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Sunday, January 20, 2019 - Second 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.

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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.



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

A Message from Father Paul

This weekend, at all the Masses, we welcome Chris Heitzhaus, one of our parishioners and a student at Canisius High School. Chris will be speaking at the conclusion of each weekend Mass, and invite our assistance with a mission trip which he will be taking part in soon. Chris is a graduate of Our Lady of Victory Elementary School and an Altar Server here at the Basilica. He will be asking for some financial assistance to help defray the cost of this mission experience. There will be envelopes in the pews which can be given directly to Chris, or given to one of the ushers. Over the past several years, we had other young people from the parish who have asked for our help. This is a great way to encourage the young people of our parish to get involved in the life of the church. I know Chris will appreciate anything you might be able to do to help him.

The 10:00 a.m. Mass this weekend is the Opening Mass for this year's "Catholic Schools Week." We have so many new and exciting things happening in our school which give us cause to celebrate. I hope you had a chance to read the cover story in this month's *Western New York Catholic* on our parish school's new Technology Lab. We have also received grants to expand our school music program and our after-school program. All this in addition to the excellent academic program which our school provides!

This Sunday, beginning at 11:00 a.m., there will be an Open House for our Elementary School. Stop by and see the many great things we have to offer. New families are especially invited to this Open House, but, of course, all are invited.

We are in need of Ushers for our weekend Masses. If you are able to help, please see Father Romulus or myself. Both men and women are welcome to become ushers. You can pick the Mass you wish (usually the Mass you most regularly attend). Let us know if you can help us in this way.

At our last Parish Council meeting, we had a comprehensive report on the work of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Bishop Timon, the first bishop of Buffalo, brought the St. Vincent de Paul Society to Buffalo from St. Louis, at the time of the founding of our diocese. The Society is dedicated to the care of the poor. Many parishes like ours has a "Confraternity of St. Vincent de Paul" – a group of men and women who help provide food for the poor and needy in our area. During the past year, with the help of other parish volunteers, they distributed 155 food baskets to the needy in Lackawanna for Thanksgiving; and, another 165 food baskets for Christmas. They made 845 home visits during the year, serving 2,213 people in need. Together, they spent 1,458 hours making sure that people in our area had food, clothing and other household goods. What an amazing record! You helped make this possible by your Thanksgiving Day collection, which goes directly to the Society, by your donation of canned goods throughout the year, especially at the holiday time, and by your contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes in the rear of the Basilica. Look for these "poor boxes." Your help makes all of this work on behalf of the needy possible. God bless the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society – and God bless you for your assistance to their good work.

May Jesus, our Savior, bless you and Our Lady of Victory watch over you.

Father Paul

**Summary of the Readings
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.


MassSchedule
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Week of January 20, 2019

Saturday, January 19

4:30 Mary Ann Krajcer by The Gawel Family

Sunday, January 20—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Julia Whalen by Deborah Russell
10:00 Joseph & Angeline Ieradi by Estate
12:00 Marian Check by Mike & Mary Check
4:30 Irene Olejniczak by Chester Partacz

Monday, January 21—St. Agnes

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Helping Hands Club
12:10 Evelyn Albohn by The Dick Powers Family

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

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

Wednesday, January 23—St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

7:30 Eleanor B. Pysz by Family
12:10 Mary Stachowski by Grandson, Gregory Stachowski
Shirley Wilczewski by Joseph Wilczewski

Thursday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales

7:30 Daniel Schaefer by Cindy & Dave Schaefer
12:10 Joseph & Sylvia O’Connor by Tom & Mary Glomb
Walter & Anna Glomb by Tom & Mary Glomb

Friday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

7:30 Mary T. Klosko by Estate
8:15 For the People of the Parish
12:10 Mildred Idzior by Nephew, Gregory Stachowski

Saturday, January 26—SS. Timothy & Titus

7:30 Raymond Stoklosa by Arlene & Family
12:10 Maura & David Hufford by Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity
4:30 Lillian Melohusky by Walter Melohusky

Sunday, January 27—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Jeanette Grasso by Children
10:00 Robert Ward, Jr. by Deborah Russell
12:00 Mildred Idzior by Ron & Donna Kraus
4:30 Charlie, Kay, Marie & Meg Friedman by The Friedman Family



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Weekend of January 26-27

Lectors:

Saturday, January 26

4:30 p.m.—S. Puckhaber

Sunday, January 27

8:00 a.m.—E. Bednarz

10:00 a.m.—No Lector—Children’s Liturgy

12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech

4:30 p.m.—W. O’Rourke

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, January 26

4:30 p.m.—Dulak, Jackson, Wood

Sunday, January 27

8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Murray

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, January 26

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

Sunday, January 27

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

10:00 a.m.—N. Lindstrom, A.J. Matyas, L.J. 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: January 27: Dave Dehlinger



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Sunday, January 20—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO Religious Ed Classes
10:00 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass (Bas)
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. OLV School Open House
1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

Monday, January 21—St. Agnes

Martin Luther King, Jr.—School Holiday
7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

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

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

Wednesday, January 23—St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Thursday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales

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

Friday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

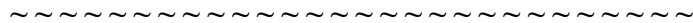
1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)

Saturday, January 26—SS. Timothy & Titus

Catholic Relief Services Collection
9:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy Practice (MR)
3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, January 27—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Relief Services Collection
8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)



**Prayer Group Members
Please Note**

The Prayer Group *will not meet* on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Meetings will resume on Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Thank you.

