



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, March 8, 2020 - Second Sunday of Lent

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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:
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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 you are well aware now, the Diocese of Buffalo filed for Chapter 11 Reorganization on Friday, February 28th. A letter from Bishop Scharfenberger, our Apostolic Administrator, was read at all the Masses last weekend. Recognizing your need for as much information as possible about the decision to pursue reorganization, the Diocese established an information page on the Diocesan website at: www.buffalodiocese.org/reorganization. There you will find frequently asked questions and answers, as well as updated information as it becomes available throughout this process. The Diocese has also established an Information Help Line at (833) 302-0061 to answer your questions and concerns more immediately.

On a personal note, I understand that these are very challenging and troubling times for all of us as Catholics here in the Diocese of Buffalo. But again, I sincerely want to thank you for staying the course and keeping the faith. Please continue to come to Mass and to pray for healing for true victims of abuse and for the healing and reorganization of our diocese. We need to support one another as we gather for the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our faith. I urge you to continue to generously contribute to our parish in the weekly collection, as this is the way we are able to afford to keep our magnificent and historic Basilica going, as well as Our Lady of Victory Elementary School. It is important to remember that, as a parish and school, we are separately incorporated by New York State Law and thus we are not included in the Chapter 11 filing. More than ever, we need your generous support to strengthen our parish and our parish ministries here at OLV.

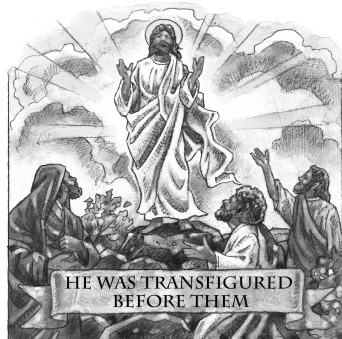
I also encourage you not to withhold from contributing to the Catholic Charities Appeal 2020. Again, Catholic Charities is also separately incorporated and not a part of the filing. More than ever, Catholic Charities also needs your contribution. Without your gift, the "working poor" will suffer and so many needy people, who rely on Catholic Charities for assistance, will fall through the cracks. The theme for this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is "Think of Me." Please think of the 4,674 individual and family members from our Lackawanna (14218) community who were served by Catholic Charities in 2019 and who will continue to need our generous support to help them again this year, as well as the many others who are in need throughout Western New York. Our support of Catholic Charities during this Holy Season of Lent is a response to the Gospel mandate by our Lord Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). For more information on how you can support Catholic Charities here at Our Lady of Victory, please contact the rectory.

Finally, I want to encourage you to please plan on participating in our 3-Night Lenten Parish Mission on Monday, March 30, Tuesday, March 31, and Wednesday, April 1, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night in the Basilica. Fr. Louis Marie Leonelli, CFR, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will present on three themes: On Monday, "Who is Jesus?" includes a Eucharistic healing service. On Tuesday, "Mercy" includes an opportunity to receive the

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



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Summary of the Readings Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of March 14-15

Lectors:

Saturday, March 14

4:30 p.m.—G. Reid

Sunday, March 15

8:00 a.m.—D. West

10:00 a.m.—No Lector—Children's Liturgy

12:00 p.m.—M. Kipler

4:30 p.m.—J. Howell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

8:00 a.m.—Allman, M. McCann, Murray

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

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

10:00 a.m.—K. Pietrkiewicz, A.J. Matyas

12:00 p.m.—T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, M. Wietchy
(MC=C. Carroccia)4:30 p.m.—M. McNatty, D.N. Clark, J. Torres
(MC= S. Saunders)

Tours: March 15: Linda Rayburg

MassSchedule

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Week of March 1, 2020

Saturday, March 7

4:30 Agnes Bengert, Bruce & 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

Monday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

7:30 Mary T. Klosko by Estate

12:10 For the People of the Parish

Ida & Richard Whitt by Susan Wedekindt & Louise
Ziccardi

Tuesday, March 10

7:30 Jeanne Kudlets (Death Ann.) by Daughter, Marilyn
Gallagher

12:10 David Rams by Cookie & Family

Kevin Bartosz by Wife, Denise & Children

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

12:10 James & Stacia DePasquale by Judith & Peter Pawlak

Thursday, March 12

7:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

Souls in Purgatory by Mary Glomb

12:10 Mary Beth Lalka (Living) by The Darweesh Family

Gloria M. Tomaszewski by The Tomasik Family

Friday, March 13

7:30 Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk (Death Ann.) by Pat &
Daughters

8:15 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

Our Lady of Victory Father Baker Guild Members

12:10 Odilia Ciesla by Family

Donna D'Innoceno by Family

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 George J. Duffy, Sr. by Father David

Saturday, March 14

7:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

12:10 Robert Bartolucci by The Sunshine Club

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

Sunday, March 15—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Kevin R. & Mary A. Connors by Evelyn Kuzdale &
Family

10:00 Stella M. Sanders by Son, Michael

12:00 Matthew Such by Cookie & Family

4:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions



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A Message from the Pastor

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Sacrament of Reconciliation. And on Wednesday, “Mary” is a Marian Mass and veneration of an image of Our Lady of Victory. Fr. Louis is a well sought-after inspirational speaker. I know that his message will be exactly what we all need to hear, especially during these challenging times for our Church. Please come and bring a friend and spread the word... All are welcome from other parishes as well!

Please know of my sentiments of deepest gratitude and appreciation for our wonderful parish family for keeping the faith and being centered in what truly matters...following our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from the Way of the Cross to Easter Resurrection. If you have family members and friends who are struggling, please invite them to come and pray and worship here at Our Lady of Victory, a place where miracles are being fostered as we carry forward the great legacy of our beloved founder, Father Baker!

