



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, March 24, 2019 - Third 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 Sunday, March 24, at the Noon Mass, we will celebrate one of the initial rites for those candidates who are preparing for either Baptism or Entrance into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. For the next few Sundays of Lent, we celebrate what the Church calls “Scrutinies” for these candidates and catechumens. These brief ceremonies pray for the people who will be receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil. It also asks them to increase their own prayer and study to get ready for the Vigil. Another big part of these rituals is to ask all of us to pray for them as they prepare to become member of the church.

The Lenten “Bread and Soup” session called “Ask The Pastor” will take place this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica. You may submit your questions before the session, or bring them to the session itself. Father Romulus or I, or Deacon Mario or Deacon Michael, or Seminarian Denning Achidi will be at these sessions to answer any questions you may have about theology, Catholic practice, or Catholic Tradition.

Our parish has an active “Care for Creation” group. This group grew out of Pope Francis’ encyclical “Laudato Si” from a few years ago. They are dedicated to doing whatever possible to preserve our physical world through responsible decisions and actions. They have been meeting with various administrators associated with the parish to see how we can do little things to preserve the world. We should all pray for this group, so that they will help us do all we can to preserve the beauty of God’s creation.

Next weekend, March 30 and 31, we will have a special speaker at all Masses, talking about this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal. If you have not already received your donation/pledge card from Catholic Charities, please call the rectory. Please consider increasing your donation this year, at least a little bit. As always, the needs are great.

Here are a few dates to look forward to for the month of April:

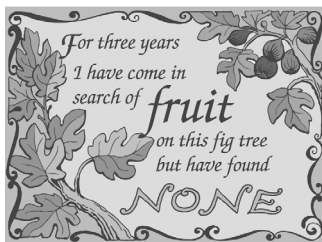
- ◆ All Fridays of Lent – 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- ◆ All Fridays of Lent – 7:30 p.m. – Lenten Mass
- ◆ Monday, April 8 – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council
- ◆ Monday, April 8 – 8:00 p.m. – Liturgy Committee
- ◆ Saturday, April 13 – 10:30 a.m. – Adoption Mass
- ◆ Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday
- ◆ Tuesday, April 16 – 3:00 p.m. – Easter Confessions
- ◆ Wednesday, April 17 - 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Confessions
- ◆ Thursday, April 18 – Holy Thursday
- ◆ Friday, April 19 – Good Friday
- ◆ Saturday, April 20 – Holy Saturday
- ◆ Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday
- ◆ Sunday, April 28 – Divine Mercy Sunday

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 Third Sunday of Lent

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MassSchedule

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Week of March 24, 2019

Saturday, March 23

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

Monday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 Patrick Gallagher (Birth Rem.) by Loving Wife, Marilyn Margaret Tyrpak by The Tyrpak Children

8:15 Laura Mancuso by Rachael Petti

12:10 Esther & Walter Wilk by Joanne Scofield

Guy Paul Michaud by Ruth Smokowski & Family

Tuesday, March 26

7:30 Edward Fisher & Arthur Poupard by Cathy Bergen

12:10 David M. Milosich by John Mondel & Steve Gelle

Wednesday, March 27

7:30 Ignacy, Aniela, Andrew, Edward, Peter Kaczmarczyk & Nell Vidrine by Ron & Pat Simchick

12:10 John Houlihan by Wife & Son

7:00 Healing Mass

Thursday, March 28

7:30 Mary Brogan by Estate

12:10 Mary Kathryn Brown by Estate

Friday, March 29

7:30 Edmund F. Burke by Estate

8:15 For the People of the Parish

Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Association Members

12:10 Victor Stachowski, Jr. by Son, Gregory Stachowski

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 Wanda Slaski by Estate

Saturday, March 30

7:30 Dr. Thomas Frank (living; 80th Birthday) by Mary C. Moynihan

12:10 Maria Elana Morales by Marilyn Ross & Family

4:30 Edward, Eleonore & James Kuciel by Loving Family

Sunday, March 31—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Linda O'Connell by Julie Murtha & Family

10:00 Loraine Bennett by The Geary Family

12:00 Ted Swiech by The Swiech Family

4:30 Richard A. Ferrino by Elizabeth Willard



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Weekend of March 23-24

Lectors:

