



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, September 1, 2019 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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GIFT SHOP and MUSEUM HOURS:

Daily

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ROSARY: Tuesday 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

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, we are pleased and honored to welcome His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Monterisi to Our Lady of Victory Basilica, when he will come for a tour and also to celebrate the 12:10 PM Mass. Cardinal Monterisi is the Archpriest Emeritus of the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls in Rome, Italy. He was proclaimed a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 and participated in the Papal Conclave of March 2013, which elected Pope Francis. Cardinal Monterisi is visiting mutual friends of mine who live on Grand Island and they asked if I would welcome His Eminence for a tour and the opportunity to celebrate Mass. The Mass is open to the public and all are most welcome to attend.

This weekend, August 31-September 1, we are also pleased to welcome Rev. Kevin G. Creagh, C.M., newly appointed President-Rector of Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora. Fr. Kevin will be preaching at all the weekend Masses about the Seminary and the treasure that it is for our diocese. More than ever today, we need well-educated, professional leaders for the future of our Church. Christ the King Seminary provides the best solution to do that. Seminarians, deacon candidates, clergy, religious, and laity are educated together in the same classroom and ministerial experiences. This allows them to learn from each other as they seek to develop collaborative working relationships they will then carry forward in their later service to the people of God. Potential deacons and lay ministers can pursue ministerial and theological master's degrees they would otherwise not be able to obtain in Western New York. Christ the King Seminary's students are the hope for the future.

Currently we have 28 seminarians enrolled, up from just 12 a few years ago. Over 100 students are enrolled at the seminary in graduate and continuing education programs, including the 28 seminarians. Eight seminarians were ordained to the priesthood for our diocese on June 1, 2019. We are very blessed here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica to have one of the newly ordained, Father Justin Steeg, assigned to us as our Parochial Vicar. Father Justin is an excellent example of the high caliber of fine priests that Christ the King Seminary is preparing for the present and future leadership of our Church here in the Diocese of Buffalo. Please support the seminary in the 2019 Appeal that will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of September 7-8th. Thank you!

The Diocesan Office of Communications, in an effort to be proactive and give the parishioners of our diocese the most up-to-date information on news that is happening here in our diocese, has asked that we share the following information with you. **Diocese of Buffalo 3 Ways to Get News & Information: (1) Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & YouTube, (2) Website: www.buffalodiocese.org, (3) WNY Catholic: print/online at www.wnycatholic.org.**

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend. Labor Day, as you know, is an annual holiday to celebrate the economic and social contributions of workers to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Let us pray in thanksgiving for all who labor to serve our fellow men and women. Let us also remember in a special way the unemployed and the under-employed, that they may find decent jobs and just wages. May God bless the United States of America and may we be ever grateful to God for all of our blessings.

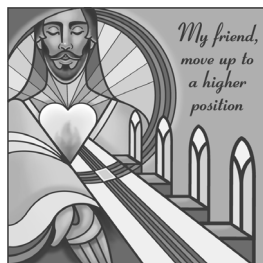
Be assured of my special prayers and blessings for all of our children and students as they prepare to go back to school, as well as for all of our teachers!

May God bless you, our wonderful parishioners and friends, for all that you do for our parish here at Our Lady of Victory Basilica. Have a wonderful Holiday Weekend!

Father David



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



Summary of the Readings Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Weekend of September 7-8

Lectors:

Saturday, September 7

4:30 p.m.—M. Kipler

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m.—W. O'Rourke

10:00 a.m.—E. Wieleba

12:00 p.m.—L. Smolen

4:30 p.m.—B. DeMike

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, September 7

4:30 p.m.—Deb Bush, Dulak, Jackson

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m.—Fitzgerald, M. McCann

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

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

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

Servers:

Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m.—V. Trojanovic, N. Lindstrom

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

12:00 p.m.—M. Viverto, L.J. Sokolik
(MC=A. Grinder)

