



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, February 24, 2019 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. Paul J. E. Burkard
PAROCHIAL VICAR: Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.
DEACON: 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:
 2760 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, NY
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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 weekend, our Children's Liturgy Planning Group is sponsoring a Baked Goods Sale after all the weekend Masses. Stop down to the Marian Room. Your support will help to defray the expenses associated with the monthly Children's Liturgy.

Also, this weekend, the Our Lady of Victory Elementary School's 8th Grade Class will be holding a Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria beginning at 8:00 a.m. and going until Noon.

Ash Wednesday is March 6. As you may know, the ashes you receive on Ash Wednesday are made by burning the dried palms from last year. If you have any blessed palm from last Palm Sunday in your home, you may bring it to the sacristy. We'll burn it for use on Ash Wednesday.

Since we are so close to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, it is good to remind ourselves of the Church's regulations for Lent.

+Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent (unless a major feast day falls on a Friday), and Good Friday.

+Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

+On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full (meatless) meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.

+Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these penitential practices. If, however, for some serious reason you cannot keep the Lenten fast or abstinence, you may move the penitential practice to another day that same week.

Each Friday during Lent, we will celebrate a special Friday Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m. This Mass will be preceded each week by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Plan on making these part of your Lenten schedule.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, is Coffee and Donut Sunday, after all the Sunday morning Masses.

May Jesus, our Savior, 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
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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Happening This Week

Sunday, February 24—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children’s Liturgy Bake Sale after Masses (MR)

NO Religious Ed Classes

8:00 a.m.-Noon 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast (Caf)

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

Monday, February 25

7:00 p.m. Care for Creation Meeting (MR)

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (R)

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

Tuesday, February 26

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

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

Wednesday, February 27

Thursday, February 28

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

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

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

Friday, March 1

First Friday

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

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

6:15 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (MR)

7:30 p.m. First Friday Mass (Bas)

Saturday, March 2

Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive

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

5:30 p.m. Sweepstakes Grand Drawing (Caf, Gym)

7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, March 3—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive

Coffee & Donuts after Morning Masses (MR)

NO Religious Ed Classes

11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (Mus R)

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

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)


MassSchedule

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Week of February 24, 2019

Saturday, February 23

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

Monday, February 25

7:30 Repose of the Souls of the Gentile, Oczek & Klosko Families by Family

8:15 For the People of the Parish

Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Association Members

12:10 Joseph Battista by The Battista Family

Tuesday, February 26

7:30 Irene Covino by Helen Krypel

12:10 Dec. Mem. of the Matthew Glab Post 1477 by Dave Krypel, Chaplain

Wednesday, February 27

7:30 John Phillips by Estate

12:10 Sr. Anne Houlihan by Rita & Vincent

Thursday, February 28

7:30 Msgr. Robert C. Wurtz

Staff Sgt. John Kupkowski by Family

12:10 Josephine Reszel by OLV Homes of Charity
Dennis Jackson by Mary Anne Jackson

Friday, March 1

7:30 Mary R. & Joseph Rektorik by Estate

8:15 Msgr. Robert C. Wurtz

Casimir M. Slaski & Family by Estate

12:10 Marcy Just by Family

Albin Schenck by Wife and Children

7:30 Nelson Militello by Delores Militello
David Milosich by David Sutter

Saturday, March 2

7:30 James Patrick Phillips by Estate

12:10 Jane M. Berhalter by Nancy Horbach

4:30 Louis, Ann & Donna Manzo the The Manzo Family

Sunday, March 3—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Cheryl Ann & Stella Gawel by The Gawel Family

10:00 Gerald Rybicki by The Rybicki Family

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

4:30 Florence DiPronio by Family



Sunday, February 17th

Weekly:	\$	12,493.50
Monthly:	\$	745.00
Total:	\$	13,238.50
Shrines	\$	667.98
Pennies	\$	61.26
Fuel	\$	178.00

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.



We welcome *Theodore William Lignos* and *Nathan John Marchese* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, February 17, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

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.

Thank You

Thanks to all who have dropped off Christmas cards and other greeting cards. We will no longer need these - until further notice. You may still drop off 2019 calendars, however. Thank you.

Vocation Thought Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are reminded today that when we are wronged we are to seek reconciliation rather than revenge. Jesus set the tone for such reconciliation by giving his life so that we may be forgiven for our sins. How is God calling you to be an instrument of His mercy? 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 on the Diocesan Vocation Office website at www.buffalovocations.org.

