



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, March 3, 2019 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

SCHOOL:
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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 Saturday, March 2, is our Annual Sweepstakes event. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. You will need a ticket to participate. Tickets will be available at the OLV Elementary School door. Additional tickets will be available in the room throughout the evening. Drawings will take place throughout the evening, leading up to the grand prize drawing of \$10,000. I hope to see you there. All proceeds go to helping our OLV Elementary School.

Sunday morning is Donuts and Coffee Sunday – in the Marian Room. Stop down if you can.

On Monday, March 4, the Parish Council will meet in the OLV Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

The Parish Liturgy Committee will also meet on Monday, March 4, at 8:00 p.m. in the OLV Elementary School cafeteria.

Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed after the homily at all of the Masses that day. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed at a Prayer Service at 3:00 p.m. (No Mass). Again this year, we will also have small packets of blessed ashes along with a prayer sheet which you may take home for those in your family who are ill or homebound. These packets will be available in the sacristy after each of the Ash Wednesday Masses and the 3:00 p.m. Prayer Service.

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (as well as the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday). Everyone 18 years of age or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday (and Good Friday). Fasting on Ash Wednesday means only one full meatless meal is allowed, along with two smaller meals, according to one's health needs.

For each of the Fridays of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. and celebrate a special Lenten Mass at 7:30 p.m. This is one more opportunity to make Lent a special spiritual time for you and your family.

This year, our annual Lenten Mission will be held on Monday, March 18, Tuesday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 20. This Lenten Mission will include a 7:00 p.m. evening Mass, a special Lenten homily, followed by refreshments each evening. We will have guest priests as the celebrant of the Mass and the preacher for these evenings. Plan on making this part of your Lenten observance again this year.

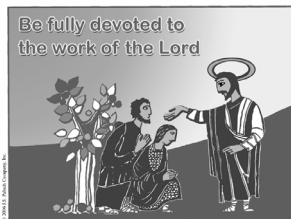
Men of the parish: Look for the registration forms for this year's "Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference" which will be held on Saturday, April 6, at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Tonawanda, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration forms can be found at the exits of the Basilica.

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of March 9-10

Lectors:

Saturday, March 9

4:30 p.m.—G. Reid

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m.—D. West

10:00 a.m.—A. Boneberg

12:00 p.m.—C. Swan

4:30 p.m.—M. Arza

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, March 9

4:30 p.m.—Jackson, Schaefer

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m.—Fitzgerald, M. McCann

10:00 a.m.—R.&A. Boneberg, Jarosz, T. Wing

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

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

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

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

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

Tours: March 10: Beverly McHugh

MassSchedule

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Week of March 3, 2019

Saturday, March 2

4:30 Louis, Ann & Donna Manzo by The Manzo Family

Sunday, March 3—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Cheryl Ann & Stella Gawel by The Gawel Family

10:00 Gerald Rybicki by The Rybicki Family

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

4:30 Florence DiPronio by Family

Monday, March 4—St. Casimir

7:30 To Honor St. Joseph by Carmen R. Kozlowski

8:15 Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Society Intentions

Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions

12:10 Jean DePasquale (Death Ann.) by Children

Tuesday, March 5

7:30 Anna Glomb (Death Ann.) by Mary & Tom Glomb

12:10 Margaret Battista by Diane McGuire & Battista Family

7:30 Vera Fabiano by Tom & Mary Glomb (in Chapel)

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday

7:30 Bob & Charmaine Twist by Mary & John Twist

8:15 Paul O. Zwirlein by Estate

Samuel J. Chiodo, II by Sara, Jill & Amanda

12:10 George Maskaluk by Wife, Irene, Son, James &
Daughter-in-law, Amy

3:00 Prayer Service with Ashes

7:30 Herald Wasson by Tom & Mary Glomb

Thursday, March 7—SS. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 John & Blanche Kurdziel by Cathy Bergen

12:10 Margaret Walsh by Rita & Vincent

Carol Ann Denny by Family

Friday, March 8—St. John of God

7:30 For the People of the Parish

Mary T. Klosko by Estate

8:15 In Thanksgiving by Mary & Tom Glomb

12:10 James Dalessandro by Family

Adeline Emminger by Cliff & Donna Emminger

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 Melanie Rogowski by James Filk

Saturday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

7:30 James Leary by Cindy & Dave Schaefer

12:10 Dec. Mem. of the Schwab & Murphy Families by Fam.

4:30 Linda Donovan by Elizabeth Willard

Sunday, March 10—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

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

12:00 Stella Sanders by Son, Michael

4:30 Stephen P. Check by Dick & Shirley Motyka



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Sunday, March 3—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive

Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses (MR)

NO Religious Ed Classes

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

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

Monday, March 4—St. Casimir

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

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

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Caf)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting (Caf)

Tuesday, March 5

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 6—Ash Wednesday

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes (No Mass)

6:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (Mus R)

Thursday, March 7—SS. Perpetua & Felicity

1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (MR)

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

Friday, March 8—St. John of God

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 9—St. Frances of Rome

Black & Native Missions Collection

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

Sunday, March 10—First Sunday of Lent

Black & Native Missions Collection

8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)

1:00 p.m. Ask a Priest / Soup & Bread Lunch (Caf)

3:00 p.m. RCIA Rite of Election Ceremony (Cathedral)

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Come to the *Marian Room this Sunday, March 3, after any of the morning Masses.*

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

All are welcome.