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

Tours: September 8: Mickey Kipler

Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 1, 2019

Saturday, August 31

4:30 Anthony A. Dantonio by Elizabeth Willard

Sunday, September 1—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 James & Stasia DePasquale by Judith & Peter Pawlak

10:00 David Lalka by Family

12:00 Living & Dec. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

4:30 Marie A. Diggins by Elizabeth Willard

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

7:30 Lena Downey by The Downey Family

Lorraine Madar by Maureen Madar

12:10 Daniel A. Trzaska by Wife, Carol & Family

Norman Woloszyn by Ron Woloszyn

Tuesday, September 3—St. Gregory the Great

7:30 Ronald J. Simchick (1st ann. of death) by Tony & Celeste Kropovitch

8:15 Patricia Call by Family

12:10 George Weissenburger, Sr. by Gertrude Weissenburger

Kevin Sheehan by The Steinwald Family

7:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory by Matthew Croes (in Chapel)
Thomas Donovan by Jean Gimbert (in Chapel)

Wednesday, September 4

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury Intentions

In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Ed & Elaine Tierney

12:10 Robert Friend by Mary Anne Jackson

Gary Emminger by Cliff & Donna Emminger

Thursday, September 5

7:30 James Couturier by Patty & Bruce Roth

For the People of the Parish

12:10 John, Esther Downs & Charles Kosich by The Downs Family

Friday, September 6

7:30 Maria & Stefan Romano & Clyde Newark by John & Mary Ann Tiberio

Ruth Delaney (Birthday) by Cliff & Donna Emminger

12:10 Larry & Florence Rams by Estate

Carl Hageman by Mary & Ron Hageman

7:30 Casimir M. Slaski & Family by Estate

Janet Cavagnaro by The Cavagnaro Family

Saturday, September 7

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Society Intentions

12:10 William & Eileen McHugh by Children

1:30 Wedding: Matthew Edward Crawley & Kathryn Christine Ryan

4:30 Matthew & Connie Zak by Daughter, Diane Zak

Sunday, September 8—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 Martin Joralemon (Wed. Ann.) by Rose Marie Joralemon

12:00 Frank & Rita Hotnich by Family

4:30 Michael McNerney by Michelle McGuire



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Sunday, September 1—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts after Morning Masses (MR)

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

1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

Labor Day Holiday - Rectory & Gift Shop Closed

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

Tuesday, September 3—St. Gregory the Great

Teachers' First Day (Mass at 8:15 a.m.)

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, September 4

Supply Drop Off Day (School); Grilling with Grandpa

Pre-K Orientation (School)

Thursday, September 5

First Day of Classes - Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions

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

Friday, September 6

First Friday; School Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

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

7:30 p.m. First Friday Mass (Bas)

Saturday, September 7

Christ the King Seminary Collection

Welcome Back Carnival (School)

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

Sunday, September 8—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ the King Seminary Collection

8:00 a.m. Knights of St. John Annual Mass (Bas)

5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Victory School Service Club (Gym)

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### **Coffee & Donuts**

Please come to *the Marian Room this Sunday, September 1*, 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.*

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Parking in the Victoria Square Lot

Parishioners, visitors and employees of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica are asked *not* to park in the Victoria Square Lot. This lot is posted for residents of Victoria Square Apartments and patrons of businesses there. Please use the lot behind the Basilica or the lot behind Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity when you come for Mass at the Basilica. Thank you for your cooperation.

School News

As I turn another page of the calendar, I am reminded that the start of a new year is just around the corner. It is hard to believe how quickly the summer has passed. I continue to express my gratitude to all of our parishioners, our pastor, our faculty and our families for your faith, trust and commitment to Our Lady of Victory School.

As we turn another page of the calendar, I cannot wait to see everyone and once again hear the pitter-patter of little and not so little feet as they make their way throughout our school hallways once again. Although I have welcomed a rest from the longer days the school year can bring, I have missed the laughter in the hallways and seeing the children and families that have become such a wonderful and special part of my life.

