



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, October 6, 2019 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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

I am very much looking forward to my first celebration of our Parish Feast Day on Monday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (formerly titled, Our Lady of Victory). This year the Mass will be held at 4:00 p.m. to honor our donors and employees. A committee of employees met and suggested the change in time in order to allow as many employees as possible to attend. All of our parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica are most welcome!

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory in the Gulf of Lepanto (Corinth), which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

Here at our beloved home of Father Baker, we know the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Victory, that inspired Father Baker in all that he did for the poor, the homeless, the orphans and unwed mothers and all the people in need that God placed in Father Baker's life and priestly ministry. Whenever anyone tried to give praise to Father Baker for all that he was able to do... he simply responded, "She (Our Lady of Victory) did it all!"

Today, we can be very proud that the rich legacy of Father Baker's selfless service continues to this very day through Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity, Baker Victory Services, and Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica and OLV Elementary School. In addition to all that we do here in the parish and school, Baker Victory Services with the support of Homes of Charity serves over 4200 children, youth, adults and families each year! On Monday, I will have the privilege of offering a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of Our Lady of Victory and to personally thank our generous donors, our dedicated employees of all of our OLV Institutions, and the parishioners and friends of OLV who help us to continue the legacy of Father Baker.

The powerful intercessory prayer of the rosary continues to make a positive difference in this world. More than ever we need to pray the rosary through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory for the salvation of souls, for peace and justice throughout our country and indeed our world, and for the healing of victims and the restoration of trust in our Roman Catholic Church.

Every day since becoming Pastor on June 1, I stop and pray at the tomb of Father Baker and I pray through him and Our Lady of Victory for all of our parishioners, donors and benefactors and all of our employees that God will bless you all and help us continue to serve all God's people, especially the poor and most vulnerable in our midst.

That being said, I wish to express deepest gratitude and appreciation to the over 150 people who gathered last Sunday for the Southern Erie Vicariate Life Chain from 1:00-2:00 p.m. along the corner of South Park Avenue and Ridge Road. They silently prayed the rosary for life. The month of October is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the United States as Respect Life Month. We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life at the very moment of conception, to its natural end, and every stage in between.

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



Summary of the Readings Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today our readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God. Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice and the apostles want more faith than they have. Things aren't happening fast enough for any of them or for us. All of them and we want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want God to give us a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them—and us—telling Habakkuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected. Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MassSchedule

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Week of October 6, 2019

Saturday, October 5

4:30 Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk by Deenah Simchick

Sunday, October 6—Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Robert & Kathleen Spahn by Family
10:00 Julio & Bernardino Ceccarelli by Angelo & Gemma Ceccarelli
12:00 Living & Dec. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Victory Intentions

Monday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 For the People of the Parish
12:10 For the People of the Parish
4:00 Donors, Benefactors, Employees
Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Victory Intentions

Tuesday, October 8

7:30 Dec. Mem. of the Idzior Family by Ron & Pat Simchick
12:10 Chester, Loretta & Raymond Kardas by Family
Helen, Joseph & Anthony Strek by The Strek Family

Wednesday, October 9—St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi

7:30 Mary Lou Gallego by The Gallego Family
Margaret J. Rojek by Daniel & Marie Lukaszewicz
12:10 Michael John Cieslak by Chuck Scaccia
Edward Kloc by Dick Motyka

Thursday, October 10

7:30 Francis Gallagher (Birth Rem.) by Daughter-in-law, Marilyn Gallagher
Arlene & Leonard Gioeli by Michelle McGuire
12:10 Jan Szucko by Children
For the Glory of the Divine Mercy by Carmen Kozlowski

Friday, October 11—St. John XXIII

7:30 Evelyn Mae Janczyk by Ed Janczyk & Sons
Our Lady of Victory Father Baker Guild Members
12:10 Cornelius P. Downey, Jr. by Dorothea A. Downey
Pat Ando by Patty & Mike Bidlack

Saturday, October 12

7:30 Dec. Mem. of the Nicholas & Jennie Vertalino Family by Family
12:10 Patrick Brown by Debbie Cercone
4:30 Matthew & Connie Zak & Joan Bonafede by Daughter & Sister, Diane Zak

Sunday, October 13—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 Steve Butler by Wife, Theresa & Family
12:00 John & Alice Podpora by Family
2:00 Wedding: Beau Charles Ortiz & Laura Beth Shannon
4:30 Ray (Bud) Harig by Wife, Dorothy & Family



Weekend of October 12-13

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Lectors:

