



OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA

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Sunday, September 8, 2019 - Twenty-third 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 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 behalf of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Parish, I wish to extend profound sentiments of gratitude and appreciation to David Nease, our dedicated and talented Director of Music & Organist for the past 40 years. David is only the second music director for Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica; the first was hired by Father Baker and served for 50 years! When I first arrived as Pastor, David approached me with his intention to retire. He graciously gave me some time to post the position and agreed to stay until his last Mass which will be on Sunday, September 29. David will be honored with a Retirement Luncheon, along with members of his family and the members of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Choir, on Sunday, September 22. I am also pleased that David was recently honored in the September issue (cover story) of the Western New York Catholic for his 60 years as a Church musician. David, you will be greatly missed and will always be remembered for your exemplary service here at OLV!

I am pleased to announce that our new Director of Music & Organist is Mr. Peter Gonciarz. Peter received his Bachelor of Arts & Music at Villa Maria College and his Master of Music in Organ Performance at the University at Buffalo. He is an accomplished organist, pianist and choral director. He has over 17 years of experience as a Church musician. Peter and his wife reside in Depew, where for the last 7 years he served as the Music Director & Organist at Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Lancaster. In Peter's cover letter along with his application for the position he stated, "OLV Basilica is absolutely one of the most beautiful, hallmark churches in the Buffalo Diocese. Taking into consideration the number of visitors and tourists which the parish welcomes throughout the year, I envision establishing a Music Program which is no less comparable than that of a Cathedral. Such a program would provide the Basilica with a reputation of musical excellence." I am deeply grateful to Peter for accepting the position. We look forward to welcoming Peter to Our Lady of Victory Basilica when he begins his ministry with us on October 1.

On another most critical note, as you can see when entering the Basilica, we are in the process of addressing the Basilica Roof and Storm Pipe Drain System. This system has been dysfunctional for years and includes the internal, vertical downspouts that are contained within columns on the walls of the Basilica, as well as the drainage system outside the Basilica that was established to get water away from the structure, which is comprised of collapsed and plugged clay pipes and tiles. With the recent storms and heavy rains, it has become critically apparent that certain areas of the Basilica need to be addressed immediately. There are three main areas where the issue is most prevalent: (1) Inside the Basilica proper between Stations of the Cross 12 & 13, (2) In the northwest corner of the gift shop, (3) In the eastern hallway outside of the gift shop and museum.

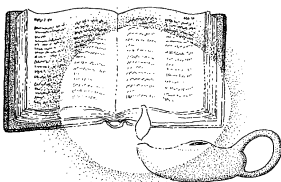
If you are interested in supporting the restoration project, which will aid in preserving the grandeur of the Basilica for years to come, simply place your contribution inside one of the donation envelopes and note your gift is for the Basilica Roof and Storm Pipe Drain System Project. I will keep you updated on our progress with this necessary restoration project.

Thank you for your generous support! May God bless you and may Father Baker and Our Lady of Victory watch over you.

Gratefully,
Fr. David



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



Summary of the Readings Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Weekend of September 14-15

Lectors:

Saturday, September 14

4:30 p.m.—G. Reid

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m.—M. Pawenski

10:00 a.m.—A. Boneberg

12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech

4:30 p.m.—J. Howell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, September 14

4:30 p.m.—Deb Bush, Jackson, Schaefer

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m.—M.&P. Allman, Murray

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

12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Koeppel, Smolen, Trabucco

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

Servers:

Saturday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 15

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

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

(MC=C. Heitzhaus)

12:00 p.m.—T. Sitarek, R. Litwin, A. Grinder

(MC=C. Carroccia)

4:30 p.m.—A. McNatty, D.N. Clark

(MC= S. Saunders)

Tours: September 15: Marsha Lipke

MassSchedule

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Week of September 8, 2019

Saturday, September 7

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

Monday, September 9—St. Peter Claver

7:30 Irene Sasiadek by Son, David Sasiadek

12:10 Clarence E. & Teresa A. Neamon by Estate

Stella Saniewski (Ann.) & Anthony, Sr. & Anthony, Jr.

Saniewski by Family

Tuesday, September 10

7:30 Rose Tamarazio (Birth) by Rose Marie Joralemon

All Souls Intentions

12:10 Shirley & Joe Wilczewski (Wed. Ann.)(Living)

Lillian Desmond & Family by Grandson, David

Wednesday, September 11

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Father Baker Guild Members

Clarence J. O'Keefe by Family

12:10 Matthew (Birth) & Eleanor Woloszyn by Sons

Edward Kloc by The Motyka Girls

Thursday, September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 For the Glory of the Most Blessed Trinity by Carmen

Kozlowski

Beth Pitts-Madonna (Living) (Healing) by Pitts Family

12:10 John & Loretta Dunne by Kathleen Warren & Daughters

Justin P. Forth by Margaret Anne

Friday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom

7:30 Mary Cottrell Rayhill by Dave & Norene Jerome

8:15 For the People of the Parish

Michael Carey by Rita & Vincent

12:10 Nancy Procknal by The Swiech Family

Robert S. Kroll by Marguerite Perez

Saturday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 Molly Newbauer & Family (Living) by Matthew Croes

12:10 The Walter Napierski Family by Family

4:30 Eleanor Lejca by The Lejca Family

Sunday, September 15—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Tom Bowman by The Orzech Family

10:00 John Lalka by The Dick Powers Family

12:00 Edward & Mary Ann Joyce by Family

4:30 Joe & Kathy Finnegan (Wed. Ann.) by The Finnegan Family



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Christ the King Seminary Collection

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

5:00 p.m. OLV Service Club (Gym)

Monday, September 9—St. Peter Claver

First Full Day of School

6:30 p.m. Catholic Daughters Meeting (MR)

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

Tuesday, September 10

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, September 11

12:10 p.m. OLV Class of 1954 Reunion Mass & Luncheon

Thursday, September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

Friday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom

8:15 a.m. First School Mass (Bas)

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

6:15 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (MR)

Saturday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Sunday, September 15—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

The 2019-2020 school year has begun! I feel very blessed to be here at OLV as your principal. Please spread the word about the wonderful things that are happening here at Our Lady of Victory School. I am so very proud of our faculty. Each and every one of them work hard to make great things happen here at school.

I want to congratulate Mrs. Julie Hennigan and Mrs. Christine O'Connell. Once again all of their advanced students passed the NYS Regents exam in Algebra 1 and Living Environment. I am very proud of them for their diligence in making sure that their students are well prepared and ready to take any challenge. Thank you!

This year we welcome three new teachers: Mrs. White in fifth grade; