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Sunday, January 5, 2020 - The Epiphany 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:
 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: 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.

A Message from the Pastor

I wish to sincerely thank all of our parishioners for the outpouring of love and prayers for my improved health and well-being. I could feel the power of your prayers surrounding me during my recent surgery and this time of recovery. I am very much at peace and on the road to a full and complete recovery. One of my favorite prayers is "Jesus, I trust in You" and I know that He is the one who is our Divine Healer. Be assured of my grateful prayers for all of the get well cards, emails, and texts that I have received. I love you all very much and I am deeply grateful for all of you! It is truly a humble privilege to serve as your Pastor. Please know of a special remembrance of you and your loved ones in my Masses and prayers during this beautiful Christmas Season here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

I also want to wish you a Happy & Blessed New Year 2020! As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend, let us join the Magi in presenting our gifts to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but rather the gifts of deep and abiding faith, of hope and trust, and a love that knows no bounds for our sisters and brothers in need and all the people God places in our lives along the way.

Here are some thoughts you might find helpful in your own spiritual journey throughout this New Year 2020:

Practice Gratitude: Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. Seeing the good in your life will allow you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.

Encounter the Lord each day: Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it is for ten minutes or an hour. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

Be present to others: There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in people's lives. What a blessing it is to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence is much more valuable than you realize.

Resist overwork: There is pressure to produce, meet goals, and be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance.

Nurture family relationships and friendships: Our family and friends are those we choose to be with. They are a gift from God and give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. They need our time and our love.

Give more: Realize that everything that we have is a gift from God entrusted to us and needs to be shared. Consider living more simply and be healthy.

Don't give up: People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small manageable changes over time.

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



Summary of the Readings The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of January 11-12

Lectors:

Saturday, January 11

4:30 p.m.—G. Reid

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m.—W. O'Rourke

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

12:00 p.m.—R. Koepfel

4:30 p.m.—J. Howell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, January 11

4:30 p.m.—Bush, Dulak, Jackson, Schaefer, Stenzel

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Murray

10:00 a.m.—Jarosz, Powers, D.&D. West, T. Wing

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, January 11

4:30 p.m.—M. Bush, A. Mateer, A. Pavlovich

Sunday, January 12

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

10:00 a.m.—K. Pietrkiewicz, T. Swiger

12:00 p.m.—T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, M. Wietchy
(MC=C. Carroccia)

4:30 p.m.—M. McNatty, D.N. Clark, J. Torres
(MC= S. Saunders)

Tours: January 12: Frank D'Avanzato



Week of January 5, 2020

Saturday, January 4

4:30 Warren Fetterolf & Family by June Kij & Family

Sunday, January 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Howard Russell by Michael Russell

10:00 Michael R. Schiavi by Mary Alice Schiavi & Family

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

4:30 Robert Kroll by Brian & Sharon Stanton & Family

Monday, January 6—St. André Bessette

7:30 Dec. Mem. of the Burkard & Heim Families by Fr. Paul
Angelo Bonvissuto by Candice & David Dizak

12:10 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions
Susan Polichetti by The Velasquez Family

Tuesday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penyafort

7:30 Edward Kasprzyk by Dolores Borsuk & Marge Pacer

Andree Peterson by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Comerford

12:10 Lillian Melohusky by Walter Melohusky

7:30 Tom & Margaret Rojek by Son (in Chapel)

Ron Rybarczyk by Mary Glomb (in Chapel)

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 Entrustment of our nation to Mary, the Mother of God
by Carmen Rose Kozlowski

John Kaczmarek by Rose Scahill & Sandra Berdeysiak

12:10 Larry Rams by Cookie & Family

Carl Speicher by William & Mary Ann O'Rourke

Thursday, January 9

7:30 Nicholas Del Vecchio by The Del Vecchio Family

Marguerite Jean-Baptiste (Giving Thanks) by Marguerite
Jean-Baptiste

12:10 Charles (Buddy) & Eleanor Warren by Kathleen Warren
& Family

Linda Eagan by Husband, William & Children

Friday, January 10

7:30 Intentions of Wilson & Abby Jean-Baptiste by
Marguerite Jean-Baptiste

Healing for Theresa Sikora by Theresa Sikora

8:15 For the People of the Parish

12:10 Jim & Gerry Skobjak by Ron & Donna Kraus

Michael & Patricia Ando by Mike & Patty Bidlack

Saturday, January 11

7:30 Genevieve Przybylo by Haas & Kazmierczak Families

12:10 Joan Reeb by William F. McLaughlin

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



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Sunday, January 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

Coffee & Donuts after all morning Masses (MR)

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (School)
- 11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (Mus R)
- 11:00 a.m. Free Throw Championship (Gym)
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

Monday, January 6—St. André Bessette

School Early Dismissal—1:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penyafort

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

Wednesday, January 8

- 6:30 p.m. Home School Association Meeting (Caf)

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

Sweeps Early Bird Drawing

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

Sunday, January 12—The Baptism of the Lord

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

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Please come to *the Marian Room this Sunday, January 5,* after any of the morning Masses.

Begin your day with a cup of coffee, a donut and conversation with other parishioners!

All are welcome.

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As we journey into this new year, please continue to keep Our Lady of Victory School, our students and families in your prayers. Please ask that God bless us all with his grace. Know that we will be praying each day for all of you. **Happy New Year Everyone!** We continue to be so grateful for your support and all that you do for our school.

**Please keep Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.** Our Catholic Schools Week will begin on that day with our **family Mass at 10:00 a.m.** Immediately following, I invite all of our families and those interested in Our Lady of Victory School to join our staff at our **Open House.** OLV will be transformed into a world from Under the Sea for our existing families and new families interested in hearing all of the wonderful things about our school. During our Open House, families will have the opportunity to tour the school and meet our wonderful 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 and check out our school, learn facts about ocean animals via a scavenger hunt and help us pick the winner of the floor decorating contest by placing your vote after you see the hallway transformations. There will be ocean animal crafts in the classrooms and a prize for the person who gathers the most facts about things that live under the sea. Even though it’s January, we will be warm and happy as we navigate through the ocean throughout our school. Snacks from the sea will also greet you upon your arrival.

**Please come visit us: Open House: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We have programs Pre K 4 to grade 8.**

**Important Dates to Note:**

- ◆ January 5: Early dismissal for faculty meeting. Dress down day for a dollar.

**Don’t forget to purchase your Sweepstakes tickets!** All proceeds go directly to our school. Come out and join us on this special night, March 7, 2020.



**Box Tops for Education Labels**

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.





Due to early deadlines, totals for Sunday collections will be listed in upcoming bulletins.



**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.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: *Clara Colarossi, Angelo DeGiuli, Angelo C. Ceccarelli, John Kaczmarek, Thomas T. Kujda, Paul A. Stephan, Adeline Kaminski, Thomas J. Lohr, Rita Gamin and Gerald J. O'Neill.*

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**Vocation Thought**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**Updates Wanted**

Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? Do you have any changes in your family status? Are you a newlywed planning to remain in the parish?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please call the rectory (828-9444) and help us to update our records. Often mail is returned to us because of an incorrect address and this is costly to the parish.

Also, be sure to use your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your participation and financial support. This is important for your year end income tax preparation and also so that we can provide you with a letter of recommendation if you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation.

Thank you for your help in keeping our parish records accurate!



**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 5, 2020**

They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

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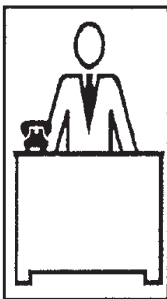
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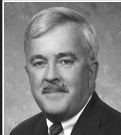
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