



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, March 17, 2019 - Second Sunday of Lent

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.

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This week we hold our annual Lenten Mission. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, March 18, 19, and 20 we will celebrate a special Lenten Mission Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Basilica. On Monday evening our guest celebrant and preacher will be Father Greg Dobson, who, until recently was the rector of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean. Father Greg recently retired and will be helping us here at the Basilica for the next few months. On Tuesday evening, the celebrant and preacher will be Father Joseph Porpiglia, the pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Gowanda. And, on Wednesday evening, Father Peter Calabrese, the Provincial Vicar of the Barnabite community, from the Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, Youngstown, NY. We are pleased to welcome these three celebrants. Father Dobson and Father Calabrese are associated with the other two Basilica churches in our Diocese: Olean and Youngstown. All three have been friends of mine and co-workers over the years. There will be a reception on the Lower Level of the Basilica each night after the Mass.

Don't forget the Catholic Charities Appeal, which is going on now through the end of Lent. Your gift to Catholic Charities will support:

- ◆ food and clothing through Catholic Charities food pantries and outreach programs
- ◆ counseling and support for students and families through in-school programs
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- ◆ education and job training for young adults
- ◆ mental health treatment for children and adults in Erie and Niagara Counties
- ◆ Chemical dependency treatment for adults in Erie County
- ◆ Programs which lessen the impact of divorce or separation for children

Please be as generous as you can to this year's appeal. Your gift will go a long way in helping our neighbors here in Western New York. Thank you.

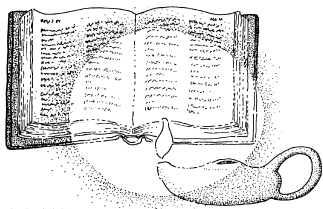
As you know, my retirement is fast approaching. My last official day as pastor here will be May 31st. We are still awaiting Bishop Malone's appointment of a new pastor. My 50th Anniversary of Ordination falls on May 24th. ***I will be celebrating a special Mass commemorating my 50th anniversary and my retirement on Sunday, May 12, at the Noon Mass.*** I would be honored if you could join me for this Mass. It is Mother's Day, so I know that people will have other plans to make for that day as well. However, if you can, come join your fellow parishioners, my family and friends for this liturgy. There will be a reception in Baker Hall School immediately after that Mass. I hope you can join me in celebrating these last (almost) thirteen years here at OLV.

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

Father Paul



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



Summary of the Readings Second Sunday of Lent

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It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many...conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction. Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of March 23-24

Lectors:

Saturday, March 23

4:30 p.m.—G. Reid

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m.—M. Mulqueen

10:00 a.m.—A. Buckley

12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech

4:30 p.m.—J. Howell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, March 23

4:30 p.m.—Dulak, Jackson, Wood

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Murray

10:00 a.m.—T. McCann, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Koepfel, R.&D. McDonough,
Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24

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: March 24: Linda Rayburg

MassSchedule

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Week of March 17, 2019

Saturday, March 16

4:30 Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk by Deenah Simchick

Sunday, March 17—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Robert A. Snyder by Wife, Mary

10:00 Robert Potter (Death Rem.) by Wife, Rosemary & Fam.

12:00 Matthew Such by Kathy Such & Family

4:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

Monday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 Joseph Sasiadek by Grandson, David Sasiadek

8:15 Our Lady of Victory Helping Hands Club Members
Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

12:10 Special Intention for James J. Saniewski (living) by
Family

Healing for Earnie Masullo (living) by Sheri Buczkowski

7:00 Parish Mission

Tuesday, March 19—St. Joseph

7:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

Shirley Colern by Laura Deeds

12:10 Anthony Saniewski, Sr. (Ann.), Stella & Anthony
Saniewski, Jr. by Family

Mary Jo Venturoli by The Palante Family

7:00 Parish Mission

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Cook by Family

12:10 Joan C. Downey by Dorothea A. Downey

7:00 Parish Mission

Thursday, March 21

7:30 Mary R. & Joseph Rektorik by Estate

12:10 Victoria Usiak by Joan Usiak

Friday, March 22

7:30 Matty Becker by Paula, Matthew & Meegan Becker
David Milosich by Family

8:15 For the People of the Parish

12:10 Brian Maraschiello by Mom, Geraldine Maraschiello

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 Henry Zacharyasz by Cindy & Dave Schaefer