Our Lady of Victory School Open House begins with the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Come visit our School **from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Walk through our halls and experience the successes of all of our students. Meet our dedicated and very talented teachers. Learn about our STREAM Program and visit our newly renovated Technology Lab. Enjoy a sweet treat and a great cup of coffee. Peruse our Scholastic Book Fair.

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ January 21: No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- ◆ January 24: In School Presentation: Biomes of the World - Grades 3-5

Daily Draw Tickets

Due to changes in the New York State law, as of January 1, 2019 the *Monthly Daily Draw Tickets can no longer have a purchaser or seller on the tickets under 18 years of age.*

Payouts:

- ◆ Sunday through Thursday: \$50.00
- ◆ Friday and Saturday: \$100.00
- ◆ Christmas, Easter and New Year’s Day: \$100.00
- ◆ 10% Bonus to Seller of winning number.
- ◆ *There is no longer above or below winners*

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.*

The last Early Bird drawing will be held on Saturday, February 9 (\$150).

<p>OLV Annual Sweepstakes 2019 \$25,000 in Prizes—\$10,000 Grand Prize Drawing on Saturday, March 2, 2019</p>
<p>Quantity of Tickets: _____ (\$50 donation each)</p>
<p>Name: _____</p>
<p>Address: _____</p>
<p>City/State/Zip: _____</p>
<p>Phone: _____</p>
<p>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.</p>



Care for Creation

The *meeting* of the Care for Creation group scheduled for *January 28 has been cancelled*. The next meeting *will take place 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.



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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E-mail Address: _____

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.



Sunday, January 27 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Happy New Year! Please join us for our *next Children's Liturgy on Sunday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m.* As usual, the practice will take place the day before the Mass on Saturday, January 26, in the Marian Room. The singers will practice from 9:00 till 9:45 a.m. and the readers, greeters, collectors and gift bearers practice from 9:45 till 10:30 a.m. **All Ministers must attend the practice unless previously excused by Tina.**

- The Ministers are:
- Readers:** (No one yet)
 - Collectors:** Devan Harden, Kathryn & Nathan Powers
 - Gift Bearers:** (No one yet)
 - Greeters:** (No one yet)
 - Singers:** NoahTakacs

We need 3 readers, 1 collector, 2 gift bearers, greeters and we can always use more singers! Please call Tina (826-5075) to have your child volunteer, or if your child is assigned to a ministry and cannot make it, or with any questions. We also invite the parish community to join us for our refreshments in the Marian Room after Mass.

As always, we look forward to seeing you and we hope you will bring others!



Sunday, January 13th

Weekly:	\$	12,173.10
Monthly:	\$	271.00
Total:	\$	12,444.10
Shrines	\$	119.05
Pennies	\$	74.52
Catholic Relief	\$	4.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	156.00
Fuel	\$	1.00

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 *Raeya Rose Koepfel* into our Parish Community. She was baptized on Sunday, January 13, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

OLV Parish Appreciation Reception

Invitations for the *OLV Parish Appreciation Reception* on **Monday, February 4**, at 6:00 p.m. at Illo DiPaolo's have been sent out. Please call Cathy at 828-9419 by Thursday, January 31, to make your reservation. If you worked for an event for the school or church and did not yet receive an invitation, please call the Rectory and review your contact information. Thank you.

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**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. Check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS

The Abortion Expansion Act: Governor Andrew Cuomo gave a speech on Monday, January 7, stating that it was his goal to include the right to an abortion in the State Constitution. Cuomo is refusing to sign the budget until a bill is in place giving access to an abortion through all 40 weeks of pregnancy, for any reason. Currently, only licensed professionals can perform abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy.

Please contact your local representative and Governor Cuomo on Monday to let them know that an abortion is not part of reproductive health and that you do not support this change to the State Constitution. Intentionally ending a human life is not part of reproductive health and is not something our constitution should stand on.

To find your local representative, visit nyassembly.gov.

To contact Governor Cuomo: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York State, NYS State Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224. Office number: 518-474-8390.

If you would like a letter/email template or help with talking points, please contact Sarah Lindstrom: olvproulife@gmail.com. I would be happy to help!

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

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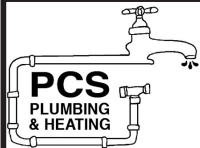
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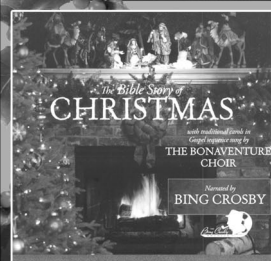
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