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Sunday, January 12, 2020 - The Baptism of the Lord

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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.

SCHOOL:
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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 or by phone at (716) 828-9424.

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This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the conclusion of the Christmas season. The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the river Jordan was the beginning of Jesus' mission and ministry to establish the Kingdom of God here on earth and to share that mission with all who are baptized in Christ Jesus. As baptized people, we are called to bear witness to Christ in this world and, by the way we live our daily lives, to draw others to Christ and His Church.

I pray this New Year 2020 will be filled with many graces and blessings of good health and happiness for you and your loved ones. Please continue to spread the good news that everyone is welcome here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, especially those whose faith may have grown lukewarm or who have drifted away from the practice of the faith for whatever reason. All are welcome!

I wish to take this opportunity to express sentiments of deepest gratitude and appreciation to Gregory Stachowski and his wonderful team of volunteers who decorated our beautiful Basilica for the Christmas season. They did an outstanding job and I am deeply grateful to all those who volunteered with their time and talent!

I also wish to express profound sentiments of gratitude to all of our parishioners and visitors for your generous contributions to OLV Basilica during the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Your presence and generous support is deeply appreciated.

And on behalf of Fr. Paul, Fr. Romulus, Fr. Justin, Deacon Michael Comerford, and myself, we extend our gratitude to all for the baked goods, cookies, Christmas cards and gifts that were so generously given to us this Christmas. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

As we begin this New Year 2020, I share the following prayers with you:

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

And one of my personal favorites: The Prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen!

God bless you! Happy New Year 2020!

Gratefully,
Fr. David



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



Summary of the Readings The Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power." (Acts 10:38) Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17) Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of January 18-19

Lectors:

Saturday, January 18

4:30 p.m.—S. Saunders

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m.—D. West

10:00 a.m.—E. Wieleba

12:00 p.m.—M. Kipler

4:30 p.m.—M. Pawenski

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m.—Allman, Murray

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m.—V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom

10:00 a.m.—M. Wietchy, R. Jackson

(MC=K.Thompson)

12:00 p.m.—L.J. Sokolik, M. Wietchy, K. Turner

(MC=C. Carroccia)

4:30 p.m.—M. McNatty, D.N. Clark

(MC= S. Saunders)

Tours: January 19: Dave Dehlinger

MassSchedule

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Week of January 12, 2020

Saturday, January 11

4:30 Joanne Rudnicki, Bill Dillon & Peggy Spoonley by
The Dillon Family

Sunday, January 12—The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 Shirley Motyka by Kim Lickfeld

12:00 Anita & Louis Morrocco by Estate

4:30 Cornelius P. Downey, Sr. by The Downey Family

Monday, January 13—St. Hilary

7:30 All Souls Intentions

12:10 Sandra Wall by Joan Opiel & The Anstett Family

Mary Lou Bogart by Rose Scahill & Sandra Berdysiak

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 Joseph Rybicki by Kevin Whelan

12:10 Margaret A. Songin by OLV Charities

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 Healing & Protection of Matthew C. Mytych by Barb
Mytych

12:10 Sharon Casten by Father David

John Paul Butler by The Butler & Davis Families

Thursday, January 16

7:30 Unbound by Mike McMaster

Carol McNulty by Family

12:10 Patricia Bartokvich by The Manhadt & McGraw Families

Sunya Maciorkoski by Cindy Barone

Friday, January 17—St. Anthony

7:30 Mary T. Klosko by Estate

Judy Diviak by Dianne Bosinski

8:15 OLV Father Baker Build Members

12:10 Lottie Bierut by Sharon & Lynne Bierut

Mark Deacon by The Steinwald Family

Saturday, January 18

7:30 Julia Whalen by Deborah Russell

12:10 Rita Smith by Mary Anne Jackson

4:30 Mary Ann Krajcer by The Gawel Family

Sunday, January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 Margaret J. Rojek by Thomas B. Rojek

10:00 Thomas Haggerty by Michael & Marjorie Haggerty

12:00 Daniel Madeja by Cherie Trzepacz

4:30 Marian Check by Mike & Mary Check



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8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (School)
 10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

Monday, January 13—St. Hilary

Gift Shop closed all day for inventory
 6:30 p.m. Catholic Daughters (MR)
 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Caf)
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting (Caf)