Saturday, October 12

4:30 p.m.—S. Saunders

Sunday, October 13

8:00 a.m.—D. West

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

12:00 p.m.—R. Koeppl

4:30 p.m.—J. Howell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, October 12

4:30 p.m.—Deb Bush, Jackson, Stenzel, Welsch

Sunday, October 13

8:00 a.m.—Fitzgerald, M. McCann

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

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Koeppl, R.&D. McDonough,
Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

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

10:00 a.m.—K. Pietkiewicz, N.M. Powers
(MC=C. Heitzhaus)

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: October 13: John Twist



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Sunday, October 6—Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts after Morning Masses (MR)
No 1:00 p.m. Tour—only 2:00 p.m. Tour
8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (School)
10:00 a.m. Victory Academy Class of 1969 50th Reunion (Bas)
11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (Mus R)
11:00 a.m. Baptism (Bas)
1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)
1:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal (Bas)

Monday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Victory Ends
School Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. Parish Feast Day Mass (Bas); Reception (Baker Hall)
7:00 p.m. Care for Creation Meeting (MR)
7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 p.m. Confirmation (Bas)
NO Rosary for Peace
NO Prayer Group Meeting
NO Bible Study

Wednesday, October 9—St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi

6:30 p.m. Home School Association Meeting (Caf)

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11—St. John XXIII

Professional Development Day—No School
1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)

Saturday, October 12

9:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy Practice (MR)
2:00 p.m. Baptism
3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, October 13—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Breakfast with the Pastor (Caf)
NO Religious Ed Classes
10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
1:00 p.m. Baptism (Bas)
1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

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**Coffee & Donuts**

Please come to *the Marian Room this Sunday, October 6*, 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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This year’s Respect Life theme is “Christ our Hope in Every Season of Life.” I share with you this reflection from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: *From the time we are knit together in our mothers’ wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us opportunities to grow in relationship with Him. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we might be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.*

*Christ’s promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering, but rather that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is the beginning of eternal life with Christ. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ, our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.*

Please join me in praying the Rosary for Life!

God bless you all!  
Fr. David

**School News**

*Fall has arrived but the times and seasons on our liturgical calendar, in contrast to the secular calendar, are valued in a different altogether new way.* Our Christian calendar even has a different shape. Instead of a rectangle, we draw all the days of the year in a circle. Instead of marking off times according to the weather, we celebrate those great moments when God continuously shows His love to us in marvelous and mysterious ways. This is what we focus on each and every day here at Our Lady of Victory School. We meet each morning to pray together and remind each other of God’s love for us and we discuss ways we can show Him that day how much we appreciate the love He gives us each and every minute of our day.

*Congratulations* to Mrs. Gemza and Senora Estronza. They won the honor of being voted teacher of the mont by their students!

*Our Cross Country team took first place in the St. Joe’s Invitational Cross Country meet.* Congratulations, Jaida Gorczyca, Maeve McNatty, Anabella Coughlin, Lilly Lang, Ella Williams and Veronica Bohan!

**Important Dates to Note:**

- ◆ October 11: No School for Students - Teacher Personal Development Day
- ◆ October 14: No School for Students and Faculty - Columbus Day.

**OLV Parish & School Fall Family Movie Night**

Join us in the *OLV School Cafeteria on Friday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. for “Ugly Benny.”* Admission is free. Snacks and popcorn will be available for sale. RSVP: Religious Ed Office at 828-9437 or by email to czomeri@ourladyofvictory.org.

### Breakfast with the Pastor

Come join us for a *Breakfast with the Pastor in Our Lady of Victory Elementary School Cafeteria on Sunday, October 13, from 7:00 a.m. to Noon* sponsored by the OLV Altar & Rosary Society. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. This will be an opportunity for a community gathering of our parish to help the Altar & Rosary Society. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and will be available after weekend Masses. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747.

### 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.

### Care for Creation

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

### Suggestion to Help Care for our Common Home

To cut down on household trash, store food in reusable containers, not in plastic wrap or foil.

### 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 29: This week, baby's head is the size of a softball. Pupils are reacting to light, just like newborns and big kids! On average, baby weighs 3 pounds and will more than double in weight between now and birth. Baby is now the size of an acorn squash.

### Children's Liturgy Sunday, October 13 10:00 a.m. in the Basilica

What a beautiful season is fall! Join us for a celebration at our next *Children's Liturgy on Sunday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m.* Children's Liturgies are teaching Masses held once a month. Children and young teens act as the ministers for the Mass and the homily is directed to the children in a way that they can understand.

