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Sunday, February 17, 2019 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Phone: (716) 828-9434

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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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This Sunday, February 17, we welcome the Lackawanna Patriots Club to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. This Mass is the annual gathering of the Patriots Club to remember their deceased members, especially those who have died this past year. We welcome them, and thank them for all of their charitable work in the Lackawanna area.

This week, for our Parish Elementary School, is Presidents Day Holiday. Our school will be closed for the entire week.

On Saturday, February 23, and Sunday, February 24, our Children's Liturgy Group will be hold a Baked Goods Sale in the Marian Room after all the weekend Masses. Your purchase will help defray the costs associated with our Children's Liturgies throughout the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Next Sunday, February 24, the 8th Grade Class of our parish Elementary School will hold a Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Stop by and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast and support the 8th Grade end-of-year activities.

Our parish Sweepstakes is fast approaching. ***The Sweepstakes party will be held on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m.*** We are a little behind in ticket sales due to a later start than usual. Tickets are available at the rectory office, the school office, the Gift Shop, and after all weekend Masses. ***Get your ticket to win the Grand Prize of \$10,000.*** See you there, I hope!

Sometimes we wonder if the things we do are worth the effort. Here's a story which proves that even the smallest thing we do can have a huge impact on others. This particular story comes from Cheryl Calire, our Diocesan Director of Pro-Life Activities. Cheryl received a phone call from a family who wanted to meet with her. Their youngest daughter was facing an unplanned pregnancy. The daughter and the parents were scared and didn't know what to do. They met with Cheryl, and, at the end of the meeting, they had decided to choose life for the baby. Cheryl asked them what had prompted them to call her. The father of the young girl said he had come here to OLV to pray. They are not parishioners, but, like so many others, he was drawn to pray here. He went to a pew and knelt down to pray, and, in front of him, clipped to the hat clip, was the insert we had placed in the parish bulletin that weekend regarding Governor Cuomo's pro-abortion legislation which was up for approval that week. The insert called on parishioners to fight this legislation and help prevent abortions. The father of the girl took this as an answer to his prayers—and then called Cheryl Calire for an appointment. Even this small action on the part of our parish saved a life that day!

May Jesus, our Savior, 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Weekend of February 23-24

Lectors:

Saturday, February 23

4:30 p.m.—S. Saunders

Sunday, February 24

8:00 a.m.—E. Wieleba

10:00 a.m.—E. Bednarz

12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech

4:30 p.m.—G. Reid

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, February 23

4:30 p.m.—Dulak, Jackson, Wood

Sunday, February 24

8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Murray

10:00 a.m.—R.&A. Boneberg, Osborne, Powers,
T. Wing

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, February 23

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

Sunday, February 24

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

10:00 a.m.—N. Lindstrom, A.J. Matyas, J.L. Sokolik
(MC=C. Heitzhaus)

12:00 p.m.—T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, E. James
(MC=A. Grinder)

4:30 p.m.—A. Mateer, D.N. Clark
(MC=J. Pearson)

Tours: February 24: Joanne Haley

MassSchedule

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Week of February 17, 2019

Saturday, February 16

4:30 John Lejca by The Lejca Family

Sunday, February 17—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Michelle Whalen by Brian & Sharon Stanton & Family

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

12:00 Eugene Staniszewski by Mary Staniszewski & Family

4:30 Patrick Kelly by The Monday Night Book Club

Monday, February 18

7:30 Casimir M. Slaski by Estate

Maria Herman by Brother, Michael Nayda

12:10 Caitlin E. (Schaefer) Chesnes by Ron & Cheryl
Kropczynski & Family

Thomas & Shirley Colern by Laura Deeds

Tuesday, February 19

7:30 John & Anna Rybicki by The Rybicki Family

Jean Zyglis (Anniv.) by Family

12:10 Marilynne Santangelo & Gary Musshafen (living) by
George & Janet Musshafen

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Helping Hands Club Members

Carol A. Smith by Donna & Cliff Emminger

12:10 Jack Haggerty by Michael & Marjorie Haggerty
Special Intention for Theresa Dybalski (living) by
Family

