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Sunday, November 3, 2019 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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)

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 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 (except Tuesday) 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 1:00-4:00 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@ourladyofvictory.org or by phone at (716) 828-9424.

A Message from the Pastor

As we begin the month of November with the Solemnity of All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2), I share with you the following reflection prepared by Rev. Dr. Dominic Pullano, Deacon at St. David's Parish in Maple, Ontario:

ALL SOULS DAY REFLECTION

Today is All Souls Day. One of the harsh realities of life is that all life eventually comes to an end. Unfortunately, we have all experienced the passing away of a loved one or have known a friend who has suffered through this tragic event. In order to help us deal with our pain associated with the death of a loved one, the Catholic Church has set aside the month of November and particularly All Souls Day where we are encouraged to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died. We pray especially that our loved ones will spend eternity with God in heaven. Today, we pray for ourselves as well and we ask God to give us strength and comfort as we mourn the death of those we have loved. So we pray,

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead,

strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In Jesus' own life, he too experienced the death of those he loved. In the Gospel of John, we have the account of the death of Jesus' close friend named Lazarus. It is interesting to note Jesus' reaction to the death of his friend. While Jesus is firmly aware that he is the resurrection and the life of the world, as he disclosed to Martha, he still has the very human reaction of grief. Jesus was moved to tears on hearing the news of the death of Lazarus. Jesus' reaction to the death of his friend, therefore, is very instructive for us. Even though we may believe in the resurrection of the dead, this is not to suggest that we should not feel grief or mourn for our loved ones. Grieving for those who have passed away is a perfectly natural reaction, which lasts for a fairly long time. So it is important not to rush the grieving process if we are mourning the death of a loved one for it leads to acceptance. Moreover, we should be gentle with those who are grieving and not expect too much from them too soon for their life can never get back to normal. But let us always pray to Jesus for strength and courage during these difficult times because he knows firsthand how much we may hurt.

- Lord, we are not in control. Events can happen like death that cause us deep pain. Help us to experience your presence in times of sorrow and despair, for you are a faithful God.
- Lord, we are not alone in trying times like death. We have each other to be together, to share our anger, to cry with us and to share our questions. Give us the courage, Lord, to be there for each other in times of loneliness and sorrow.
- Lord, we are a people formed in faith. In times of hopelessness, give us the confidence to know that you are near. Help us to care and touch each other's pain. Help us to find hope in the love of Jesus, your Son.

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



Summary of the Readings Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MassSchedule

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Week of November 3, 2019

Saturday, November 2

4:30 All Souls Intentions

Sunday, November 3—Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 James, Frances & Mary Kathryn Schaffer by Estate
10:00 The Wilk & Wojtanik Families by Joanne Scofield
12:00 Living & Dec. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 Michael R. Schiavi by Mary Alice Schiavi & Family

Monday, November 4—St. Charles Borromeo

7:30 John Idzior
12:10 Neil Milks by Michael & Marjorie Haggerty
Fr. John Reuther by Mr. & Mrs. Osborne

Tuesday, November 5

7:30 Joan R. Masterson by Fred & Beverly Vigers
Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Society Intentions
12:10 Lodovica Radoani (Birthday) by The Radoani Family
Bentley Michael Hayden by Sharon Puckhaber & Fam.
7:30 Molly Newbauer & Family (living) by Matthew Croes
(in Chapel)
Ann & James Tarnowski by Pat & Ed Jarosz (in Chapel)

Wednesday, November 6

7:30 Edward I. Kaczmarczyk by Pat & Family
12:10 Edward Kloc by Dick Motyka
Carol Ann Carbone by Marge Clifford & Joan Carbone

Thursday, November 7

7:30 Noel O'Sullivan by OLV Homes of Charity
Joseph Rybicki by Kevin Whelan
12:10 Sharon Ann Ciavarella by Joseph & Christine Ceccarelli
Shirley A. Motyka by Kathleen Ward

Friday, November 8

7:30 Matty Ferrentino by John & Mary Ann Tiberio
Claire L. Keddie by The Walia Family
8:15 For the People of the Parish
Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions
12:10 Patricia Spadaro by Cheryl Melewski
Joshua Mack by Family

Saturday, November 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30 Natalie Stachowski by Son, Gregory Stachowski
12:10 Tom & Margaret Rojek by Son
1:30 Wedding: Evan Thomas Ryan & Moriah Therese Gilhooly
4:30 Patrick O'Neill by Family