School News

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Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ February 25: The Light House Program begins

The BISON Fund

Tuition Assistance is now available for Private Grammar School through the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund. The BISON Fund is now accepting pre-applications for children entering kindergarten to 8th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please call Paula at the OLV School Office (828-9434).

Get Your 2019 Sweepstakes Tickets! Grand Prize Drawing is Saturday, March 2!

2019 Sweepstakes tickets are still available. 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.

Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive Next Weekend

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Baker #1043 will hold a diaper/wipe drive on the weekend of March 2-3 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 local baby ministries. Thank you for your support!

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.

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BAS-Basilica MR-Marian Room MUS R-Music Room CAF-OLV Cafeteria SC-Shrine Chapel R-Rectory IH-Infant Home</p>					<p>1 <i>First Friday</i> 1-5 pm Euch. Ador. (Bas) 2 pm Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH) 6:15 pm Pre-Baptism Class (MR) 7:30 pm First Friday Mass</p>	<p>2 <i>Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive</i> 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas) 5:30 pm Sweeps Drawing (Caf) (Cym)</p>
<p>3 <i>Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive</i> <i>Coffee & Donuts (MR)</i> NO am Rel. Ed. Classes 11 am Altari/Rosary (Mus R) 1 pm RCIA (Mus R) 1 pm Baptisms (Bas)</p>	<p>4 7 pm Parish Council (Caf) 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R) 8 pm Liturgy Committee (Caf)</p>	<p>5 7 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (R) 7 pm Rosary for Peace (Bas) 7:30 pm Mass, Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)</p>	<p>6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Masses at 7:30, 8:15, 12:10, 7:30 pm</i> 3 pm Prayer Service with Ashes 6 pm Adult Confirmation Class (Mus R)</p>	<p>7 1 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)</p>	<p>8 1-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Bas) 2-3 pm Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH) 7 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Mass (Bas)</p>	<p>9 <i>Black & Native Missions</i> 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)</p>
<p>10 <i>Black & Native Missions</i> 8:40 am Rel. Ed. Classes 1 pm Ask a Priest/Soup & Bread Lunch (Caf) 3 pm Rite of Election (Cathedral)</p>	<p>11 <i>Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Begins</i> 6:30 pm Cath. Daughters (MR) 6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R)</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm Home School Meeting (Caf) 7 pm Rosary for Peace (Bas) 7:30 pm Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)</p>	<p>13 6 pm Adult Confirmation Class (Mus R)</p>	<p>14 1 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)</p>	<p>15 1-5 pm Euch. Adoration (Bas) 2-3 pm Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH) 6:30 pm Pro-Life Mtg. (MR) 7 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Mass (Bas)</p>	<p>16 9 am Children's Liturgy Practice (MR) 12:10 pm St. Patrick Mass & Parade 1 pm Girl Scout Cookie Sale (Pavilion) 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)</p>
<p>17 8:40 am Rel. Ed. Classes 8:45 am Confessions (6-9) 10 am Children's Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR) 1 pm St. Joseph Table (Caf) 1 pm RCIA (Mus R)</p>	<p>18 8:45 am School Confessions 7 pm Parish Mission (Bas) (MR) 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R)</p>	<p>19 <i>Novena/St. Joseph Ends Rectory & Gift Shop Closed School Holiday</i> 4:30 pm Fish Fry (Caf) 7 pm St. Vincent de Paul (R) 7 pm Parish Mission (Bas) (MR) NO Rosary or Prayer Group</p>	<p>20 7 pm Parish Mission (Bas) (MR)</p>	<p>21 1 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)</p>	<p>22 1-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Bas) 2-3 pm Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH) 7 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Mass (Bas)</p>	<p>23 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)</p>
<p>24 8:40 am Rel. Ed. Classes 8:45 am Confessions (3-5) 10 am School Mother/Son Mass & Breakfast 12 pm RCIA 1st Scrutiny 1 pm RCIA (Mus R) 1 pm Ask a Priest/Soup, Bread</p>	<p>25 7 pm Care for Creation (MR) 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R)</p>	<p>26 7 pm Rosary for Peace (Bas) 7:30 pm Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)</p>	<p>27 6 pm Adult Confirmation Class (Mus R) 7 pm Healing Mass (Bas)</p>	<p>28 1 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)</p>	<p>29 <i>Ladies Night (School)</i> 1-5 pm Euch. Adoration (Bas) 2-3 pm Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH) 7 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Mass (Bas)</p>	<p>30 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)</p>
<p>31 8:40 am Rel. Ed. Classes 12 pm RCIA 2nd Scrutiny 1 pm RCIA (Mus R) 1 pm Baptisms (Bas) 1 pm Ask a Priest/Soup & Bread Lunch (Caf)</p>						

