a three-night mission beginning on Monday, March 30, and concluding on Wednesday, April 1. Father Louis has been a member of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal since 2001. He experienced a conversion through the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1993 that eventually led him to the Franciscans. He was ordained a priest in 2009 and is director of the St. Anthony Shelter for Renewal in the South Bronx where he currently resides.

Father Louis will preach at all the Masses here at OLV National Shrine & Basilica on the weekend of March 28-29 and then lead us through the three-night mission, March 30, 31 & April 1, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Basilica. I know that his message to us will be inspiring and will be just what we need to hear this Lent as we prepare for Easter. Please spread the word to family and friends. More information will be forthcoming and will be shared with neighboring parishes as well. All are welcome!

With that being said, Lent will begin soon on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Please refer to the parish bulletin for the Mass times on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each Mass and there will also be a Prayer Service at 3:00 p.m. when ashes will be distributed as well.

We will be hosting a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Our Lady of Victory Elementary School cafeteria. Please come and support our parish and enjoy a delicious fish fry.

Also, during Lent we will continue the tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. This is a grace-filled way to celebrate the holy season of Lent as we prayerfully meditate on what our Lord Jesus did for each one of us as He carried the cross to Calvary.

I also ordered a booklet of daily reflections as a gift to our parishioners that will be available in the Basilica to be used during Lent. The booklet is entitled “Lenten Blessings Await: Daily Reflections, Actions and Prayers” by Fr. Joseph Sica. Fr. Joe says “Lent is a good time to get out the priority meter and ask yourself: Who and what matters most to me?” His daily stories and encouragement will help you use your Lenten observances to stay focused on what’s most important.

Finally, this weekend we are also celebrating the birthday of our beloved founder, Father Baker. Father Baker was born on February 16, 1842 and died on July 29, 1936 at the age of 94. For 60 years as a priest, he faithfully and compassionately cared for orphans, troubled youth, and unwed mothers, and assisted countless people who came to him in need. Father Baker made Lackawanna known as the “City of Charity” and his legacy continues to this very day. Let us continue to pray fervently for his canonization. Every day as I begin my day in prayer kneeling before Father Baker’s tomb, I know and believe that he continues

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



## Summary of the Readings Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Weekend of February 22-23

### Lectors:

#### Saturday, February 22

4:30 p.m.—W. O’Rourke

#### Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m.—L. Smolen

10:00 a.m.—M. Mulqueen

12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech

4:30 p.m.—T. Martin

### Eucharistic Ministers:

#### Saturday, February 22

4:30 p.m.—Bush, Jackson, Wood

#### Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m.—Lipke, M. McCann, Murray

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

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

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

### Servers:

#### Saturday, February 22

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

#### Sunday, February 23

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

10:00 a.m.—A.J. Matyas, N.M. Powers, T. Swiger

12:00 p.m.—T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, E. James,

L.J. Sokolik, N. Lindstrom

4:30 p.m.—A. Mateer, D.N. Clark, J. Torres

(MC= J. Pearson)

**Tours: February 23:** Marsha Lipke

# MassSchedule

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## Week of February 16, 2020

### Saturday, February 15

4:30 Richard A. Kij & Family by June Kij & Family

### Sunday, February 16—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 James & Josephine McDonald by The Gullekson Family

10:00 Deceased Members of the Patriots Club by The Patriots Club

12:00 Deceased Members of the Filk Family & Friends by James Filk

4:30 Stephen P. Check by Mike & Mary Check

### Monday, February 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Helping Hands Club Members Joseph Rybicki by Kevin Whelan

12:10 Peter M. Kooshoian by OLV Human Services & Board

### Tuesday, February 18

7:30 Casimir M. Slaski by Estate

Maria Herman by Brother, Michael Nayda

12:10 Janet M. Murphy by Father David

### Wednesday, February 19

7:30 For the People of the Parish

John & Anna Rybicki by The Rybicki Family

12:10 Elizabeth Quinn by Carolyn St. George

Ellen Fahey by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Comerford

### Thursday, February 20

7:30 Jack Haggerty by Michael & Marjorie Haggerty

12:10 Special Intention for Theresa Dybalski (Living) by Fam.

