



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, March 1, 2020 - First Sunday of Lent

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 Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.
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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
 Mrs. Carolyn M. Kraus, Principal
 Phone: (716) 828-9434
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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

As we gather on this First Sunday of Lent...we journey with our Lord Jesus into the desert for 40 days where He overcame temptation by Satan and showed us that, by God's grace, we can do the same. Lent is a time for all of us to turn away from sin and to return our hearts to God.

The three traditional pillars of our Lenten observance remain: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The practice of our faith calls us to surrender ourselves to God in prayer. Fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities (i.e. social media and spend face to face time with family and friends). Likewise, the giving of alms is an effort on our part to share this world equally by caring for the poor and needy, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talent. By doing so, we truly feast on all that God calls us to be.

A wonderful way for us to give alms is to support the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal. This is truly a meaningful way to give to those in need. The diocesan goal for Catholic Charities this year is \$10 million. With your support in 2019, Catholic Charities impacted more than 4,674 individuals and family members in the Lackawanna community. 2,557 of these lives were children under the age of 18. Last year, the generous parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Basilica raised a total of \$74,333.00 from 305 donors. Our Parish Goal for this year is \$91,000.00. We hope to exceed that amount this year for the 2020 Appeal. These are challenging times for our diocese. Please know that the monies collected for Catholic Charities are restricted for the services provided by Catholic Charities. I urge you to give to Catholic Charities and not withhold your contribution due to the abuse crisis and the pending Chapter 11 for our diocese. There are so many people in need in our community who are often the "working poor" and depend on Catholic Charities for assistance. There are so many who can easily fall through the cracks without our support. Please remember that 96.6 % of the money collected goes directly into services that assist the poor and the needy of our community. If you have given in the past...please continue to give, and if you are able...please consider an increase in your gift. If you have not donated to Catholic Charities in the past, I strongly urge you to consider a gift for the 2020 Appeal. Every dollar...every gift...makes a difference!

Opportunities abound to make this a grace-filled and fruitful Lent: attend daily Mass, attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and the Friday evening Mass at 7:30 p.m., reserve time in your day for quiet prayer and reflection, participate in the Parish Mission (March 30, 31 and April 1), and make a good confession. Please note the times for confession in the bulletin. No matter how long it has been since you went to confession, please do not be embarrassed or hesitant in any way. It is a sacrament of healing, not a sacrament of judgement. God is always waiting to welcome you with open arms to receive His unconditional love and mercy. All are welcome!

God bless you with a grace-filled Lent! Please make it your Best Lent Ever!

Gratefully,
Fr. David



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



Summary of the Readings First Sunday of Lent

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MassSchedule

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Week of March 1, 2020

Saturday, February 29

4:30 Timothy J. Comerford by Sharon Comerford

Sunday, March 1—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Msgr. Robert C. Wurtz

10:00 Cheryl Ann & Stella Gawel by The Gawel Family

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

4:30 Marcy Just by The Horton Family

Monday, March 2

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions
Anna Glomb (Living) (Birthday) by Mom & Dad

12:10 Florence DiPronio by Family

Ida & Richard Whitt by Susan Wedekindt & Louise Ziccardi

Tuesday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel

7:30 Joseph Rybicki by Kevin Whelan

12:10 Joan Otwell by Loving Family

Jean DePasquale (Death Ann.) by Daughters

7:30 All Souls Intetnions (In Chapel)

Wednesday, March 4—St. Casimir

7:30 Gerald Rybicki by The Rybicki Family

12:10 Margaret Battista by Diana McGuire & The Battista Family

Thursday, March 5

7:30 Julie Rimo by Michael Nayda

12:10 Caitlin Telaak by Donald Denz & Sandra Jones

Rose Donnelly by Al & Andrea Paduano

Friday, March 6—World Day of Prayer

7:30 Paul O. Zwirlein by Estate

Samuel J. Chiodo II by Sara, Jill & Amanda

8:15 Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Society Intentions

12:10 Bob & Charmaine Twist by Mary & John Twist

Elizabeth Kuzemsky by Niece, Mary Rozmarynowycz

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 Casimir M. Slaski & Family by Estate

Richard Klimowicz by Family

Saturday, March 7—SS. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 Elizabeth Kuzemsky by Niece, Janet Kerepesi

12:10 John Balcarczyk by Mary Jane Kroll & Ireen Kusmierczyk

4:30 Agnes Bengert, Brunc & Agnes Holmes by Jim &

Karen Dillon

Sunday, March 8—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 Carol Ann Denny by Family