**Important Dates to Note:**

- ◆ March 4: Early dismissal (1:00 p.m.); Dress down for \$1.00 for Catholic Charities
- ◆ March 8: Full day of school



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**Adult Confirmation Classes  
Begin this Wednesday, March 6**

*At the Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019, the Church will welcome new Catholics through reception of the Sacraments.* Along with them, any properly prepared and formerly inactive Catholic may receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We welcome any inactive, baptized adult Catholics who finished high school, who are free to marry in the Church, or if married, were married according to the rites of the Catholic Church, to register for **Adult Confirmation Classes** with Father Romulus. The 5 classes **begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room** on the lower level of the Basilica. Classes will continue on **Wednesdays, March 13, March 27, April 3 and April 10.** **Rehearsal** will be held on **Sunday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m.** Candidates should arrange for an interview with Father Romulus by calling **828-9425** and provide a recent Catholic Baptismal certificate before the first class.

**Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive This Weekend**

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Baker #1043 are having a diaper/wipe drive this weekend, March 2 and 3, at all Masses.* There will be two drop-off points upstairs for your convenience: one at the top of the stairs coming up from the parking lot entrance and the other in the front entrance under the bulletin board. Any size diapers or wipes will be accepted and distributed to local baby ministries. Thank you for your support!

**Healing Mass Scheduled**

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 instead.

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## Altar & Rosary Society

### “Ask a Priest” and Lenten Soup Meal

Parishioners are invited to this year’s “*Ask a Priest*” and *Lenten Soup Meal* (soup and bread) sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society *after the Noon Mass* in the Cafeteria on the following Sundays: **March 10, March 24 (in Marian Room), March 31, April 7 and April 14.** If any parishioner wishes to make a donation of homemade soup for these meals, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747. There is no charge for this meal, however a free will offering will be taken up.

### St. Joseph Table on March 17

On **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.

### Southern Erie Vicariate Lenten Soup & Speaker Series Opportunities to Grow in Faith this Lent

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 8  | Sr. Johnice Rzadkiewicz, CSSF |
| March 15 | Mr. Jack Edson                |
| 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.

### 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.



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### Lenten Services at Our Lady of Victory ~ 2019

#### Ash Wednesday, March 6

Mass with Ashes: 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.,  
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 16: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17: 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Holy Thursday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper

#### Good Friday, April 19

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 20

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Baskets

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

**No 4:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday**

### Save the Date ~ This Year’s Lenten Mission

This year’s parish Lenten Mission will be held on Monday to Wednesday, March 18 to 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening.



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).



Sunday, February 24th

Table with 2 columns: Offering Type and Amount. Rows include Weekly, Monthly, Total, Shrines, Pennies, and Fuel.

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.

Care for Creation ~ Next Meeting

The next meeting of Our Lady of Victory's Care for Creation group will be held on Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica (rescheduled from February 25). If you would like more information on this group, please contact Bob and Darlene McDonough at mcdonoughdar@aol.com.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Cieslaw Przybylo, Hanna Abousaid, Phyllis Cohan, David Milosich, Mary A. Pawenski, John Mikla, Victor P. Olejniczak, Joseph F. Mistasz, Rosario Priore and Catherine Murphy.



Vocation Thought Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

While we are all called to lead each other to Christ, we must have the humility to recognize our own blind spots. What can you do to bring greater clarity to your sense of Jesus and how He is calling you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Fish Fry Dinner at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Ash Wednesday, March 6, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (or until sold out) in the St. Francis Social Center, 4263 St. Francis Drive, Athol Springs, presented by the Holy Name of Jesus Society. \$11.00 includes fish fry, noodle salad, cole slaw, bread and butter, French fries, desserts and beverages. Pizza will also be available. Eat in or take out. The Altar Rosary Society will be selling their delicious homemade pierogi.

Spaghetti Dinner: Queen of Angels Parish, Electric Avenue and Warsaw Street, Lackawanna, is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 10, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. The dinner will include spaghetti with homemade sauce, meatballs, salad, bread and butter, home-made dessert and beverage. There will be no extra charge for take-out. Tickets will be pre-sale only and may be purchased by calling Jim at 481-1278, Mike at 880-4048, Gene at 646-0513 or the Rectory at 826-0880.

Newsies: St. Francis High School is proud to announce that this year's musical will be Disney's Newsies! Performances will be on March 15 and 16 at 7:00 p.m. and on March 17 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and are available through the main office of the school or online at www.stfranchishigh.org. All seats are reserved so call or visit early for the best selection. Preview performance will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. Tickets for this performance are available at the box office for \$2. No reservations needed.

Lenten Enlightenment: Chris 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 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@stfranchishigh.org.



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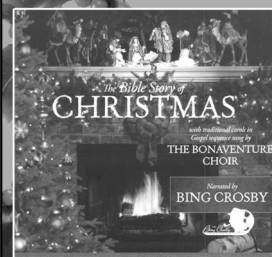
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