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Sunday, January 26, 2020 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR/RECTOR: Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

IN RESIDENCE: Rev. Msgr. Paul J. E. Burkard

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:

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@olvbasilica.org or by phone at (716) 828-9424.

A Message from the Pastor

This week we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week with Catholic Schools across our country. **The theme for 2020 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”** Here at Our Lady of Victory, we are proud to be one of 38 Catholic Elementary Schools across the Diocese of Buffalo. Through a Catholic education, our children benefit from religious guidance, prayer, and the support the parish provides to build a strong faith-based community. By focusing on faith, knowledge, and service, the children entrusted to our care learn the importance of family, community, and serving others. Our mission is to educate our children to reach their full potential in an atmosphere rooted in Catholic tradition and Gospel values. **Our students truly Learn...Serve...Lead...and Succeed here at OLV!**

The benefits of a Catholic education have been studied and well-documented. Results show that students who attend Catholic school receive a challenging, high-quality academic experience in a supportive environment, with an emphasis on Catholic Christian values and preparation for High School. The self-discipline developed by students, along with learning to accept responsibility and to respect others, work together to create excellent life-long learners.

Since my arrival as your new Pastor this past June, I am already extremely proud of Our Lady of Victory School and the high quality of Catholic education, academic excellence and the moral and spiritual formation we provide to our students. We are a Catholic School who forms and educates Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All are welcome!

I wish to express my sentiments of deepest gratitude and appreciation first and foremost to our parents and guardians for choosing Our Lady of Victory School for the education and formation of their children. I know our parents realize that sending their children to our school is a wise investment that will promise to pay huge dividends in the future of these boys and girls, who will grow to become productive members of our Church and society, rooted in strong moral values and respect for all people. With that being said, I wish to acknowledge the dedicated leadership of our Principal, Mrs. Carolyn Kraus, and our excellent faculty and staff. We could never pay our teachers enough for all that they do for our children. Please join me in thanking them for their great work and ministry as teachers.

I also extend huge thanks to OLV Charities, the members of our School Board, and to all of our parishioners and benefactors who support our school through our various fundraisers and our newly established “Angel Fund,” which provides tuition assistance to those in need. Your generosity and support allow us to do many things for our school and to keep the tuition affordable for our families.

Finally, I encourage everyone to become “Ambassadors” for OLV School by informing the surrounding community of Lackawanna, Buffalo and beyond of the great treasure we have here in our faculty, students and families. Please invite parents of school-aged children that you know to come and see and tour

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

Summary of the Readings Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MassSchedule

Week of January 26, 2020

Saturday, January 25

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

Monday, January 27—St. Angela Merici

7:30 Jeanette Grasso by Children

Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Association Members

12:10 Gerry Petralia (Birth Rem.) by Eric & Amanda DeRose

John Redmond by The Balcarczyk Family

Tuesday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas

7:30 Dec. Mem. of the Leising & Shyne Families by Estate

12:10 Ken Drzymala by Peter Pula

Jena Meland by The Tomasik Family

Wednesday, January 29

7:30 Patrick Gallagher (Death Ann.) by Loving Wife, Marilyn

12:10 Ken Drzymala by Paul & Rose Pula

Thursday, January 30

7:30 Laurie Radwan by Father David

12:10 Florence Lueth by Sister & Friends

Friday, January 31—St. John Bosco

7:30 God's Blessing on the Gentile & Krustapentus Grand-Children (Living) by Grandma Charlotte Occek

8:15 For the People of the Parish

12:10 Daniel A. Trzaska by Wife, Carol & Family

Saturday, February 1

7:30 Good Healthy & Cure for Heather Ann Caputi (living) by Family

12:10 Rita Smith by The Finnegan Family

4:30 Mary R. & Joseph Rektorik by Estate

Sunday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Carmelo & Rose Maiorano by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Strycharz

10:00 Charlie, Kay, Mary & Meg by The Friedman Family

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

4:30 Albert & Jennie Beres by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Beres & Family

Happening This Week at OLV

Sunday, January 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week; Catholic Relief Services Collection

NO Religious Ed. Classes

10:00 a.m. Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass (Bas)

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Our Lady of Victory School Open House

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectorly)

Monday, January 27—St. Angela Merici

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

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

Tuesday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas

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

NO Prayer Group Meeting

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Caf)

Wednesday, January 29

Thursday, January 30

6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (MR)

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

Friday, January 31—St. John Bosco

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

7:00 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (MR)

Saturday, February 1

Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection

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

Sunday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection

Coffee & Donuts after Morning Masses (MR)

8:40 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes (School)

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

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectorly)

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.

Invitations for the **Parish Appreciation Reception on Monday, February 3**, have been sent out. Please call Carm Zomeri at 828-9437 to make your reservation, if you have not already done so. If you worked for an event for the school or church and did not yet receive an invitation, please call the Rectorly and review your contact information. Thank you.