### Friday, February 21—St. Peter Damian

7:30 Anastasia Downey by The Downey Family

12:10 Living & Dec. Members of the Bayerl & Pettit Families by Family

### Saturday, February 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:30 Krystle Stewart by Rosemary Scahill

12:10 Anthony Twentyfive by Joann Reville & Family

4:30 Dennis Jackson (Anniv.) by Mary Anne Jackson & Children

### Sunday, February 23—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Lucy Maiorano by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Strycharz

10:00 Fr. Leon Neu by John & Karen Shanly

12:00 Esther Wilk Gutek by Joanne Scofield

4:30 Joan Karaszewski by Jean Brill



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**A Message from the Pastor**

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to perform miracles here at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, OLV Charities, and OLV Human Services. Happy 178th Birthday Father Baker!

Our Lady of Victory... Pray for us!

God bless you all!

Gratefully,  
Fr. David

**School News**

This past week, we kicked off our **Reading Incentive Program** for Grades Pre-K to Grade 4. Students are challenged throughout these next three months to read at least 75 books, or over 320 minutes for those students who can read chapter books. The theme for this year's program is Kings and Queens. Students will work toward three benchmarks. When each is achieved, they will receive part of their king or queen costume. We will celebrate all of their successes on May 14 with a picnic dinner, fun activities and a Glenn Colton Concert! Every year it has been a fun event for our primary grades. We wish everyone luck as they work hard toward their reading goals. We know there will be an abundance of Royalty in the house on May 14!

The second session of **STREAM** (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) has begun. Students chose from a multitude of different classes for this session: Robotics, Screen Printing, Fab Fashion, Coding, and Kitchen Chemistry are just a few. The children have told me their favorite day of the week is Thursday because it is STREAM Day!

**Sweepstakes** is just around the corner, **March 7**. There are still tickets available to win the big prizes. We'd love to have you come and join us! Tickets continue to be available in the Rectory or the School Office.

**Important Dates to Note:**

- ◆ February 16: Happy Birthday Father Baker!
- ◆ February 17-21: February Break - No School
- ◆ February 24: School resumes

**Sunday, February 16—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

- NO Religious Ed Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Patriots Club Mass (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

**Monday, February 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

*Presidents Day Holiday; Rectory Closed; Gift Shop Open  
School Winter Break all week*

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

**Tuesday, February 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, February 19**

**Thursday, February 20**

- 6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)

**Friday, February 21—St. Peter Damian**

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
- 6:30 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting (MR)

**Saturday, February 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

*Children's Liturgy Bake Sale after 4:30 p.m. Mass (MR)  
3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions*

**Sunday, February 23—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

- Children's Liturgy Bake Sale after all weekend Masses (MR)*
- NO Religious Ed Classes
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
- 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)



**Happy**



**Birthday**

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**Honor Father Baker  
for his 178<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

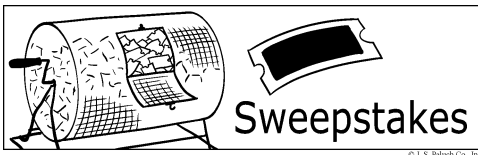
Celebrate the remarkable life of this amazing man, spiritual leader and advocate for the rights of all.

If you attend one of the Masses on February 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> we invite you to sign the large Father Baker birthday card which will be located in the back entrance of the Basilica.

If you are unable to sign the large card, you can sign a digital birthday card! Please visit [www.fatherbaker.org/birthday](http://www.fatherbaker.org/birthday).

