



# OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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## *Sunday, January 19, 2020 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**PASTOR/RECTOR:** Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma  
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**PAROCHIAL VICARS:** Rev. Justin J. Steeg  
 Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.  
**DEACON:** Deacon Michael V. Comerford

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

**A Message from the Pastor**

The Christmas season concluded with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord last Sunday. We have now entered into Ordinary Time in our Church calendar that will last until we begin the Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

A friend of mine recently shared with me something that he posted in his bulletin that I would like to share with you. Steve Jobs was the co-founder, Chairman and CEO of Apple Corporation who died a billionaire in 2011, at age 56, after losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. He posted the following observations just prior to his death when he knew it was imminent. This is an excerpt from Jobs' final essay called "The World's Six Best Doctors."

*"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In some others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, my wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on my bed and recalling my life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in have paled and become meaningless in the face of my death.*

*You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone suffer your sickness for you. Material things lost can be found or replaced. But there is one thing that can never be found when it's lost – Life. Whichever stage in life you are right now, with time, you will face the day when the curtain comes down.*

*Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others. As we grow older, and, hopefully wiser, we realize that a \$300 or a \$30 watch both tell the same time. You will realize that your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first class or economy, if the plane goes down, you go down with it.*

*Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, sing with and talk about heaven and earth, that is true happiness!*

*Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So when they grow up, they will know the value of things and not the prices. Eat your food as your medicine, otherwise you will have to eat medicine as your food.*

*There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!*

*The six best doctors in the world are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence and friends. Maintain them in all stages and enjoy a healthy life."*

My friends, the only thing I would add to Steve Jobs' thought-provoking essay... is to pray every day and keep God at the center of your life...for when you have God in your life...you have everything you truly need.

Good advice for us all as we start the year 2020!

God bless you and may Our Lady of Victory watch over you and protect you!

Fr. David



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



## Summary of the Readings Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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## MassSchedule

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### Week of January 19, 2020

#### Saturday, January 18

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

#### Monday, January 20—St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

7:30 Angelo C. Ceccarelli by Father David  
Father Dan Fiebelkorn (living) by OLV Human Services & Board  
12:10 Evelyn Albohn by The Powers Family  
Mary Jane Cotter by Children & Grandchildren

#### Tuesday, January 21—St. Agnes

7:30 Albin Sasiadek by Son, David Sasiadek  
12:10 Peter & Concetta Battista by The Battista Family

#### Wednesday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30 OLV Charities House Blessing Mass  
12:10 Mary Ann Niemczycki by The Sunshine Club  
Ann O'Leary by The O'Leary Family

#### Thursday, January 23—St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

7:30 Eleanor B. Pysz by Estate  
Rose Orzech by The Orzech Family  
12:10 Mary M. Stachowski by Gransdon, Gregory Stachowski  
In loving memory of Shirley Wilczewski (Birthday) by  
Husband, Joseph Wilczewski

#### Friday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales

7:30 Robert Ward, Jr. by Deborah Russell  
8:15 For the People of the Parish  
OLV Helping Hands Club Members  
12:10 Mildred Idzior by Ron & Daon Kraus  
Robert S. Kroll by Carol Tokarczyk

#### Saturday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul

7:30 Mildred E. Idzior by Nephew, Greg Stachowski  
12:10 Fanny Burgio by Karen Mahoney  
4:30 John Carroll by Julie & Elise Carroll

#### Sunday, January 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Raymond Stoklosa by Arlene & Family  
10:00 Lillian Melohusky by Walter Melohusky  
12:00 Walter Burdzy, Jr. (Anniv.) by The Swiech Family  
4:30 Joseph & Angeline Ieradi by Family



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### Weekend of January 25-26

#### Lectors:

**Saturday, January 25**  
4:30 p.m.—B. DeMike

**Sunday, January 26**  
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, January 25**  
4:30 p.m.—Bush, Dulak, Jackson, Wood