A Message from the Pastor

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our wonderful school. Our Lady of Victory School has been educating and forming children for over 120 years and I pray that we will continue to serve our community for many more years to come. I pray every day to Father Baker and our Patroness, Our Lady of Victory, to watch over and protect our children, families, teachers and staff and to keep our school strong and viable.

May God bless Our Lady of Victory School and may God bless our parishioners for your support!

Gratefully,
Fr. David

School News**Catholic Schools Week ~ January 26-31, 2020**

Today's Family Mass at 10:00 a.m. kicked off the beginning of a very special celebration, Catholic Schools Week. I feel very blessed to be able to work in a school that fosters the love of God each and every day. Our faith creates givers, safe schools, and a strong community where students connect to one another and to others outside in their community in a faithful way.

We are enrolling for next year! Every day is Open House here at Our Lady of Victory School. Come take a look at what we have to offer when it is convenient for you. You can reach us at 828-9435 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Catholic Schools Week Schedule:

- ◆ **January 26: Opening Family Liturgy** at 10:00 a.m. followed by Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ **January 27: Career Day**
- ◆ **January 28: Patriotic Day** - Guest speakers from the various branches of the military. Students can dress in red, white, blue or camo. We will be collecting non-perishable items and toiletries to be sent to our deployed troops.
- ◆ **January 29: Science Day** featuring Cris Johnson's Amazing Science Show.
- ◆ **January 30: Father Baker Day** - Tours of the Basilica and scavenger hunt in the Museum.
- ◆ **January 31: One Buffalo Day** - Come dressed in your favorite team attire.

Thank you, Home School Association for planning such a wonderful week for us!

2020 Sweepstakes Tickets Are Still Available

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**. If you are able to help with the Sweepstakes Drawing on March 7, please contact Deniece Diamond at 716-997-8125. **The final Early Bird Drawing is Saturday, February 8.**

**Sunday, January 19th**

Weekly:	\$	8,834.36
Monthly:	\$	565.00
Total:	\$	9,399.36
Shrines	\$	755.75
Pennies	\$	26.69
Fuel	\$	125.00

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 **Hailey Nicole Farnham** into our Parish Community. She was baptized on Sunday, January 19, 2020 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

Care for Creation

The **Care for Creation** group will **meet on Monday, January 27, in the Marian Room beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Father Dan Horton brings to us the wisdom of St. Bonaventure, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis of Assisi to look at how the Catholic Church for many centuries called us to see our interconnectedness as Jesus saw his interconnectedness with all of our world.

Suggestion to Help Care for our Common Home

The following paper items can be recycled as long as they are clean and not food covered: office papers, magazines, newspaper, mail, business cards, comic books, card stock, sticky notes and cardboard.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BAS-Basilica MR-Marian Room MUS R-Music Room CAF-OLV Cafeteria SC-Shrine Chapel R-Rectory IH-Infant Home						1 Church in Central & Eastern Europe 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)
2 Church in Central & Eastern Europe Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses(MR) 8:40 am Religious Ed 11 am Altar/Rosary Mtg. (Mus R) 1 pm Baptisms (Bas) 1 pm RCIA (R)	3 Blessing of Throats 6:30 pm Parish Appreciation Reception (Ilio's) 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R)	4 6:30 pm Bible Study (Caf) 7 pm St. Vincent de Paul (R) 7 pm Rosary for Peace (Bas) 7:30 pm Mass, Prayer Group (SC) (MR)	5	6 3-4 pm Confessions (Bas) 6 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)	7 FIRST FRIDAY Character Trait Awards 1-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Bas) 7:30 pm Mass (Bas)	8 Sweeps Early Bird Drawing 9 am Children's Liturgy Practice (MR) 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)
9 8:40 am Religious Ed 10 am Children's Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR) 1 pm RCIA (R)	10 6:30 pm Catholic Daughters (MR) 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R)	11 6:30 pm Bible Study (MR) 7 pm Couples Mass (Bas); Reception (Caf) NO Rosary for Peace NO Prayer Group Meeting	12	13 6 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)	14 1-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Bas) 6 pm Valentine Day Dance (Gr. 4-8) (Gym)	15 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)
16 NO Religious Ed Classes 10 am Patriots Club Mass (Bas) 1 pm RCIA (R)	17 Presidents Day Holiday (Rectory Closed; Gift Shop Open) School Winter Break 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R)	18 School Winter Break 7 pm St. Vincent de Paul (R) 7 pm Rosary for Peace (Bas) 7:30 pm Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)	19 School Winter Break	20 School Winter Break 6 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)	21 School Winter Break 1-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Bas) 6:30 pm Pro-Life Meeting (MR)	22 Children's Liturgy Bake Sale after 4:30 Mass (MR) 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions (Bas)
23 Children's Liturgy Bake Sale after morning Masses (MR) NO Religious Ed Classes 1 pm Baptisms (Bas) 1 pm RCIA (R)	24 7 pm Care for Creation (MR) 7 pm Folk Group Practice (Mus R)	25 7 pm Rosary for Peace (Bas) 7:30 pm Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)	26 Ash Wednesday Masses: 7:30, 8:15, 12:10, 7:30 3 pm Prayer Service with Ashes (Bas) 4:30 pm Fish Fry (Caf)	27 6 pm Legion of Mary (MR) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)	28 1-5 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Bas) 7 pm Stations of the Cross (Bas) 7:30 pm Mass (Bas)	29 Black & Native Missions Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive 3-4 pm & 7-7:30 pm Confessions