Thursday, February 21—St. Peter Damian

7:30 Genevieve Quinn by Joe Rybicki

12:10 Anastasia Downey by Dorothea A. Downey

John & Loretta Dunne by Kathleen Warren & Daughters

Friday, February 22—Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:30 Dec. Mem. of the Leising & Shyne Families by Estate

12:10 Joseph, Sr., Anna & Joseph Myers, Jr. by Friends

Saturday, February 23—St. Polycarp

7:30 Clarence E. & Teresa A. Neamon by Estate

12:10 Fred H. Cypull, Jr. by Colleen Cypull

4:30 John & Eleanor Lejca by The Lejca Family

Sunday, February 24—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Jeanette Grasso by Children

10:00 Jackie Dubaj by Loving Family

12:00 Diane Morawski by Husband, Richard Morawski

4:30 Agnes Bengert & Bruce & Agnes Holmes by Jim &
Karen Dillon



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Sunday, February 17—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO Religious Ed Classes
 10:00 a.m. Patriots Club Mass (Bas)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)
 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

Monday, February 18

Winter Break—No School

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

Tuesday, February 19

Winter Break—No School

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (R)
 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
 NO Prayer Group Meeting

Wednesday, February 20

Winter Break—No School

Thursday, February 21—St. Peter Damian

Winter Break—No School

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

Friday, February 22—Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Winter Break—No School

1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)
 6:30 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting (MR)

Saturday, February 23—St. Polycarp

Children's Liturgy Bake Sale after 4:30 p.m. Mass (MR)

12:30-5:30 p.m. Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training (MusR)
 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, February 24—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy Bake Sale after Masses (MR)

NO Religious Ed Classes
 8:00 a.m. 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast (Caf)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

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### **Don't Forget**

You can help support our school. Please check 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.

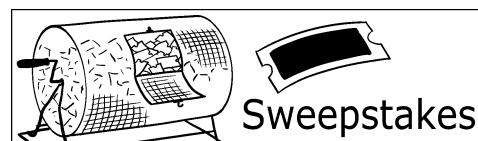


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Don't forget to purchase your Sweepstakes Tickets to win the Grand Prize! Sweepstakes is March 2. Come on out and have some fun!

### ***Important Dates to Note:***

◆ February 18-22: No School—Winter Break



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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.

**Congratulations to our final Early Bird Winner**, Virginia Chmielowiec (#428)

We are accepting **Theme Baskets and Gift Cards** for our Basket Raffle at the Sweeps Grand Drawing on March 2. Your donations can be dropped off at the OLV School Office or at the Rectory during regular business hours.



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**OLV Annual Sweepstakes 2019**  
**\$25,000 in Prizes—\$10,000 Grand Prize**  
**Drawing on Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**Quantity of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50 donation each)**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please complete and mail this form, along with your check to: Our Lady of Victory Sweepstakes, 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Your numbered ticket will be mailed to you. Thank you.**

### Position Available

Our Lady of Victory National Shrine is looking for a **full-time Business Manager**. To find more information on this position and to apply, please go to the Our Lady of Victory website at [www.ourladyofvictory.org](http://www.ourladyofvictory.org).

### Care For Creation

The next meeting of Our Lady of Victory's Care for Creation group will be held on **Monday, February 25, 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](mailto:mcdonoughdar@aol.com).



### Sweepstakes Volunteers Needed

**If you are able to help with the Sweepstakes Drawing on March 2**, please contact Deniece Diamond at 716-997-8125 or complete the form below and return it to the OLV School Office or put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

#### Volunteers Needed

Our Sweepstakes Grand Prize Drawing will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2019, 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 2, 2019)

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ 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:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

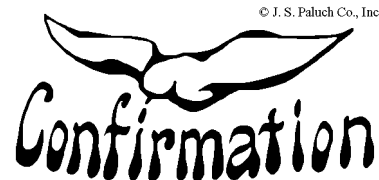
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Please return to Deniece Diamond through the OLV School Office or drop in the collection basket as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Deniece (716-997-8125) or the School Office (828-9434). Thank you.