**Sunday, January 26**  
8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Murray  
10:00 a.m.—T. McCann, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing  
12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Koepfel, Trabucco, Wallum  
4:30 p.m.—Britting, Rick Grasso, Jackson

#### Servers:

**Saturday, January 25**  
4:30 p.m.—M. Bush, A. Pavlovich, MG. Wood

**Sunday, January 26**  
8:00 a.m.—V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington,  
N. Lindstrom  
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  
4:30 p.m.—A. Mateer, D.N. Clark, J. Torres  
(MC= J. Pearson)

**Tours: January 26:** Jim Drzymala



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**Sunday, January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

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

**Monday, January 20—St. Fabian; St. Sebastian**

*Martin Luther King, Jr. School Holiday*

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

**Tuesday, January 21—St. Agnes**

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

**Wednesday, January 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

**Thursday, January 23—St. Vincent; St. Marianne**

**Cope**

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

**Friday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales**

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

**Saturday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul**

*Catholic Relief Services Collection*

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

**Sunday, January 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

*Catholic Relief Services Collection*

*Catholic Schools Week Begins*

- NO Religious Ed Classes (School)
- 10:00 a.m. Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass (Bas)
- 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. OLV School Open House
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

The season of Winter can be a long and drawn out season void of sunshine and warmth. Here at Our Lady of Victory we work hard to keep everyone busy so the long months of Winter pass quickly. With this objective in mind, we have been working at scheduling fun and experiential learning experiences for our students in all grades. Our seventh and eighth graders visited the Challenger Space Center in Lockport, New York, and what an experience it was for all. Grades seven and eight were able to take the helm of a fully equipped space station simulator as they became on board astronauts working in collaboration with their fellow classmates in order to fly a simulated space mission to rendezvous with Comet Halley. Our little learners will soon make their way to the Explore and More Museum for many hands on experiences and our third, fourth, and fifth graders will make their way to Tift Farm to study the environment surrounding them during these winter months. If snow finally arrives, they will receive a lesson in snowshoeing as they make their way through the fields of Tift Farm. We have trips planned to Kleinhan's Music Hall to hear the Philharmonic, and to the Botanical Gardens. As you can see, we are busy not only learning here at OLV but we're having fun as we learn as well.

**Come check out our school at our January Open House.** Visit as we go under the sea to show off our wonderful school. There will be fun facts to learn and a scavenger hunt with a chance to win a full Aquarium Kit! Come visit us so we can show off the school we are all so very proud of! **Open House will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> after our Family Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.** We hope to see you there!

**Also from the School**

For Catholic Schools Week, **students are collecting non-perishable items & toiletries to be sent overseas to our deployed troops.** A donation box is located in the back of the Basilica and in the School Office if anyone would like to donate. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the winner of the second **Sweeps Early Bird Drawing** held on January 11. Carolyn and Mike Kraus won the drawing for \$150. Ticket #427.



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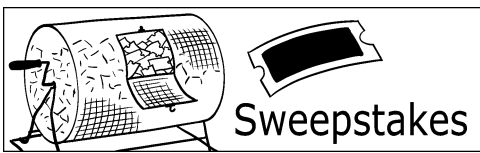
**From the OLV Gift Shop**

**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.

**Bible Study Classes**

Allow God's Word in the Bible to inspire you, fill you with hope, guide you and comfort you. **Bible Basics**, a free 4 session program for Catholics who want to learn how to read the Bible **begins January 21 in the Our Lady of Victory School Cafeteria from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.** Registration is free, but required. All are welcome. Bring your Bible. For more information, call Deacon Mike Dulak at 913-0476.



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. The final Early Bird Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 8.

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.

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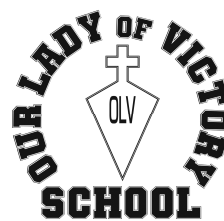
Please return to Deniece Diamond or through the OLV School Office or drop in the collection basket as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Deniece (716-997-8125) or the School Office (828-9434). Thank you.

