



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, March 15, 2020 - Third Sunday of Lent

PASTOR/RECTOR: Rev. Msgr. David G. LiPuma

IN RESIDENCE: Rev. Msgr. Paul J. E. Burkard

PAROCHIAL VICARS: Rev. Justin J. Steeg
Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.

DEACON: Deacon Michael V. Comerford

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

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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

Our Catholic Charities Appeal for 2020 is well underway. Our Parish Goal for Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica for this year is \$91,000.00. To date we have raised \$30,184.33. We still need \$60,815.67 to reach our goal. If you are a past donor and have not contributed yet this year, I encourage you to do so and, if you can increase your gift this year, that would be wonderful. I also encourage new donors to consider a gift this year. Every donation, large and small, makes a difference. The theme for the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal is "Think of Me." Please think about the blessings in your life and think about those in need.

Think of how our community benefits. Your support of Appeal 2020 improves lives to benefit our entire community. You help us impact the lives of 160,000 children, families, and adults in every corner of Western New York. By your contribution, you ensure help is here for your neighbors, family members and others, should the need arise. You help give neighbors a second chance through the most comprehensive human services of any organization in Western New York.

Next weekend, March 21 & 22, we will have a guest speaker at all the Masses to speak on behalf of the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal. We are pleased and honored to welcome Mr. Robert Bennett, the former Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities and the 2018 Chair of the Catholic Charities Appeal.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus' message is clear: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." In "Think of Me," we can see not only our brothers and sisters in need, but also Jesus. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal can help a struggling family find stability through counseling, or a young adult strengthen their faith through campus ministry. Please think of them, and think of Jesus, and see your gift as doing God's work here on earth.

Thank you!

Update in Response to Coronavirus Concerns

Our diocese continues to issue new guidelines in response to the growing concerns about the Coronavirus. The U.S. CDC recommends everyday preventative actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as Coronavirus.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow vs. your hand (you can spread germs when touching items after coughing or sneezing into your hand).
- Ensure everyone (priests, deacons, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc.) maintains good hygiene, especially at Mass and parish gatherings. The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus.

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



Summary of the Readings Third Sunday of Lent

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Weekend of March 21-22

Lectors:

Saturday, March 21

4:30 p.m.—B. DeMike

Sunday, March 22

8:00 a.m.—L. Smolen

10:00 a.m.—M. Pawenski

12:00 p.m.—E. Wieleba

4:30 p.m.—M. Arza

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

8:00 a.m.—Bergen, Fitzgerald, Lipke

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

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

10:00 a.m.—R. Jackson (MC=K. Thompson)

12:00 p.m.—L.J. Sokolik, M. Wietchy, K. Turner
(MC=C. Carroccia)

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

Tours: March 22: John Twist



Week of March 15, 2020

Saturday, March 14

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

Monday, March 16

7:30 Nicholas A. Vertalino by Family

Gregory A. Mytych (Healing & Protection by Fr. Baker)
by Barb Mytych

12:10 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

Samantha Scherer by Jennifer & Michael Czechowski

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick

7:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

For Family In County Tipperary Ireland by Michelle
McGuire

12:10 Friends of St. Patrick by The Patriots Club

Wednesday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

Walter Wilk by Joanne Scofield

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

Ida & Richard Whitt by Susan Wedekindt & Louise
Ziccardi

Thursday, March 19—St. Joseph

7:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Intentions

Joan C. Downey by The Downey Family

12:10 Joseph Sasiadek by Grandson, David Sasiadek

Friday, March 20

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

Matty Becker by Paula, Matthew & Meegan Becker

8:15 Our Lady of Victory Helping Hands Club Members

12:10 Special Intention for James J. Saniewski (living) by Fam.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Cook by Family

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 Michael Allman by The Burger Family

Thomas & Margaret Rojek by Son, Tommy

Saturday, March 21

7:30 Daniel Dale by Rosemary Scahill

12:10 Mary Ann Blachura by Phil & Lisa Spenser

4:30 Mary Sikorski by June Kij & Family

Sunday, March 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Brian Maraschiello by Mom, Geri Maraschiello