*Practice* for this liturgy will take place on *Saturday, October 12, in the Marian Room*. Singers will practice from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. and all others will rehearse from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Ministers for this Mass are:

**Readers:** Annabelle Czekanski, Madelyn Powers, Kathryn Powers

**Collectors:** Nicholas Czekanski

**Gift Bearers:** Lyla Oehler

**Greeters:** (No one yet)

**Singers:** Noah Takacs, Hannah Sweeney

We need 3 collectors, a gift bearer, greeters and more singers. Please call Tina Hatem at 826-5075 if your child would like to volunteer as a minister, or with any questions. **EVERYONE must practice for the Mass unless excused by Tina, even if your child has helped in past years.** We also need donations of baked goods, homemade or store-bought for our celebration after Mass.

***In September, we discussed serving others. Please have your child bring any money they may have collected in their collection cup and/or a non-perishable food item to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help feed those in need this holiday season!***

We look forward to seeing all of you. We are also eager to meet new friends. We always have room for more!

### Father Baker Council #2242

#### Knights of Columbus

#### Membership Drive

#### October 19-20

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 on the weekend of October 19-20.** Council members will be on hand to provide information and to answer your questions. Please join us!



### Sunday, September 29th

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| Weekly:            | \$ | 11,642.91 |
| Monthly:           | \$ | 180.00    |
| Total:             | \$ | 11,822.91 |
| Shrines            | \$ | 1,453.86  |
| Pennies            | \$ | 37.45     |
| Catholic Education | \$ | 25.00     |



Frank Joseph Jude Bartolotta & Meghan Clifford Gawronski  
Beau Charles Ortiz & Laura Beth Shannon



We welcome *Kiera Linette Westmoreland* into our Parish Community. She was baptized on Saturday, September 28. We also welcome *Josephine Woods Talarico* into our Parish Community. She was baptized on Sunday, September 29, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: *Lorraine Kwiatkowski, Josephine McGovern, Bernice Moskaluk, Patrick Welsh, Ethel Kovacs, Patricia Baumgarten* and *Jerome Smolarek*.

### Vocation Thought

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.” Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious? 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](http://www.buffalovocations.org).

### AREA HAPPENINGS

**St. Francis High School Open House:** St. Francis High School will hold its annual *Open House on Sunday, October 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Monday, October 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.* Young men in grades 6, 7 and 8 and their parents are invited. To pre-register or for more information, visit [www.stfrancishigh.org](http://www.stfrancishigh.org) or call 716-627-1200 ext. 582.

**Canisius High School Open House:** Families with boys in grades 6-8 are invited to *Open House at Canisius on Sunday, October 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Monday, October 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.* Save time when you arrive by signing up at [canisiushigh.org/openhouse](http://canisiushigh.org/openhouse).

**St. Francis Pierogi Team is Back:** The St. Francis Pierogi team is diligently working on an assortment of Farmers Cheese, Sauerkraut, Potato and Potato with Cheddar pierogis to be *on sale beginning Saturday, October 12. Deadline for orders will be November 16.* Our last day of sales will be December 14. Orders can be picked up at the Social Center, 4263 St. Francis Drive, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Donation is \$5.00 per half dozen and \$10.00 per dozen. For more information or to place an order, contact Bernadette Sikorski at 822-1599.

**Annual Turkey Dinner at St. John’s Parish, 6895 Boston Cross Road, Boston, on Sunday, October 13 from 11:30 a.m. until sold out.** Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for children 5-10 years old. Children under 5 are free. Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, dressing, rolls, beverages and homemade desserts.

**Fall Festival at Immaculate Conception Church, 8791 South Main Street, Eden,** will be held on *Saturday, October 19,* with a Polish-American Folk Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by our Pork Chop Dinner starting at 4:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the David Gawronski Band from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with Theme Baskets and Grand Prize Raffle.

**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.

**Mother-Daughter Mass, Breakfast and Student Award Ceremony sponsored by St. Anthony Altar & Rosary Society on Sunday, October 27.** Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. followed by breakfast. Guest speaker: Robin Bishop, Co-founder of Danceability. Tickets \$10 are available after each Mass or in the rectory. *Please purchase tickets by October 20. Tickets will not be sold at the door.* Questions? Call Cindy Poliseno (880-9203) or Dawn Quinn (824-8347,984-9199).

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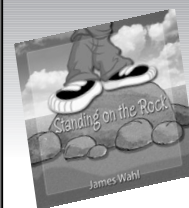
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