12:00 James Dalessandro by Family

4:30 Adeline Emminger by Cliff & Donna Emminger



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Weekend of March 7-8

Lectors:

Saturday, March 7

4:30 p.m.—D. Ortiz

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m.—J. O'Connor

10:00 a.m.—M. Kipler

12:00 p.m.—R. Koepfel

4:30 p.m.—M. Pawenski

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m.—Bergen, Lipke

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

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

10:00 a.m.—R. Jackson, N.M. Powers
(MC=K. Thompson)

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

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

Tours: March 8: Phyllis Petre



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Sunday, March 1—First Sunday of Lent

Black & Native Missions Collection
Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive
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)

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (R)
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
7:30 p.m. Mass, Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, March 4—St. Casimir

6:30 p.m. OLV School Board Meeting (School)

Thursday, March 5

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting (MR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)

Friday, March 6—World Day of Prayer

First Friday
1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
6:00 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (MR)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bas)
7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

Saturday, March 7—SS. Perpetua & Felicity

3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. 2020 Sweepstakes Grand Drawing (Caf) (Gym)

Sunday, March 8—Second Sunday of Lent

Daylight Saving Time Begins
NO Religious Ed Classes
1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)



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Please come to *the Marian Room this Sunday, March 1*,
after any of the morning Masses.
Begin your day with a cup of coffee, a donut and conversation
with other parishioners!
All are welcome.

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus,
Father Baker Council #2243.*

This week we entered into the season of Lent. As we go about the 40 days in this Liturgical season, we will have many discussions about this great retreat time with our students. We know that Lent is a time to reflect on how we are with God, with our neighbor and with ourselves. We must ask ourselves, “Do we need to make some changes in our attitudes, or speech, or actions?” Even though we should do this often throughout the year, Lent is the time we encourage each other to do it more consciously in order to prepare for the celebration of Easter when some people will be newly baptized into our church and the rest of us will renew our Baptismal promises.

Don't forget about our big night on March 7th! Tickets are still available at the Rectory and school offices. Don't miss out on \$25,000 in prize money, including the big \$10,000.00 Grand Prize. There will be a basket raffle, great food, and a great chance to come out and spend time with our school families and our parishioners. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office at 716-828-9435.

We continue to accept enrollment for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year. Our kindergarten is almost full! Remember we also have a Prekindergarten 4 class with full day and half day options. It is a wonderful environment for our little ones to grow and learn, and much cheaper than Day Care! Children can come as early as 7:00 a.m. and may stay in our afterschool program until 5:30 p.m. for the convenience of working moms and dads. Please come and visit to take a look. Every day is Open House at Our Lady of Victory School. Please call the school office, 828-9434 to set up a tour.

Important Dates to Note:

- ♦ March 2: Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. Dress down for a dollar to benefit Catholic Charities
- ♦ March 7: Sweepstakes Event

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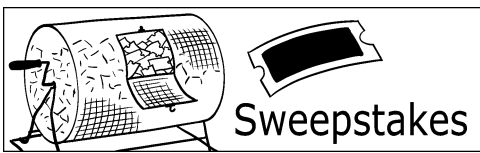


St. Joseph Table ~ March 15

On Sunday, March 15, the Altar & Rosary Society will have a St. Joseph Table in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We are asking our parishioners to help support this by donating a meatless dish. There is no charge for this meal, however a free will offering will be taken up. If you have any questions, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747.

Did You Know?

Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica's weekly bulletin can be viewed online. Visit the parish website at www.olvbasilica.org. Click on Masses and Sacraments, then click on Weekly Bulletin and select the date of the bulletin you wish to view.



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 this 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. Thank you.

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught and what he did for our salvation. **Tuesdays, March 3-May 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell OR at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory School Cafeteria.** \$30 for workbook and study materials. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Deacon Mike Dulak at 913-0476.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Would you like to fall in love with Jesus? Do you want the Scriptures to speak to you? These are just a few of the many things people experience after attending a “Life in the Spirit Seminar.” It is designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Seminar is a series of talks, discussions, prayers and refreshments over a period of 7 weeks. You will hear others share about what the Holy Spirit has done in their lives. You will experience more of the fruits of peace and joy as you avail yourself to more of God’s presence in your life. **The “Life in the Spirit Seminar” will be held at St. Gabriel Church, 5271 Clinton Street, Elma, for seven consecutive Wednesday evenings from April 15 through May 27 starting at 6:30 p.m.** A donation of \$25.00 is appreciated to help defray the costs. For more information or to register, call Sandy Swiech at 648-5870 or Evelyn at 652-2896.