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

12:00 James Kern by Wife, Maria Kern

4:30 Fr. Edward Czarnecki by Parishioners of OMGC &
Friends



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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 (Rector)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rector)
 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)
 1:00-3:00 p.m. St. Joseph Table (Caf)

Monday, March 16

7:00 p.m. Care for Creation Meeting (MR)
 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick

12:10 p.m. Friends of St. Patrick Mass (Bas) & Parade
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Caf)
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (R)
 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem**Thursday, March 19—St. Joseph***St. Joseph Day Holiday—School, Rector, Gift Shop Closed*

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

Friday, March 20

1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
 6:30 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting (MR)
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bas)
 7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (School)
 8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 3-5
 11:00 a.m. Baptism (Bas)
 12:00 p.m. RCIA (Rector)
 1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rector)
 1:00 p.m. Baptism (Bas)

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

*This 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. There is no charge for this meal, however a free will offering will be taken up. All are welcome.*

**A Message from the Pastor**

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- Assure the faithful that, if they are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness, they are not obliged to attend Mass, and even out of charity they ought not to attend.
- Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from the physical sign of the peace, and advise they should receive the consecrated host on the hand only.
- Ask everyone attending Mass to sanitize their hands as they come into church.
- Ensure ministers of the Eucharist sanitize their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- It is important to note again that Catholics have the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation (Code of Canon Law, canon 1247). However, extraordinary circumstances, such as serious sickness, excuse the faithful from this obligation.

Finally, let us continue to pray for the safety and well-being of all the people in our community and for the many people who are struggling and suffering as a result of the Coronavirus. Further updates will be given when the situation changes.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your loved ones.

Fr. David



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Sending everyone early best wishes for St. Patrick's Day when everyone can say they are Irish if they want to! St. Patrick was kidnapped from Scotland and sold as a slave. With God's help he escaped and studied to become a priest and later was ordained a bishop. He went back to Ireland and brought the faith of Jesus to all the Irish. He helped them to believe that God didn't live in the trees of the forest, but in the hearts of all people. Our students are taught every day that they can be missionaries to God no matter what age they may be, just like St. Patrick.

***Important Dates to Note:***

- ◆ March 16: Spring Pictures, sports pictures, graduation pictures for Pre-K, K, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ◆ March 17: Lock Down drill – 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ March 19: St. Joseph's Day - No School- Pastor's Holiday
- ◆ March 20: Report Cards go home

**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.

## 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 meatloaf recipes are skillet hash, stuffed peppers, spaghetti Bolognese, meatloaf tacos, minestrone soup, shepherd's pie and grilled cheese.

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.

## 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**

## CONGRATULATIONS

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## OLV Sweepstakes 2020 Winners

Thank you to all who supported this year's Annual Sweepstakes event by working at it or by purchasing and/or selling tickets.

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| \$10,000 | Paul Lauber #904                    |
| \$ 4,000 | David Lindstrom #702                |
| \$ 2,000 | John Zimmerman #438                 |
| \$ 1,000 | Mary Anne Jackson #419              |
| \$ 1,000 | Norris Shandran #454                |
| \$ 1,000 | Mike J. Adams #579                  |
| \$ 500   | Gregory Jones #95                   |
| \$ 500   | (Kathryn) Christina Schultz #796    |
| \$ 500   | David & Palma Tomasik #602          |
| \$ 500   | James Rudnicki #842                 |
| \$ 500   | Heitzhaus Famiy #737                |
| \$ 200   | Josephine Colafranceschi #876       |
| \$ 200   | Gordon Tirone #448                  |
| \$ 200   | Dave & Marsha Lipke #645            |
| \$ 200   | Doreen West #751                    |
| \$ 200   | Fr. David LiPuma #700               |
| \$ 200   | Joanne Kerns #363                   |
| \$ 200   | Kelly Diamond #447                  |
| \$ 200   | Andrew Tomes #986                   |
| \$ 200   | Sean #691                           |
| \$ 200   | Susan Steger #525                   |
| \$ 100   | John M. Pukalo #710                 |
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| \$ 100   | David & Mary Ortiz #56              |
| \$ 100   | Robert Rodriguez #349               |
| \$ 100   | Sarah Wright #122                   |
| \$ 100   | Virginia Chmielowiec #131           |
| \$ 100   | Michele Chesebro #866               |
| \$ 100   | Naomi Bryne #652                    |
| \$ 50    | Tom Wood #779                       |
| \$ 50    | Sherry Hudry #643                   |
| \$ 50    | Robert Chmielowiec #431             |
| \$ 50    | Edwin Schultz #623                  |
| \$ 50    | Gerald Kumiega & Lance Skowron #669 |
| \$ 50    | Charles & Grace Lauricella #276     |
| \$ 50    | Marion Strycharz #639               |
| \$ 50    | Joseph Kosior #469                  |
| \$ 50    | Dan, Marge, John Myers #407         |
| \$ 50    | John Pustulka #893                  |