Saturday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

7:30 Francis E. Downey by The Downey Family

12:10 John (Jackie) Meredith by Darleen DiFrancesco

4:30 Thomas & Regina Lewis by Family

Sunday, March 24—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Anthony Spinelli by Daughters, Cindy & Nancy

10:00 Lottie Krajewski by Robert Sikorski

12:00 James Kern by Maria Kern

4:30 Frances Dalessandro by Family



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Sunday, March 17—Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 6-9
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
- 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. St. Joseph Table (Caf)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

Monday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 8:45 a.m. School Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Bas) (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, March 19—St. Joseph

Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Ends

Rectory & Gift Shop Closed; School Holiday

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

Wednesday, March 20

- 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Bas) (MR)

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bas)
- 7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

Saturday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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

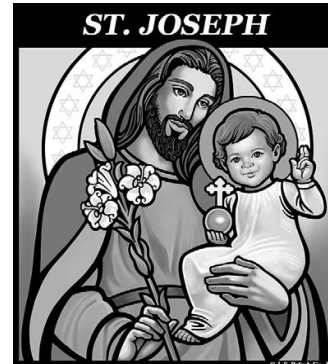
Sunday, March 24—Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 3-5 (Bas)
- 10:00 a.m. Mother/Son Mass and Breakfast (Bas) (School)
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA First Scrutiny at Mass (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)
- 1:00 p.m. Ask a Priest/Soup & Bread Lunch (Caf)

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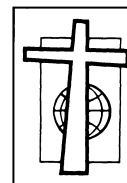
**Important Dates to Note:**

- ◆ March 19: No school in honor of St. Joseph’s Day
- ◆ March 20: Spring pictures, sports, cap and gown
- ◆ March 22: Report cards distributed



**St. Joseph Table**  
**This Sunday, March 17**  
**11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**OLV School Cafeteria**

*This Sunday, March 17, the Altar & Rosary Society will have a St. Joseph Table in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are asking our parishioners to help support the day by donating a meatless dish to put on this special table in honor of St. Joseph. 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. Hope to see you there.*



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**Parish Mission**

**New Lectors Welcome**

If you would like to consider becoming a Lector and have been Confirmed, please contact the Rectory at 828-9444. The obligation is usually one weekend Mass each month.

*This Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18, 19, 20, we will hold our annual Lenten Mission Masses at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Basilica. Each night we will have a guest priest celebrant and homilist, followed by a brief reception. Plan on attending these three nights of prayer and reflection.*



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### Stations of the Cross

Remember our Friday night *Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00 p.m.* followed by our special *Lenten Mass at 7:30 p.m.* All are invited to participate.

### Southern Erie Vicariate Lenten Soup & Speaker Series

Join us *each Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the SS. Peter & Paul Community School cafeteria, Hamburg*, for a simple meal of soup and bread. Guest speakers sharing their inspirational Lenten message will be:

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| March 22 | Dr. Eileen Lyon          |
| March 29 | Sr. Judith Salzman, FSSJ |
| April 5  | Mr. Joseph Gray          |
| April 12 | Mr. Josh Brunner         |

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Church.

### Lenten Retreat

*Please join us for a Lenten Retreat leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday (April 28).* You will increase your understanding of God's Divine Mercy and its meaning in our times. The retreat will take place on *Monday evenings in the OLV Elementary School cafeteria from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.* Cost: \$25 (includes video presentation, study book and work book). **Starting date: March 25.** To register, please call Mary Anne Jackson (864-0747).

### Healing Mass Scheduled Wednesday, March 27 ~ 7:00 p.m.

A *Healing Mass* will be held at *Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m.* Father Richard DiGiulio, Director of Charismatic Renewal/Burning Bush House of Prayer, will be the main celebrant. For more information, please call 716-683-6522 x109.