Care for Creation

Suggestion to Help Care for our Common Home

Check product dates on foods. The U. S. Department of Agriculture/Food Safety and Inspection Service defines them as: **“Sell by” date** tells the store how long to display the product for sale. You should buy the product before the date expires. **“Best if used by” (or before) date** is recommended for best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date. **“Use by” date** is the last date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. The date has been determined by the manufacturer of the product.

Healing Mass

The Charismatic Renewal Office of the Diocese of Buffalo, will have a *Healing Mass at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.* Father Richard DiGiulio will be the Main Celebrant. For more information, please call 716-683-6522 x109.



Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Baker Council #2243, is happy to announce the installation of the *Building the Domestic Church Kiosk* located next to the entrance of the Gift Shop. Our goal is to help strengthen the domestic Church, that is, our families, by providing exceptional religious education materials to Catholics. The kiosk contains engaging faith-based booklets aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church’s vision for our families. We also look forward to assisting our parish-based ministries in their evangelization activities that utilize and distribute these booklets. The booklets are from the Catholic Information Service, the major evangelical arm of the Knights of Columbus since 1948 and are free.

Lenten Services at Our Lady of Victory ~ 2020

Ash Wednesday, February 26

Mass with Ashes: 7:30 & 8:15 a.m.; 12:10 & 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service with Ashes: 3:00 p.m. (No Mass)

Every Friday

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.; Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Confessions

Tuesday, April 7: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8: 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (Basilica)
12:00 noon Living Stations (Holy Cross Cemetery)
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Baskets
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon
No 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday



Sunday, February 23rd

Weekly:	\$	11,004.90
Monthly:	\$	188.00
Total:	\$	11,192.90
Shrines	\$	901.46
Pennies	\$	18.67
Fuel	\$	149.00

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 *Elizabeth Grace Ackerson, Kade Joseph Spadone, Kane Joseph Spadone* and *Samantha Grace Lindstrom* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, February 23, 2020 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: *Sophie Pendrak, Matthew E. Kwietniewski, Sr., Sylvia Metelski, John S. Tkaszuk, Alfreda Bodziak, Constance Plandowski, Dominic Selice, Marjorie Marcy, Evelyn Ziembra, Earl Braymiller* and *Michael X. Allman.*

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Vocation Thought First Sunday of Lent

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

AREA HAPPENINGS

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima will be held on *Saturday, March 7, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish*, 4263 St. Francis Drive, Athol Springs. **Confessions at 7:40 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:00 a.m.**, the Holy Rosary and devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, for peace in our country and the world.

29th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Theme Basket Raffle on *Sunday, March 8, Noon to 6:00 p.m.* to benefit Boy Scout Troop 400, in the *SS. Peter & Paul Social Center*, 66 E. Main Street (corner of Pine) in Hamburg. Dinner tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children (5-10 years), under 5 Free. Theme Basket Raffle, large stage prizes, 50/50 Drawings. Dinner includes homemade sauce, pasta, bread, salad, homemade desserts, beverage, door prize ticket.

110 in the Shade: St. Francis High School will present this year's musical, *110 in the Shade*. Performances will be on *March 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. and on March 15 at 2:00 p.m.* Tickets are \$10 each and are available through the main office of the school or online at www.stfrancishigh.org. All seats are reserved so call or visit early for the best selection. **Preview Performance** will be held on *Wednesday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m.* Tickets for this are available at the box office for \$5. No reservations needed.

Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held on *Saturday, March 14, at St. Mary's High School, Lancaster, NY, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.* Conference speakers are Heather Renshaw and Father Jack Mattimore. Registration: 7:30 a.m.; Mass 8:00 a.m. Tickets: \$20 Student/\$30 General Admission. To register online at CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org or call 716-222-0622. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to The Mother Teresa House food pantry.

Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women will host *A Morning of Prayer, Testimony & Praise* on *March 21, at the Millennium Hotel*, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, *from 9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.* Cost is \$20 if postmarked on/before March 11; \$25 postmarked after March 11. Questions or for more information, call Maureen at 716-683-2290.

Spring with the King: Elvis & Friends Tribute Show: Nathan Pittorf, a seventh grade student at OLV School, will perform at the *Spring with the King Tribute Show, Saturday, April 4, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the American Legion Post 567*, 3740 N. Buffalo Street, Orchard Park. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and food will be available for purchase. Tickets for table seating are \$20/person or \$35/couple general admission or \$25/person for limited VIP seats. For tickets, call Mike (605-4179), George (771-2030) or the American Legion Hall (662-9780).

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