May Our Lady of Victory watch over and protect you and your loved ones.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. David



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Our largest “Sweepstakes” fundraiser was held last night. Thank you goes out to Deniece and Peter Diamond who lead this enormous endeavor and to all of their assistants. It takes so many hands to put this together and it is always a night to remember. Thank you also goes out to everyone who donated baskets, raffle prizes, and bought Sweeps tickets. Sweepstakes is our largest school fundraiser. It wouldn’t be such a success without all our parishioners, contributors and our school families. You will forever be in our prayers each school morning as we pray as a school family. Thank you all!

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ March 9: Marks close for second trimester
- ◆ March 10: Third Trimester begins
- ◆ March 11: Home School Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria

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)

Monday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

- 6:30 p.m. Catholic Daughters (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 10

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Caf)
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
- NO Prayer Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:30 p.m. OLV Home-School Association Meeting (Caf)
- 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass (Bas)

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
- 6:00 p.m. Taste of Victory International Night (School)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bas)
- 7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

Saturday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy Practice (MR)
- 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, March 15—Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (School)
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 6-9
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)
- 1:00 p.m. Baptism (Bas)
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. St. Joseph Table (Caf)

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**St. Joseph Table  
Next Sunday ~ March 15**

*Next 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.

**8th Grade Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, March 29 ~ 8:00 a.m. to Noon**

The 8th Graders of Our Lady of Victory Elementary School will hold a **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon in the School Cafeteria.** Tickets are \$6.00 and includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee! There will also be a Basket Raffle. All proceeds will benefit the 8th Grade class trip. Tickets are available in the School Office.

## 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.

## 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

When you have leftovers from a meal, plan an "eat the leftovers" night each week. Examples of leftover chili recipes are stuffed peppers, tamale pie, twice-baked potatoes, enchiladas, chili macaroni and shepherd's pie.

The *next meeting* of the Care for Creation group will be held on **Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room.** All are welcome.

## Updates Wanted

Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? 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 for Baptism or Confirmation.

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

## Children's Liturgy Sunday, March 15 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Have you ever attended a Children's Liturgy? We have them once a month here at OLV. These are Masses that teach our children about Catholic worship and their role in it! The prayers, music and homily are directed to the younger members of the Church, but many "grown-ups" seem to like them as well. Why don't you see for yourself at **our next Children's Liturgy on Sunday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Practice** for the ministers for this liturgy will take place on **Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 till 10:30 a.m.** and will meet in the **Marian Room.** Singers will practice from 9:00 till 9:45 a.m. All others will practice from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

### The Ministers list is:

**Readers:** Annabelle Czekanski

**Collectors:** Jonathan Ramirez, Nicholas Czekanski

**Gift Bearers:** Lyla Oehler

**Greeters:** (No one yet)

**Singers:** Noah Takacs, Olivia Maciuba, Hannah Sweeney, Lyla Oehler

We need 2 readers, 2 collectors, 2 gift bearers, greeters and more singers! **All readers and singers must practice for the Mass.** All other children must practice unless previously excused by Tina. Please call **Tina Hatem (826-5075)** if your child wants to volunteer for one of the open positions or if your child has volunteered and will be unable to attend Mass or practice, or if you have any questions about our Masses. We look forward to seeing you!

## Lenten Services at Our Lady of Victory ~ 2020

### 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, March 1st

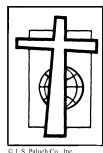
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Please send your request and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: OLV Rectory, 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Thank you.

### RCIA Corner

**Congratulations to our catechumens and candidates**, who, at the Rite of Election on Saturday, February 29, at St. Joseph Cathedral, were called to the sacraments of initiation! They will receive baptism and/or confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil! Please continue to welcome them and pray for them. Our catechumens are Lynn Lucas, Maddy Lucas, and Debbie Pfeiffer. Our candidates are Jaime Kelleher, Cheryl Gerrity, and Mindy Zielinski.



Parish  
Mission

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### 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.

### AREA HAPPENINGS

**St. Francis High School** announces their Honor Roll Students for the First Quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year: **First Honors:** Jude A. Strittmatter, Mateo Torres, Ryan Harrington, Ryan D. Brooks, Liam C. Donovan, David E. Markiewicz, Jaidyn A. Torres and Blaise A. Strittmatter; **Second Honors:** Dylan C. Hernandez and Nicholas L. Benes.

**Mission 2020 at St. Vincent de Paul, Springbrook** from **March 14-21.** Each evening there is music, speakers, and liturgy. For more information, contact Elaine and Marty Hackford at 725-7930 or mehack@roadrunner.com

**Annual Triduum in Honor of St. Joseph** will be held **Tuesday, March 17 to Thursday, March 19**, at the Carmelite Monastery, 75 Carmel Road, Buffalo. The Triduum will be conducted by Fr. Neil J. Roy of the Diocese of Peterborough, Ontario. Services each evening will begin with the Rosary at 6:45 followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**St. Joseph's Table at St. Bernadette Parish**, 5930 South Abbott Road, Orchard Park on **Thursday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.** There is no charge, but free will offerings will be accepted. Meatless food donations are also very much appreciated. Call Ann at 649-8081 for more information.

**Ricky Manalo** is coming to **St. Francis Faith Community**, 4263 St. Francis Drive, Hamburg. A praise and worship concert will be held on **Friday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Church. A Liturgical Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in Church.** Please join us for 8:00 a.m. Mass first. All are welcome to both events and each is a free will offering. No reservations required.

**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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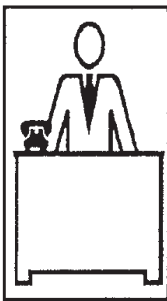
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