This school year we will continue our good discussion about how both staff and families can work together to ensure that our students are receiving an education that provides and enables them as they strive to reach their full potential as young men and women of promise, intelligence and good character. We will continue to strive to be exactly what Jesus would love to be part of, a community of disciples with common faith filled interests, hoping to serve our school community, as well as the world around us, to the best of our ability. I pray that both God and Father Baker watch over us proudly as we display our love by doing the work they have made for us.

Thank you again for your never ending support of our school. It truly is a special place for children to grow and learn. Please come take a look at all we have to offer. You are welcome to walk through our doors at any time. I'd love to meet you and show you around. Happy New School Year Everyone!

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ September 5: First Day of School with dismissal at 11:00 a.m. School uniforms are required
- ◆ September 6: Dismissal will be at 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served the first day but there will be no Aftercare until the 9th of September.
- ◆ September 9: First full day of school. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Aftercare will begin.
- ◆ September 12: School Candy Bar Sale begins.

Our Lady of Victory Service Club

Attention all OLV families with children in Grades K-12! The Our Lady of Victory Service club is now open to all parish families with children of school age. We try to fulfill several charitable projects throughout the school year that benefit a variety of people in our community and beyond. ***Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 8, in the Our Lady of Victory Elementary School gymnasium from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.*** We will plan events, as well as decide on a fundraiser that evening. All ideas are welcome. Parents with children under 6th grade MUST stay. However, we encourage ALL parents to stay in order to foster participation as a family. In addition, there will be paperwork that must be filled out that evening and signed by a parent. Together, we can do great things! All questions can be directed to Kathryn Schultz at kathrynschultz@hotmail.com or 716-361-3109.

Christ the King Seminary Appeal

Next week is our parish's annual collection to benefit our diocesan seminary, Christ the King Seminary. Please show your support for the students of Christ the King who are the future leaders of our church. Your gift to the appeal helps to keep tuition affordable so more can serve. To learn more about the seminary's students, alumni and the education programs available to you, go to cks.edu.

Legion of Mary

Beginning this Thursday, September 5, we will be changing the time of our meetings to 6:00 p.m. every Thursday in the Marian Room. Please make note of this change in schedule. New members are welcome.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Welcome back! Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Baker #1043 will hold their meeting on **Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marian Room.** The calendar for the year and upcoming events will be discussed and refreshments served. There have been some changes, come find out what they are. Looking forward to seeing everyone after the summer. Catholic women over 18 are invited to attend.

OLV Class of 1954 Reunion

Our Lady of Victory Academy Class of 1954 will hold a 65 year reunion on Wednesday, September 11. Classmates are encouraged to attend the 12:10 p.m. Mass in the Basilica followed by a Dutch treat luncheon at Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant. For more information, call Fran Skipper Riter at 941-9074 or John Twist at 822-2153.

Life Chain

Have you ever been curious about a "Life Chain"? A Life Chain is intended to promote respect for life, especially for the unborn. Peaceful volunteers hold signs with a respect life message along the road for a period of one hour. Our Lady of Victory Basilica will host a "Life Chain" **on Sunday, September 29, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** for the parishes of Southern Erie Vicariate. Please gather after the Noon Mass at the corner of South Park Avenue and Ridge Road where prayers will be recited for a greater respect for all life from the moment of conception until natural death. Any questions, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747.

Pro-Life

We continue to follow the timeline of Mary's pregnancy with Jesus. Week 24: Baby's heartbeats are now over 30 million. The two sides of baby's brain are no longer symmetrical, but this is totally normal! Baby is now the size of an ear of corn.



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Adult Confirmation Classes

There are many adult Catholics who have not been Confirmed. Besides the fact that they have not been received into full initiation of the Catholic faith, it becomes a problem when they want to serve as godparents/sponsors for Baptism/Confirmation. If you are a practicing adult Catholic (*that is, go to Communion, and if married, married according to the rite of the Catholic Church*) and have completed high school (*high school students should be in our teen Confirmation program*) consider attending the five catechism-review classes and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 8th. For more information, or to register for the classes, please call Father Romulus (828-9425).