Care for Creation

Suggestion to Help Care for our Common Home

Purchase toothpaste in tubes that are made of aluminum. When the tube is empty, cut open the tube and give it a rinse to clean it. The tube can then go into the container with other aluminum, including aluminum foil, to be recycled.

The next meeting of the Care for Creation group will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room.



Mark Your Calendar!

OLV Elementary 2020 Open House!
Sunday, January 26, 2020
from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

OLV Elementary School has provided students with a vibrant, safe, and nurturing environment for more than 120 years! Whether in classrooms, computer labs, or sports fields, our teachers shape the leaders of tomorrow and provide the building blocks for unlocking each child's vast potential. OLV offers small class sizes, spiritual formation, and a proven track record of preparing children for high school and life! Additionally, we offer a morning / after school care program to further the social and educational development of our children. OLV is a licensed STREAM institution that has a forward-thinking curriculum that focuses on the areas of Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics.

Reasons to attend OLV:

- Small class sizes for Pre-K through 8th grade
Before and after school programs
Religious and moral formation
Father Baker's Helping Hands Club to serve the less fortunate
Preparation for the future
All religious denominations welcome
Caring teachers and administrators
Affordable tuition and financial assistance
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State-of-the-art technology lab
Full music program: choir, instrumentals, and bell choir



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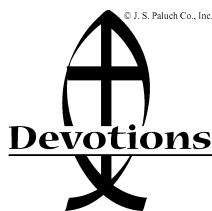


### Sunday, January 12th

Weekly:	\$	11,778.66
Monthly:	\$	266.00
Total:	\$	12,044.66
Shrines	\$	1,206.75
Pennies	\$	87.07
Catholic Relief	\$	17.00
Fuel	\$	22.00
Mary (Jan. 1)	\$	109.00

#### **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.



**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.

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited every weekday at 11:45 a.m. (before the 12:10 p.m. Mass). The Angelus is recited at noon. The rosary is recited following the Mass.

**Our Rosary Prayer Group** is looking for people to join them praying for peace. The group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in front of the main altar. Please come and join us.



### Vocation Thought Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue, and Jesus asks some of us to assist him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

## 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.

**Stand Out for Life:** If you're unable to attend the March For Life in Washington, DC, please consider attending the **Stand Out for Life** the morning after the national March, on **Saturday, January 25, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in downtown Rochester outside of the regional headquarters of Planned Parenthood of Central and Western NY (it's located at 114 University Avenue).**

**Blood Drive at Lake Erie Italian Club** Small Hall, 3200 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.** For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins welcome.

**St. Francis Pierogi:** The **St. Francis Pierogi team** is diligently working on an assortment of Farmers Cheese, Sauerkraut, and Potato with Cheddar Pierogis to be **on sale beginning Saturday, February 8, 2020.** Orders are to be submitted by March 14, 2020. Orders can be picked up at the Social Center, 4263 St. Francis Drive, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Wednesdays and Saturdays. **The last day of sales will be April 4, 2020.** The donation is \$5.00 per half dozen and \$10.00 per dozen. For more information or to place an order, contact Bernadette Sikorski at 822-1599.

**Divine Mercy Triumph Over Cancer:** Dr. Ronald Sobeck has written a book for cancer patients and their doctors and caregivers titled **"Divine Mercy Triumph Over Cancer."** He will be the speaker for the **Annual White Mass** sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association on **Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral.** The dinner and presentation will follow at the Buffalo Grand Hotel at 6:00 p.m. For more info and registration, go to [www.cmabuffalo.org](http://www.cmabuffalo.org).

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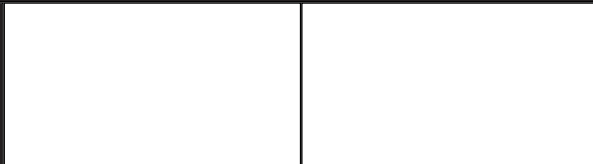
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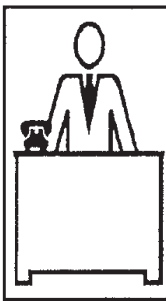
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