### Adult Confirmation Classes

**At the Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019, 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 5 classes **begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room** on the lower level of the Basilica. Classes will continue on **Wednesdays, March 13, March 27, April 3 and April 10. Rehearsal** will be held on **Sunday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m.** Candidates should arrange for an interview with Father Romulus by calling **828-9425** and provide a recent Catholic Baptismal certificate before the first class.

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### "Ask a Priest" and Lenten Soup Meal

Parishioners are invited to this year's **"Ask a Priest" and Lenten Soup Meal** (soup and bread) sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society **after the Noon Mass** in the Cafeteria on the following Sundays: **March 10, March 24 (Marian Room), March 31, April 7 and April 14.** If any parishioner wishes to make a donation of homemade soup for these meals, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747. There is no charge for this meal, however a free will offering will be taken up.

### St. Joseph Table on March 17

On **Sunday, March 17**, the Altar & Rosary Society will have a **St. Joseph Table** in the **OLV Elementary School Cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** We are asking our parishioners to help support the day by donating a meatless dish to put on this special table in honor of St. Joseph. There is no charge for this meal, however a free will offering will be taken up. If you have any questions, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747. Hope to see you there.



### Sunday, February 10th

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Weekly:         | \$ 12,639.03 |
| Monthly:        | \$ 467.00    |
| Total:          | \$ 13,106.03 |
| Shrines         | \$ 629.74    |
| Pennies         | \$ 24.50     |
| Catholic Relief | \$ 15.00     |
| Fuel            | \$ 1,750.00  |

Financial statements for 2018 are available upon request.

**Please send your request and a stamped, self-addressed letter size (#10) envelope** to: Our Lady of Victory Rectory, 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Thank you.



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The Our Lady of Victory Pro-Life group will have a **meeting on Friday, February 22, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Marian Room**. Please let Sarah Lindstrom know if you can make it at [olvprolife@gmail.com](mailto:olvprolife@gmail.com).

There will be a **Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training on Saturday, February 23, at 12:30 p.m. in the Music Room at OLV**. If you are interested in being trained as a sidewalk counselor, please RSVP by Monday, February 18, to Sarah Lindstrom at [olvprolife@gmail.com](mailto:olvprolife@gmail.com)

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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 fruit 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. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org).

### AREA HAPPENINGS

**Spaghetti Dinner:** *Queen of Angels Parish*, Electric Avenue and Warsaw Street, Lackawanna, is having a **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 10, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** at the Parish Center. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. The dinner will include spaghetti with homemade sauce, meatballs, salad, bread and butter, home-made dessert and beverage. There will be no extra charge for take-out.

**Tickets will be pre-sale only** and may be purchased by calling Jim at 481-1278, Mike at 880-4048, Gene at 646-0513 or the Rectory at 826-0880.

**Newsies:** St. Francis High School is proud to announce that this year's musical will be Disney's *Newsies!* Performances will be on **March 15 and 16 at 7:00 p.m. and on March 17 at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 each and are available through the main office of the school or online at [www.stfrancishigh.org](http://www.stfrancishigh.org). All seats are reserved so call or visit early for the best selection. **Preview performance will be held on Wednesday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m.** Tickets for this performance are available at the box office for \$2. No reservations needed.

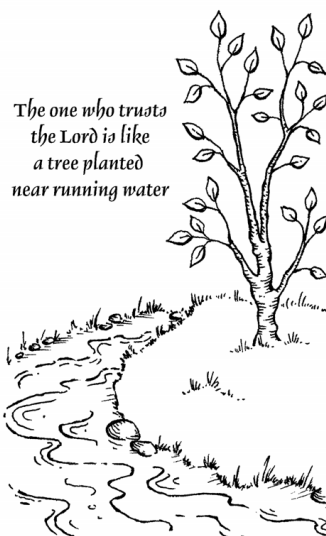
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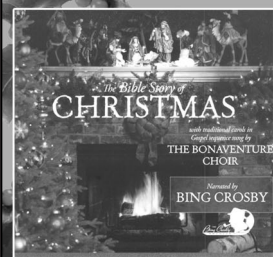
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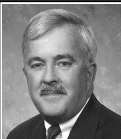
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