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Sunday, October 20, 2019 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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.

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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.

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This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is: ***Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.***

Here are some excerpts from Pope Francis' letter for World Mission Sunday 2019 addressed to all of us: *Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church.*"

"The Church is on mission in the world. Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up to the eternal horizons of the divine life we share. Charity, of which we have a foretaste in the sacraments and in fraternal love, impels us to go forth to the ends of the earth (cf. Mic 5:4; Mt 28:19; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:18).

"The missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love... God never takes back His gift of life. From eternity He has destined each of His children to share in His divine and eternal life. (cf. Eph. 1:3-6)"

"Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church. The mandate given by the Risen Jesus at Easter is inherent in Baptism: as the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world (cf. Jn 20-19-23; Mt. 28:16-20). This mission is part of our identity as Christians; it makes us responsible for enabling all men and women to realize their vocation to be adoptive children of the Father, to recognize their personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death. Today's rampant secularism, when it becomes an aggressive cultural rejection of God's active fatherhood in our history, is an obstacle to authentic human fraternity, which finds expression in reciprocal respect for the life of each person. Without the God of Jesus Christ, every difference is reduced to a baneful threat, making impossible any real fraternal acceptance and fruitful unity within the human race."

Pope Francis reminds us all that we can all make a positive difference in this world. Today we are called to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus.

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

God hears those who call out day and night



Summary of the Readings Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of October 26-27

Lectors:

Saturday, October 26

4:30 p.m.—B. DeMike

Sunday, October 27

8:00 a.m.—L. Smolen

10:00 a.m.—M. Mulqueen

12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech

4:30 p.m.—E. Bednarz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27

8:00 a.m.—Check, Murray

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27

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

10:00 a.m.—A.J. Matyas, L.J. Sokolik
(MC=C. Heitzhaus)

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

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

Tours: October 27: Frank D'Avanzato

MassSchedule

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Week of October 20, 2019

Saturday, October 19

4:30 Michael R. Schiavi by Mary Alice Schiavi & Family

Sunday, October 20—Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Mickey Comerford by Deacon & Mrs. Comerford

10:00 Stanley Mozgawa by Sophie Welsh

12:00 Mary Eileen Smith (Death Ann.) by Arthur J. Smith

4:30 Joe Trala by Family

Monday, October 21

7:30 Rose Gallagher (Death Ann.) by Sister-in-law, Marilyn Gallagher

All Souls Intentions

12:10 Josephine Iannicelli by Joseph & Marta Iannicelli

Tuesday, October 22—St. John Paul II

7:30 Brother F. Edward Coughlin by Terry Thompson

12:10 Jessie Nease by Family

Robert S. Kroll by Linda Klice

Wednesday, October 23—St. John of Capistrano

7:30 Arnold Robinson by Co-Worker

12:10 Joe Wilczewski (Living)

Sharon Wojnowicz by Nancy Sabatini & Helen Grandits

Thursday, October 24—St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:30 Stanley & Victoria Pawlak by Peter & Judith Pawlak

12:10 Raymond Stoklosa by Arlene & Family

Matthew Parker by Paula Parker & Mikaela McKee

Friday, October 25

7:30 Good Health & Special Intentions for Caputi & Gentile Families by Family

8:15 Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Association Members

12:10 Carole G. Matechik (Ann.) & Ronald Matechik, Sr. by Family

Nelson Militello by Delores Militello

Saturday, October 26

7:30 Brian Maraschiello by Mom, Geraldine Maraschiello

12:10 Bob & Maggie Fitchlee (Living) (50th Wed. Ann.) by The Mallaber Family

1:30 Wedding: Patrick Joseph Reppen & Bridgid Mary Danahy

4:30 James Kern by Angela DiSarno

Sunday, October 27—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Marlene Wirth by Sisters, Cindy & Nancy

10:00 Madeline Pietrocarlo & John P. Coburn by John & Mary Ann Tiberio

12:00 Arthur & Anne Smith (Wed. Ann.) by Arthur J. Smith

4:30 Florence M. Kazinski by Brian & Sharon Stanton



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Sunday, October 20—Twenty-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive after Masses

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

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22—St. John Paul II

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Caf)

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)

7:30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, October 23—St. John of Capistrano

Thursday, October 24—St. Anthony Mary Claret

5:30 p.m. First Eucharist Sign-up (Caf)

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

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

Friday, October 25

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

6:30 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat (Parking Lot)

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)



**Father Baker Council #2242
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive**

Interested in helping those in need, serving your parish and growing in faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support to the parish, home and fellow Knights.

The Father Baker Council will be conducting a *Membership Drive after each Mass this weekend, October 19-20*. Council members will be on hand to provide information and to answer your questions. Please join us!

On October 7th, we celebrated Mary more than ever before. The Feast Day of Our Lady of Victory is such a special day for our Parish, our school and our school family. We gathered in church to honor the meritorious Saint that our school was founded upon. In Father Baker’s words, “She did it all.” That was his true belief as he devoted his life to her and then to others.

Years ago, I am told, this day was celebrated with great pomp and circumstance with not a seat to be had. People came from all over to our beautiful church to celebrate. We continue this celebratory tradition each and every year as we teach the children the great value in celebrating Our Lady’s Feast Day. Our eighth graders wait for the day they might be chosen to walk behind the Knights of Columbus to escort the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Victory down the aisle as we celebrate Mass, and this year was no different. Mary’s life was a life of holiness that always pointed toward Christ, our Savior. May we say “Yes” to God as she did throughout her whole life.