Lector Schedule - March 2019

Sat. 3/2	4:30	D. Ortiz
Sun. 3/3	8:00	E. Wieleba
	10:00	M. Kipler
	12:00	T. Howell
	4:30	M. Pawenski
Sat. 3/9	4:30	G. Reid
Sun. 3/10	8:00	D. West
	10:00	A. Boneberg
	12:00	C. Swan
	4:30	M. Arza
Sat. 3/16	4:30	S. Saunders
Sun. 3/17	8:00	M. Kipler
	10:00	No Lector—Children's Liturgy
	12:00	R. McDonough
	4:30	E. Bednarz
Sat. 3/23	4:30	G. Reid
Sun. 3/24	8:00	M. Mulqueen
	10:00	A. Buckley
	12:00	S. Swiech
	4:30	J. Howell
Sat. 3/30	4:30	W. O'Rourke
Sun. 3/31	8:00	B. DeMike
	10:00	C. Swan
	12:00	R. Koepfel
	4:30	A. Boneberg

**Tour Guide Schedule
Sunday Walk In Tours**

March 3	Marsha Lipke
March 10	Beverly McHugh
March 17	Dave Dehlinger
March 24	Linda Rayburg
March 31	John Twist

Eucharistic Minister Schedule - March 2019

Sat. 3/2	4:30	Dulak, Jackson, Welsch
Sun. 3/3	8:00	M.&P. Allman
	10:00	Dehlinger, Rose Grasso, Jarosz, Powers, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Swan, Trabucco
	4:30	Rick Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski
Sat. 3/9	4:30	Jackson, Schaefer
Sun. 3/10	8:00	Fitzgerald, M. McCann
	10:00	R.&A. Boneberg, Jarosz, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Trabucco
	4:30	Britting, Rick Grasso, Jackson
Sat. 3/16	4:30	Jackson, Schaefer, Welsch
Sun. 3/17	8:00	M.&P. Allman
	10:00	T. McCann, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, R.&D. McDonough, Trabucco
	4:30	Rick Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski
Sat. 3/23	4:30	Dulak, Jackson, Wood
Sun. 3/24	8:00	M. McCann, Murray
	10:00	T. McCann, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, R.&D. McDonough, Trabucco
	4:30	Britting, Rick Grasso, Jackson
Sat. 3/30	4:30	Jackson, Schaefer, Welsch
Sun. 3/31	8:00	M.&P. Allman
	10:00	Jarosz, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Trabucco, Wallum
	4:30	Rick Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski

Altar Server Schedule - March 2019

Sun. 3/2	4:30	D.M. Bush, A. Mateer, A. Pavlovich
Sun. 3/3	8:00	V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom
	10:00	R. Jackson, M. Schwarzott (MC=C. Heitzhaus)
	12:00	M. Viverto, L.J. Sokolik (MC=A. Grinder)
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC=J. Pearson)
Sat. 3/9	4:30	D.M. Bush, A. Mateer, A. Pavlovich
Sun. 3/10	8:00	M. Wietchy, V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington
	10:00	N. Lindstrom, K. Pietrkiewicz, N.M. Powers (MC=K. Thompson)
	12:00	T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, A. Grinder (MC=C. Carroccia)
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC=S. Saunders)
Sat. 3/16	4:30	D.M. Bush, P. Diamond, A. Pavlovich
Sun. 3/17	8:00	V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom
	10:00	M. Wietchy, (MC=K. Thompson)
	12:00	L.J. Sokolik, A. Grinder (MC=C. Carroccia)
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC=S. Saunders)
Sat. 3/23	4:30	D.M. Bush, A. Pavlovich, MG. Wood
Sun. 3/24	8:00	V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington
	10:00	N. Lindstrom, A.J. Matyas, L.J. Sokolik (MC=C. Heitzhaus)
	12:00	T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, E. James (MC=A. Grinder)
	4:30	A. Mateer, D.N. Clark (MC=J. Pearson)
Sat. 3/30	4:30	D.M. Bush, A. Mateer, A. Pavlovich
Sun. 3/31	8:00	V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom
	10:00	R. Jackson, M. Schwarzott (MC=C. Heitzhaus)
	12:00	M. Viverto, L.J. Sokolik (MC=A. Grinder)
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC=J. Pearson)

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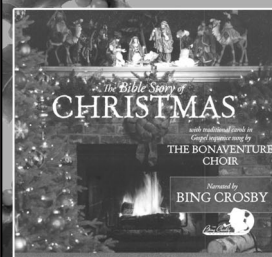
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