**Adult Confirmation Classes**

*At the Easter Vigil, April 11, 2020, the Church will welcome new Catholics through reception of the Sacraments.* Along with them, any properly prepared and formerly inactive Catholic may receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We welcome any inactive, baptized adult Catholics who finished high school, who are free to marry in the Church, or if married, were married according to the rites of the Catholic Church, to register for Adult Confirmation Classes with Father Romulus. **The five classes begin on Thursday, February 27, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in the Shrine Chapel on the lower level of the Basilica.** Candidates must arrange for an interview with Father Romulus by calling 828-9425 and provide a recent Catholic Baptismal certificate before the first class.



### Get Your 2020 Sweepstakes Tickets

Sweepstakes tickets are available after weekend Masses at the exit on the lower level of the Basilica or in the Rectory, Gift Shop and School Office during regular business hours. Each ticket is \$50.00 and admits two people (21 and over) to the ***Sweepstakes Night on Saturday, March 7, 2020.***

If you are able to help with the Sweepstakes Drawing on March 7, please contact Deniece Diamond at 716-997-8125 or complete the form below and return it to the School Office or place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

***Congratulations*** to our final Early Bird Winner: Ray Gallagher ticket #649 (\$150).

### Volunteers Needed for Sweeps 2020!

Our Sweepstakes Grand Prize Drawing will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to assist with major areas of the Sweepstakes process.

\_\_\_\_\_ Theme Baskets, Donations for Large Raffle Items  
*Event Day (March 7, 2020)*

_____ Setup	_____ Kitchen
_____ Bartender	_____ 50/50 Split
_____ Bell Jar	_____ Raffle Sales
_____ Ice, Food, Beverages	_____ Take down

If you are willing to assist in any of these areas, please indicate your preference and fill in the information below:

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Please return to Deniece Diamond or through the OLV School Office or drop in the collection basket as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Deniece (716-997-8125) or the School Office (828-9434). Thank you.

### Care for Creation

#### Suggestion to Help Care for our Common Home

Ways to eliminate single use plastic. Purchase toilet paper wrapped in paper rather than plastic and anything in a box instead of a bag. For condiments such as ketchup, mustard and salad dressing, choose varieties that come in glass jars instead of squeeze bottles. Wet wipes used for make-up removal or baby cleaning are easily replaceable with flannels, towels or sponges, all of which are reusable and ultimately recyclable.

### Upcoming Events

#### Our Lady of Victory School HSA Ash Wednesday Fish Fry - February 26 (Prepared by BW's)

Dinner includes: Fish, French fries, macaroni salad, cole slaw, bread and butter. ***Dinners available from 4:30 p.m. to sold out.*** Pre-order: \$12.50. At the door: \$14.00. Children's meals (under age 10): \$7.00 ***Pre-sale tickets are available at the school office or by calling Carm at 828-7494.***

#### Catholic Daughters of the Americas Diaper/Wipe Drive

***Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Baker #1043 will hold a diaper/wipe drive on the weekend of February 29-March 1 at all Masses.*** There will be two drop-off points upstairs for your convenience: one at the top of the stairs coming up from the parking lot entrance and the other in the front entrance under the bulletin board. Any size diapers or wipes will be accepted and distributed to the St. Gianna Molla Center.

#### Healing Mass

The Charismatic Renewal Office of the Diocese of Buffalo, will have a ***Healing Mass at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.*** Father Richard DiGiulio will be the Main Celebrant. For more information, please call 716-683-6522 x109.

#### Catholic Charities Appeal 2020

Just as our Appeal patron saint, St. Joseph, used tools as a carpenter, ***Catholic Charities aims to give tools to those in need to help them protect, strengthen and empower their lives.*** Whether it be satisfying hunger through one of our nine food pantries or teaching a family or individual how to successfully navigate the world of healthcare through our Care Coordination programs, Catholic Charities stands ready to be a provider of help and hope. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal can bolster our efforts. Join us by making a secure donation online at [wwwccwny.org/donation](http://wwwccwny.org/donation) or by calling 716-218-1400. ***Think of Me.***



The Children's Liturgy Committee will hold its ***Annual Bake Sale and Theme Basket Raffle next weekend, February 22-23.*** The sale will take place in the Marian Room after all weekend Masses. We are still in need of baked goods to sell and items for our basket raffle. Anyone who wants to donate a raffle item or baked goods can call Tina Hatem at 826-5075. We thank you for your support!