Sunday, November 10—Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 Ronald, Sr. & Antoinette Ziccardi by Children & Grandchildren
12:00 Charlie, Kay, Mary & Meg by The Friedman Family
4:30 Sophie (Gerry) Handzlik by Daughter, Linda Klice



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Weekend of November 9-10

Lectors:

Saturday, November 9

4:30 p.m.—S. Saunders

Sunday, November 10

8:00 a.m.—J. O'Connor

10:00 a.m.—C. Swan

12:00 p.m.—R. Koeppel

4:30 p.m.—W. O'Rourke

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 10

8:00 a.m.—M. McCann, Murray

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

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Smolen, Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 10

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

10:00 a.m.—K. Pietrkiewicz, N.M. Powers

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

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

Tours: November 10: Dave Dehlinger



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Sunday, November 3—Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Coffee & Donuts after Morning Masses (MR)

Daylight Saving Time Ends

8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (School)

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

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

Monday, November 4—St. Charles Borromeo

School Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Tuesday, November 5

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. Mass, Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, November 6

Thursday, November 7

6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting (MR)

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

Friday, November 8

1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)

6:30 p.m. Friends of Father Baker (The Marin)

Saturday, November 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

6:30 p.m. Mother-Son Dance (School)

Sunday, November 10—Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO Religious Ed Classes

1:00 p.m. Baptism (Bas)

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)



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Please come to *the Marian Room this Sunday, November 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. *Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Father Baker Council #2243.*

A Message from the Pastor
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*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen!*

I thank Deacon Dominic Pullano for this inspiring reflection.

Here at Our Lady of Victory, we have the tradition of placing the **Book of Remembrance at the side Altar of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. You are most welcome to inscribe the name(s) of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. They will be remembered in our daily Masses and prayers throughout the month of November here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

May God bless you!
Fr. David

School News

On November 1st, we celebrated All Saints, a solemnity when we honor all the holy men and women that the Church recognizes in a special way. We continue to read about Moses, who had to flee for his life. He married and lived a quiet life tending sheep. Moses was an ordinary person, but God called him to do something big. God calls us to do special things for him each and every day, but it is our choice whether we chose to answer his call.

Members of our Service Club take many opportunities to do for others throughout the year. This past week, they went to the Friends of the Night shelter to serve. I am grateful that we have such wonderful children and families who choose to answer God's call. They put away their video games, their TV shows and their opportunities to have planned fun with friends. Instead they answered God's call to serve the hungry.

Our school will be collecting pajamas for needy children from now until the end of November. If anyone would like to donate, pajamas in any size can be brought to the school during school hours, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each weekday.

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ November 4: Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. for Faculty Meeting. Casual dress for a dollar.
- ◆ November 9: Men in Black Mother and Son Dance.

OLV Service Club

The Our Lady of Victory Service Club, Today's Leaders, will be holding a FREE Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 15, in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you are able, take a chance on our basket, big ticket and 50/50 raffles. The Service Club provides Christmas gifts for over 30 children in the emergency fostercare homes on Martin Road. Bring a toy/gift for the fostercare and receive a free sheet of basket raffle tickets! We also participate in projects that help the poor, homeless, sick and heartbroken. This is our one and only fundraiser this year. Come, share a meal and donate if you can. Any questions? Please contact Kathryn Schultz at kathrynschultz@hotmail.com.

Adoption Mass

Join us on *Sunday, November 17, 2019, at Noon* for a special *Adoption Mass* honoring National Adoption Month at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica. We will be welcoming Father Baker’s Infant Homes’ adoptees, birth parents and adoptive families. A group photo will be taken immediately following Mass and a reception will follow in the Father Baker Museum on the lower level of the Basilica. *Please RSVP for the reception at missionadvancement@homesofcharity.org or at 716-828-9611 by November 12* to receive a commemorative group photo and stay connected with OLV adoption news. If you are unable to attend Mass, please still RSVP and join us for the reception and/or photo!

Care for Creation

Come join Father Justin Steeg, Parochial Vicar at OLV, Sister Sharon Goodremote, FSSJ, Chairperson of the Buffalo Diocese Care for Creation Committee and Father Dan Horan, via YouTube, to reflect and learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches us about the importance of caring for creation as taught in Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato Si, Care for Our Common Home*. The workshops will provide a 15-20 minute YouTube by Father Dan Horan reflecting on sections of the encyclical. Then Father Justin and Sister Sharon will lead a reflection and sharing on the topics in the YouTube. There will also be practical actions we as followers of Jesus can do to care for this wonderful gift of creation.