**Prayer Group Members Note:** The Prayer Group *Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, will be cancelled* so members can attend the Healing Mass on Wednesday, March 27.



### Baker Victory Nite 2019

Help us build a playground and create childhood memories at *Baker Victory Nite 2019 on Thursday, May 9!* Silent and live auctions, limited split club sales and more. The proceeds will go to help build a playground for the children in Baker Victory Services' Foster Care programs. For more information or to purchase your ticket today, go to [www.BakerVictoryNite.org](http://www.BakerVictoryNite.org). Each ticket comes with a sit down dinner and open bar.



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### Care for Creation Group

**Please Note:** *The meeting scheduled for Monday, March 25, will be cancelled* so we can attend the Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society. The Care for Creation Group supports this retreat because it is a practical guide to applying the Works of Mercy in our lives. This is important learning during the period of Lent.

**There has also been a change in the date for the April meeting.** We will meet on *Tuesday, April 9, in the Music Room at 7:00 p.m.* The meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, will be cancelled so members can attend the Lenten Retreat that evening.

### Weekly Devotions at OLV

*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.



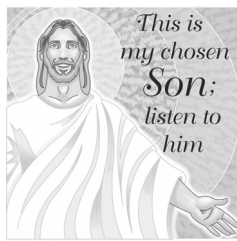
**Sunday, March 10th**

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| Weekly:             | \$ | 12,725.88 |
| Monthly:            | \$ | 536.00    |
| Total:              | \$ | 13,261.88 |
| Shrines             | \$ | 1,533.28  |
| Pennies             | \$ | 84.00     |
| Black & Indian Mis. | \$ | 775.50    |
| Easter Flowers      | \$ | 100.00    |

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 *Isabella Elisabeth Shomper, Mason Lee Shomper* and *Joseph Carmell Andujar* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Saturday, March 9, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



**Vocation Thought  
Second Sunday of Lent**

On Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed a glimpse of his glory, not to show off, but to express his desire to share his glory with us. Thanks to Christ, it is this glory that we are destined for. The same Christ calls some to priesthood and religious life to show his followers how to live for this glory. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Also, check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org).

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

**Lenten Enlightenment:** Christ Renews His Parish Men's/Women's Group of *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church* invite you to join us for a night of Lenten enlightenment and reflection on **Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**, 3148 Abbott Road, Orchard Park. Our guest speaker is Barbara Shanahan, a local educator and biblical scholar associated with the Catholic Biblical Studies Program of Western New York. Her topic is: The Passion of Jesus. For additional information, call 649-6449.

**St. Francis High School - Information Session and Campus Tours:** St. Francis High School will host its annual spring event on **Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Young men currently in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, as well as any undecided eighth graders and their parents, are invited to visit the school. St. Francis High School, a college preparatory school for young men, is administered by the Franciscan Friars Conventual and staffed by both religious and lay faculty. The school is located at 4129 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 716-627-1200 ext. 582 or visit our website at [www.stfrancishigh.org](http://www.stfrancishigh.org). **Please register for your tour on our website.**

**St. Francis High School** practice entrance, scholarship and placement exam for 7th graders will be held on **Saturday, March 30**. This practice exam is in preparation for the Entrance and Scholarship Exam which all boys in 8th grade must take to gain admission to St. Francis High School. **Check in at 8:00 a.m. in the foyer.** Exam concludes at approximately noon. For more information, call 716-627-1200 ext. 582 or online at [admissions@stfrancishigh.org](mailto:admissions@stfrancishigh.org).

**Blood Drive at Lake Erie Italian Club** Small Hall, 3200 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, on **Tuesday, April 2, 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!

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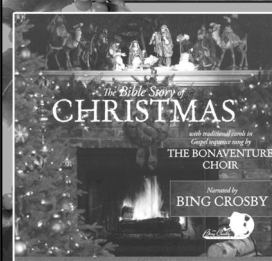
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