## Pro-Life Committee Meeting

The Pro-Life Committee meeting will be on **March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room.** Please contact Sarah Lindstrom at [olvprolife@gmail.com](mailto:olvprolife@gmail.com) with any questions.



### Sunday, March 8th

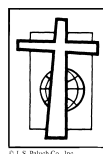
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| Weekly:            | \$ 11,746.28 |
| Monthly:           | \$ 2,317.00  |
| Total:             | \$ 14,063.28 |
| Shrines            | \$ 1,541.33  |
| Pennies            | \$ 123.08    |
| Black & Ind. Miss. | \$ 64.00     |
| Easter             | \$ 145.00    |
| Easter Flowers     | \$ 123.00    |

#### **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 *Alessia Nicole DiSarno* into our Parish Community. She was baptized on Sunday, March 8, 2020 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



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.** Father Louis Marie Leonelli, CFR, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will present on three themes: **Monday, "Who is Jesus?"** includes a Eucharistic healing service. **Tuesday, "Mercy"** includes an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Wednesday, "Mary"** is a Marian Mass and veneration of an image of Our Lady of Victory.

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### 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.

### Decorating at OLV Basilica: Volunteers Needed

As we prepare for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter, volunteers are needed to help decorate the Basilica and to water the Easter flowers throughout the Easter season.

If you would like to help, please join us in the Basilica. We will decorate for Palm Sunday on Friday evening, **April 3**, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass. We will decorate for Easter on Good Friday evening, **April 10**, following the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

Also, if you are able to assist with watering the flowers throughout the Easter season, a watering schedule will be posted in the work sacristy, where you can sign up for the day(s) of your choice. We need volunteers for weekdays and after weekend Masses to keep our flowers well-watered and looking beautiful!

For questions about volunteering, or more information, please contact Gregory Stachowski at 716-949-1085. All are welcome to come and help us prepare our beautiful Basilica for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter!

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AREA HAPPENINGS

18th Annual WNY Catholic Men's Fellowship

Conference: "Being a Godly Man in an Un-Godly World" on **Saturday, March 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cardinal O'Hara High School**, 39 O'Hara Road, Tonawanda. This is an opportunity for men of the diocese to gather to renew their faith, to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and to experience the brotherhood and sharing that has characterized each of the prior Conferences. Admission is only **\$30 with check payable to Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY**. Checks may be mailed to: Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY, PO Box 1415, Orchard Park, NY 14127. For information and to register online, please call Fr. Baker Knights of Columbus' Gene Mendrysa at 716-207-9036 or go to www.cmfofwny.org.

Blood Drive at **Lake Erie Italian Club** Small Hall, 3200 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna on **Tuesday, April 7, 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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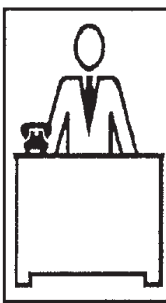
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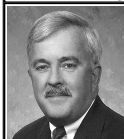
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