### Sunday, February 9th

Weekly:	\$	12,155.85
Monthly:	\$	371.00
Total:	\$	12,526.85
Shrines	\$	1,331.62
Pennies	\$	33.52
Fuel	\$	1,122.00
Catholic Relief	\$	20.00

#### **Financial statements for 2019 are available upon request.**

Please send your request and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: OLV Rectory, 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Thank you.

### From the OLV Gift Shop Celebrating Our Founder

*The OLV Gift Shop is celebrating the birthday of Venerable Nelson H. Baker throughout the month of February. Save 30% on select\* Father Baker-OLV items, including framed prints of Father Baker, statues, medals, candles, key rings, and more.*

If you haven't visited the OLV Gift Shop in a while, now is the time to stop in and say hello to our friendly team of staff and volunteers. While you're here, be sure to pick up one of our economical and ecological Our Lady of Victory tote bags, perfect for trips to the grocery store once plastic bags disappear from our shopping culture next month.

*\*"Select" refers to merchandise displayed in connection with the sale; not all Father Baker or OLV merchandise is included in this sale. All sales final. No other sales or discounts apply.*

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### Vocation Thought Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proclaiming the Lord's name and love is not always easy, and sometimes must be done in the face of persecution. Still, God promises that those who bear insult for the sake of His name will be rewarded greatly in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His name and love? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

### AREA HAPPENINGS

#### **29th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Theme Basket Raffle**

will be held on **Sunday, March 8, from Noon to 6:00 p.m.** to benefit Boy Scout Troop 400. The event will be held in the **SS. Peter & Paul Social Center**, 66 E. Main Street (corner of Pine) in Hamburg. Dinner tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children (5-10 years), under 5 Free. Theme Basket Raffle, large stage prizes, 50/50 Drawings. Dinner includes homemade sauce, pasta, bread, salad, homemade desserts, beverage, door prize ticket.

**110 in the Shade:** St. Francis High School is proud to announce that this year's musical will be **110 in the Shade**. Performances will be on **March 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. and on March 15 at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 each and are available online at [www.stfrancishigh.org](http://www.stfrancishigh.org) or through the main office of the school. All seats are reserved so call or visit early for the best selection. **Preview Performance** will be held on **Wednesday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m.** Tickets for this are available at the box office for \$5. No reservations needed.

**Annual Catholic Women's Conference:** The **Fifth Annual Catholic Women's Conference, Broken and Blessed, will be held on Saturday, March 14, at St. Mary's High School, Lancaster, NY, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.** Conference speakers are Heather Renshaw and Father Jack Mattimore. Registration: 7:30 a.m.; Mass 8:00 a.m. Tickets: \$20 Student/\$30 General Admission. To register, call 716-222-0622 or online at [CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org](http://CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org). Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to The Mother Teresa House food pantry.

**Career Opportunity:** The **Knights of Columbus** is seeking a **Field Agent** for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the Western New York area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact John Hoolick, General Agent, at 570-654-3390 or at [HoolickAgencyMail@KofC.org](mailto:HoolickAgencyMail@KofC.org).

**Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School** congratulates the following students who have achieved honors for the Second Quarter marking period: **First honors with Distinction:** Connor Robinson; **First Honors:** Alexander Lahr, Joseph McNamara, Aiden Mighells; **Merit Roll:** Christian Doody, Joseph Hynes, Simon Miazga, Tyler Sitarek, Dominic Velasquez.

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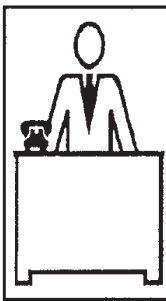
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