Saturday, March 30

4:30 p.m.—W. O'Rourke

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m.—B. DeMike

10:00 a.m.—C. Swan

12:00 p.m.—R. Koeppl

4:30 p.m.—A. Boneberg

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, March 30

4:30 p.m.—Jackson, Schaefer, Welsch

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m.—M.&P. Allman

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, March 30

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

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m.—V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom

10:00 a.m.—R. Jackson, M. Schwarzott
(MC=C. Heitzhaus)

12:00 p.m.—M. Viverto, L.J. Sokolik
(MC=A. Grinder)

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

Tours: March 31: John Twist



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Sunday, March 24—Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 3-5
- 10:00 a.m. School Mother & Son Mass (Bas) & Breakfast (Caf)
- 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 (MR)
- 2:30 p.m. RCIA Make-up Class (Mus R)

Monday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

- 5:30 p.m. RCIA Make-up Class (Mus R)
- 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
- NO Prayer Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (Mus R)
- 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass (Bas)

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

Ladies Night (School)

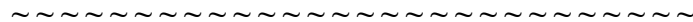
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bas)
- 7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

Saturday, March 30

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

Sunday, March 31—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA Second Scrutiny at Mass (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
- 1:00 p.m. Ask a Priest/Soup & Bread Lunch (Caf)
- 2:30 p.m. RCIA Make-up Class (Mus R)



Please Note ~ Calendar Changes

- ◆ Sunday, March 24: 1:00 p.m. Ask a Priest/Soup & Bread Lunch will be held *in the Marian Room this week* not in the Cafeteria.
- ◆ Monday, March 25: The *Care for Creation* meeting originally scheduled for this evening will be cancelled so members can attend the Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society.
- ◆ Tuesday, March 26: *NO Prayer Group Meeting*. Members are encouraged to attend the Healing Mass on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ March 24: Mother and Son Mass and Breakfast
- ◆ March 25: Reconciliation for Grades 3-8
- ◆ March 28: Honor Roll Ceremony and Breakfast of Champions
- ◆ March 29: Ladies Night
- ◆ March 29: Light House winter session ends

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Update

Miss Taylor Zajac, age 11, a student at OLV Elementary School, *was a winner at Fr. Baker Council's local free throw contest on January 19*. Taylor then went on to win the 11 year old girls competition at both the "district" and "regional" levels. On March 9, the "Upstate NY Conference" competition was held in Syracuse where Taylor again won the contest involving 11 year old girls from the whole upstate NY region! She will now move on to compete in the NY State Championships at West Point on April 6th. Winners of the Upstate NY Conference competition, including Taylor, will compete against winners from the Downstate NY & Long Island Conferences. Pray for Taylor and her efforts at the NY State Championship contest!

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Fr. Baker Council will again be a sponsor of the local competition next January. All boys and girls, ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate.



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As we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, OLV's Pro-Life Committee will follow Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and provide weekly updates of the incredible miracle of life in the womb.

This week is when conception takes place with the union of the male and female reproductive cells, combining to form a single-cell embryo, creating a new human life with its own, separate DNA.

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.



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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 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 is this Monday, 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. 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 17th

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Monthly:	\$	118.00
Total:	\$	12,216.49
Shrines	\$	1,109.93
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Easter Flowers	\$	38.00

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.



Updates Wanted

Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? Are your envelopes not coming to your home? 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.

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

Vocation Thought Third Sunday of Lent

At the sight of the burning bush, Moses was responsive to God's call, while his followers were too self-righteous to hear it. God's call will only lead us to what is best for us. 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.

OLV Home School Association Fish Fry Good Friday, April 19, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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\$12 Dinner includes Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Rye Bread & Butter, Lemon, and Tartar Sauce

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Contact Kate Lorden at 716-870-9394 or Laura Shannon at 716-725-4049

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AREA HAPPENINGS

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.

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. Walk-ins welcome!

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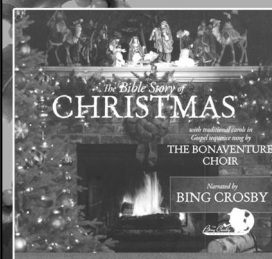
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