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Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian? Or do you know someone who is? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process here at Our Lady of Victory is about to begin for those who are seeking to enter the Catholic Church through the initiation rites of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Join us for an informational meeting on **Sunday, September 15th from 1:00-2:15 p.m. in the Rectory.** For details, contact Ellie Wieleba (481-7222/elliawieleba@yahoo.com) or Fr. Justin Steeg (828-9428/jsteeg@ourladyofvictory.org).

Join us for an Inspiring Bible Study Sponsored by Southtowns Catholic Bible Study

Dates: Tuesdays, September 10 through November 26

Times/Locations:

10:30-11:45 a.m. OMGC Parish Center, Blasdell

6:30-7:45 p.m. OLV School Cafeteria, Lackawanna

Facilitators: Deacon Michael Dulak; Mary Anne Jackson

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Sunday, August 25th

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Monthly:	\$	144.00
Total:	\$	10,559.56
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Pennies to Heaven	\$	61.00
Assumption	\$	73.00



Matthew Edward Crawley & Kathryn Christine Ryan
Eric Michael Harlovic & Emily Katherine Crawford



We welcome *Emily Rose Dubik, Lucas Eugene Gable, Juliana Jane Rizzo* and *Thora Amadea Ball* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, August 25, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: *Stella J. Barmosz, Stephen N. Tobias, John A. Barone, Rev. Msgr. Leon M. Neu, Shirley A. Kaczanowski, Julie Natrass, Dennis P. Furgala* and *Joe Chisholm*.

Vocation Thought

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. How well do you know yourself, and what God created for you? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. 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 Father Baker Council Bingo:

Please join us each *Wednesday* as the Father Baker Council hosts Bingo *at the Matthew Glab Post of the American Legion*, located at 1965 Abbott Road, Lackawanna. *The start time is 12:45 p.m.* There will be larger prizes, a great kitchen and a beautiful facility that provides a relaxing afternoon of Bing. All are welcome.

Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola: For over 400 years, Christians - lay, ordained, religious - have grown in their relationship with Jesus through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This retreat is made in the midst of your daily life, from late September to early May. The retreatant prays with Scripture each day and meets individually every two weeks with a trained spiritual director. Sister Marian Baumler, SSMN has been accompanying people on this retreat journey for over 20 years. She has room for 3 more people in 2019-2020. If you feel God is calling you to this retreat, please call Sister Marian at 480-1316 for more information. Please leave your name and number in Sister doesn't answer and she will call you back. Thank you.

Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass: The Office of Cultural Diversity is having their annual *Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass on Sunday, September 15, at Holy Angels Parish at 10:30 a.m.* We would like you to join us for this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard J. Malone and Homilist Deacon Alejandro Manunta.

1958 Class Reunion - Baker Victory High School:

September 18 at White Elephant, 1404 Abbott Road, Lackawanna. Cost: \$25 per person from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. *Payment must be received by August 30.* For more information, call Sharon Gallegar Romaro (716-941-6730) or Dorothy Jablonowski Hattenbloch (716-992-9066) or Gloria Cswojkis Scioli (716-823-9106).

Rosary Crusade: You are cordially invited to celebrate the *39th Annual Rosary Crusade for World Peace at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Lewiston, on Sunday, September 22, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Oktoberfest: The Sisters of St. Joseph will sponsor an *Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 29, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church*, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga. Music by "The Auslanders." Dancing, singing, German food and beverages. Baskets and raffle. \$5.00 per person (\$6.00 at the door) includes popcorn, pretzels and music. For tickets and more information call 759-6454 x 200.

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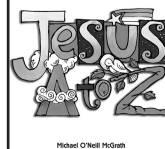
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