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, January 15

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17—St. Anthony

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

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

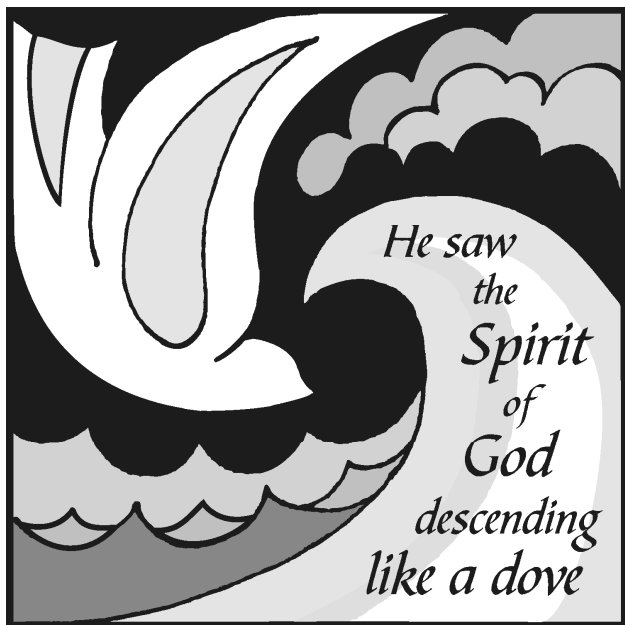
NO Religious Ed Classes (School)
 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

I invite all of our families and those interested in Our Lady of Victory school to join our staff at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 26, 2020. We will begin our Catholic Schools Week celebrating our love for God and our faith together. Following the Mass, OLV will have its Open House for families interested in hearing all of the wonderful things about our school. During our Open House, families will have the opportunity to tour our school and meet our wonderful faculty and staff. This is a great opportunity for you, our current OLV parents, to spread the great things about our school to friends and neighbors who are interested in sending their children to a school that instills strong academic excellence and a place where we become closer to Jesus every day.

Come visit us on January 26th, tour our school, and experience a day “Under the Sea” as you and your children walk through our hallways learning facts about everything under the sea. There will be crafts in each classroom, and a chance to “swim” through our hallways on a scavenger hunt to collect your sea creature facts for a chance to win a full Aquarium kit. Before you leave stop in our cafeteria to share good conversation and some tasty treats.

If you are unable to attend the Open House, know that every school day is Open House at Our Lady of Victory School. Give a call for a personal tour of our school. I will be available to show you around and tell you all the wonderful things we have planned for the future and the many successes we have had in the past. You can reach us at 828-9435 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



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From the OLV Gift Shop

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ January 2-31: The OLV Gift Shop will have a **Christmas Giftware Sale**. All Christmas items will be 30% off. All sales final; no other sales or discounts apply.
- ◆ January 13: The OLV Gift shop will be **closed all day** for our annual inventory.



AREA HAPPENINGS

A Light to All Nations celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on **Sunday, January 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres Parish, 555 Northampton Street, Buffalo.** Celebrant and homilist: Rev. Chester Smith, SVD from Indianapolis. Reception will follow with theme baskets. Proceeds to the MLK Scholarship fund. Sponsored by the African American Commission, Office of Cultural Diversity, Diocese of Buffalo.

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Pennies	\$ 5.13	\$ -
Christmas	\$ 584.00	\$ -
Mary (Jan. 1)	\$ 44.00	\$ -

Sunday, January 5th

Weekly:	\$ 15,301.84
Monthly:	\$ 2,554.00
Total:	\$ 17,855.84
Shrines	\$ 4,634.88
Pennies	\$ 239.50
Christmas	\$ 505.00
Mary (Jan. 1)	\$ 308.00

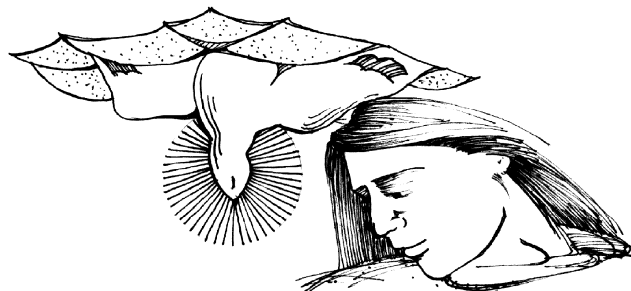
Financial statements for 2019 are available upon request. Please send your request and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: OLV Rectory, 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Thank you.



We welcome *Craig Matthew McCann* into our Parish Community. He was baptized on Saturday, December 21, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica. We also welcome *Cecilia Rose LiPuma* and *Franklin Thomas LiPuma* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, January 5, 2020 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



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A voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased."

— Matthew 3:17

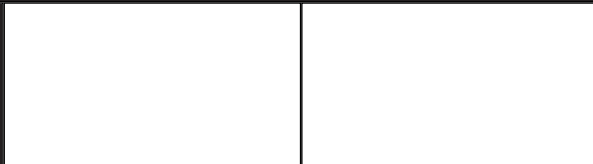
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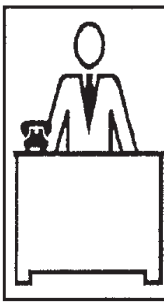
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