Lector Schedule - February 2020

Sat. 2/1	4:30	D. Ortiz
Sun. 2/2	8:00	J. O'Connor
	10:00	C. Swan
	12:00	J. Howell
	4:30	E. Bednarz
Sat. 2/8	4:30	G. Reid
Sun. 2/9	8:00	M. Pawenski
	10:00	No Lector—Children's Liturgy
	12:00	R. Koepfel
	4:30	M. Arza
Sat. 2/15	4:30	S. Saunders
Sun. 2/16	8:00	D. West
	10:00	E. Wieleba
	12:00	M. Kipler
	4:30	M. Pawenski
Sat. 2/22	4:30	W. O'Rourke
Sun. 2/23	8:00	L. Smolen
	10:00	M. Mulqueen
	12:00	S. Swiech
	4:30	T. Martin
Sat. 2/29	4:30	B. DeMike

Tour Guide Schedule
Sunday Walk In Tours

February 2 Mickey Kipler
February 9 Paul Gorczyca
February 16 Joanne Haley
February 23 Marsha Lipke

Eucharistic Minister Schedule - February 2020

Sat. 2/1	4:30	Bush, Jackson, Schaefer
Sun. 2/2	8:00	Allman, Fitzgerald, Murray
	10:00	Dehlinger, Jarosz, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Smolen, Trabucco
	4:30	Rick Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski
Sat. 2/8	4:30	Bush, Jackson, Welsh
Sun. 2/9	8:00	Bergen, M. McCann, Murray
	10:00	T. McCann, Powers, D.&D. West, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Trabucco, Wallum
	4:30	Britting, Rick Grasso, Jackson, Lipke
Sat. 2/15	4:30	Bush, Jackson, Schaefer
Sun. 2/16	8:00	Allman, Bergen, Murray
	10:00	Dehlinger, Jarosz, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Smolen, Trabucco
	4:30	Rick Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski
Sat. 2/22	4:30	Bush, Jackson, Wood
Sun. 2/23	8:00	Lipke, M. McCann, Murray
	10:00	T. McCann, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Swan, Trabucco
	4:30	Britting, Rick Grasso, Jackson
Sat. 2/29	4:30	Bush, Jackson, Schaefer
Sun. 3/1	8:00	Allman, Fitzgerald, Murray
	10:00	Dehlinger, T. McCann, Powers, Swan, Wing
	12:00	Bonafede, Koepfel, Smolen, Trabucco
	4:30	Rick Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski

Altar Server Schedule - February 2020

Sat. 2/1	4:30	M. Bush, A. Mateer, A. Pavlovich, M. Zbock
Sun. 2/2	8:00	V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington
	10:00	R. Jackson, (MC=K. Thompson)
	12:00	M. Viverto, L.J. Sokolik, K. Turner, N. Lindstrom
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC=J. Pearson)
Sat. 2/8	4:30	M. Bush, A. Mateer, A. Pavlovich
Sun. 2/9	8:00	V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington
	10:00	K. Pietkiewicz, T. Swiger
	12:00	T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, M. Wietchy, N. Lindstrom (MC=C. Carroccia)
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark, J. Torres (MC=S. Saunders)
Sat. 2/15	4:30	M. Bush, P. Diamond, A. Pavlovich, M. Zbock
Sun. 2/16	8:00	V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington
	10:00	R. Jackson (MC=K. Thompson)
	12:00	L.J. Sokolik, M. Wietchy, K. Turner, N. Lindstrom (MC=C. Carroccia)
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC=S. Saunders)
Sat. 2/22	4:30	M. Bush, A. Pavlovich, M.G. Wood
Sun. 2/23	8:00	V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington
	10:00	A.J. Matyas, N.M. Powers, T. Swiger
	12:00	T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, E. James, L.J. Sokolik, N. Lindstrom
	4:30	A. Mateer, D.N. Clark, J. Torres (MC=J. Pearson)
Sat. 2/29	4:30	M. Bush, P. Diamond, A. Pavlovich, M. Zbock
Sun. 3/1	8:00	V. Trojanovic, R. Harrington
	10:00	R. Jackson (MC=K. Thompson)
	12:00	L.J. Sokolik, M. Wietchy, K. Turner, N. Lindstrom (MC=C. Carroccia)
	4:30	M. McNatty, D.N. Clark (MC=S. Saunders)

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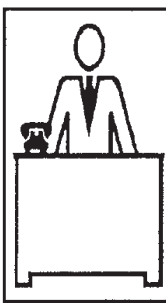
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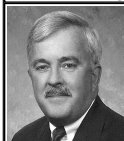
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