The workshops will be held in the Marian Room from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dates and themes are:

- ◆ Monday, November 18: Models of Creation - information about different ways we can see ourselves in relation to creation that bring us closer to God
- ◆ Monday, December 16: Back to the Beginning - insights based on the Book of Genesis and what our world needs at this time to care for God’s creation
- ◆ Monday, January 27: Universal Communion - a look at how the Catholic Church calls us to see our interconnectedness with the world

Pro-Life

We continue to follow the timeline of Mary’s pregnancy with Jesus. Week 33: Baby’s brain now weighs a little less than 1/2 pound and the head is the size of a pink grapefruit. There are about 49 days left of pregnancy and the baby’s heart has beat over 43 million times. Baby is now the size of a celery stalk.

Prison Ministry

This year the Prison Ministry is only asking for *2020 calendars with no wire* for the Attica Prison. We will be collecting the calendars from October to January 1, 2020 (*no cards, please*). This is a work of mercy and your help is greatly appreciated. You may leave the calendars at the Rectory or give them to Mary Anne Jackson. Thank you.

Daily Draw Tickets

Buy 12 months of tickets for the price of 11 12 months for \$55.00

To take advantage of this special, please return your request and check by December 31, 2019

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

The OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing food to the needy in our community for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you are interested in doing a little to make a big difference, please consider joining us...no experience is necessary!

We could use help packing 200 bags of food on *Friday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. On Saturday, November 23*, we could use people/families willing to drive their cars to deliver those bags to Lackawanna homes. For more information, call the rectory at 828-9444 to leave a message for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a member will call you back.

You can also help your neighbor by placing *non-perishable food* (perhaps spaghetti sauce, peanut butter or jelly in plastic jars) in the bins at the entrances to the church. In partnership with the parish’s Care for Creation group that strives to protect our common home, you could also put into the bins your *paper and plastic bags from the supermarket* so we can reuse them for our home deliveries of food packages. Thank you.



Sunday, October 27th

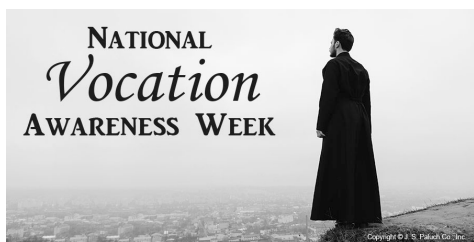
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Vocation Thought Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time is ticking! Are you focused primarily on the Lord's work, or have you allowed distractions to dominate your priorities? Consider what work the Lord calls you to and waste no time in responding. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website at www.buffalovocations.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle: Father Baker Council #2243 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a ***Fall Meat Raffle on Friday, November 8, at the Matthew Glab Post***, 1965 Abbott Road, Lackawanna. Proceeds to benefit Special Olympics of NY and Coats for Kids. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; meat raffle begins at 7:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$8.00; \$10.00 at the door. Draft beer and soda pop included; cash bar available. There will be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, Sabres package and gas grill drawings. Music provided by "Nickel City Road Show." Adults only. No alcohol allowed to be brought into the hall. High energy atmosphere! Bring snacks and \$1 bills! Tickets available at the Matthew Glab Post or by calling Gene at 207-9036 or John at 675-1804.

St. Anthony's Meat Raffle on *Friday, November 15, starting at 6:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Drilling Hall*. Donation \$7.00 a ticket or reserve a table of 8 for \$50.00. Admission includes 3 free beers and/or wine, soda, coffee, tea and pizza. Additional beer and wine is available for \$2.00. Two Grand Prizes. Raffles. 50/50. To reserve a table of 8, please call 823-0782 or 984-9199. No outside alcoholic beverages allowed. Bring your own snacks.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church Annual Ukrainian Bazaar on *Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17, at the Matthew Glab Post*, 1965 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Ethnic food available: Pierogi, Cabbage rolls, Sausage and Sauerkraut, Borscht (Beet Soup), Baked Goods. Over 300 Theme Baskets. Theme Basket drawing on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Winners announced Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Raffles, Games. For more information, call 852-7566.

Francis and the Sultan: A Hidden Story, An Urgent Message on *Saturday, November 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis Park*, 5229 South Park Avenue, Hamburg. Program will focus on the uncommon vision that motivated Francis of Assisi to make contact with the leader of the Muslim forces, Sultan al-Kamil, during the brutal battles of the Fifth Crusade. For more information, call 202-4872.

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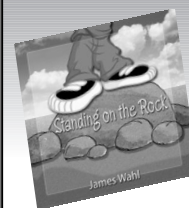
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