Have a wonderful week, everyone!

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ October 25: Trunk or Treat and Monster Mash Dance at 6:30 p.m. in the school parking lot

**Come to the Table
Free Spaghetti Dinner for All**

The OLV Service Club provides a full Christmas for over 30 children in emergency foster care through the OLV Homes of Charity.

- ◆ **Date:** Friday, November 15, 2019
- ◆ **When:** 4:00 to 8:00 PM
- ◆ **Where:** Our Lady of Victory Elementary School

Basket Raffles and Big ticket items! Bring a new, unwrapped gift and receive a free sheet of raffle tickets! Donations are greatly appreciated!

Please call Kathryn Schultz (716-361-3109) for donations and questions.

Box Tops for Education Labels

You can help support our school. Please check your grocery purchases for *Box Tops for Education labels*. If you have any labels, please cut them and donate in the box in the front of the church. Our Lady of Victory Elementary School earns 10 cents for each label collected. We appreciate your support. Box Tops for Education labels can be found on Kleenex, Glad, Hefty and many other brand name products.

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 716-828-9611 or by email to missionadvancement@homesofcharity.org 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

Suggestion to Help Care for our Common Home

Water saving tip for residences: Turn off the faucet when lathering hands, shaving or brushing teeth. Thaw frozen foods prior to cooking and refrain from defrosting foods using running hot water.

Save the Date

Living Rosary ~ Monday, October 28

The OLV Altar & Rosary Society will again sponsor a **Living Rosary on Monday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Basilica. Everyone, especially Altar & Rosary Society Members, are invited to join in the presentation. **We would like each parish organization to be represented.** We need at least 60 people to voice an individual prayer, while holding a candle. The rosary is a powerful prayer to Our Lady. For more information, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747.

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.

Pro-Life

We continue to follow the timeline of Mary's pregnancy with Jesus. Week 31: Baby's heart has now beat more than 40 million times! Fat stores are also increasing under baby's skin. This will help maintain body temperature after birth and is an important source of stored energy. Baby is now the size of asparagus.

Message from the Pastor

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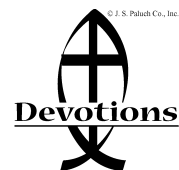
Today we are "sent" out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America
- \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa
- \$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, World Mission Sunday, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love and peace.

May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

Fr. David



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.



OLV Basilica Gift Shop

We are looking for volunteers for Our Lady of Victory Gift Shop located on the lower level of the Basilica. Primary duties involve assisting customers and answering the phone. We especially need help on the weekends, but we are willing to work with your schedule. Typical volunteer shifts are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Gift Shop is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. seven days a week. Please call 716-828-9330 or stop in for more information.



Sunday, October 13th

Weekly:	\$	13,226.03
Monthly:	\$	368.00
Total:	\$	13,594.03
Catholic Education	\$	20.00
World Missions	\$	45.00



Patrick Joseph Reppen & Bridgid Mary Danahy
 Joshua Giddings Leuppie & Arianna Noelle Bordonaro
 Evan Thomas Ryan & Moriah Therese Gilhooly



We welcome *Vivian Jo Barnack* into our Parish Community. She was baptized on Saturday, October 12, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica. We also welcome *Colton Edward Blendowski*, *Rowan Michael Edlich* and *Evelyn Violet Wanamaker* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, October 13, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

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Vocation Thought
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

People often wonder why God doesn't answer their questions. Perhaps this feeling of being ignored comes because we are more eager to tell God what we want to know than to sit back and allow Him to show us what we need to know. Just as fireflies are best seen in the dark, the voice of God is best heard and understood in the calm of our hearts and minds. Give God the floor and allow Him to show you His plan for you. 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

Fall Festival: The Altar & Rosary Society of *Queen of Angels* will be holding a *Fall Festival on Sunday, October 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* at the Church Social Center, Warsaw Street and Electric Avenue, Lackawanna. The festival will feature *Wendel's Chicken Dinner* which includes roasted potatoes, salad, roll, homemade dessert and a beverage for \$11.

Healing Mass: Anointing of the Sick *Healing Mass* in honor of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer, will take place on **Monday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas**, 450 Abbott Road, Buffalo. Father David A. Bellittiere and the Friends of St. Peregrine invite those who are afflicted with cancer or need special healing, who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick to attend this Mass. For more information, call 716-283-0011.

African Thanksgiving Bazaar Mass and Celebration sponsored by the Diocese of Buffalo African Ministry Commission of the Office of Cultural Diversity on **Sunday, October 27, at Holy Cross Church**, 345 7th Street, Buffalo. Celebrant: Bishop Richard J. Malone. Homilist: Rev. Moses Ikwulegbon. Mass: 10:00 a.m.; African Bazaar Celebration: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity at 716-847-2217.

Eurydice: The St. Francis High School Players will present performances of *Eurydice* on Saturday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall Theatre on the Hamburg campus. Tickets are \$7, available at the door and general seating.

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. 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; \$10 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. Bring snacks and \$1 bills! Tickets available at the Matthew Glab Post or by calling Gene at 207-9036 or John at 675-1804.

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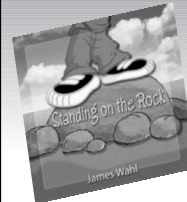
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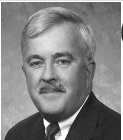
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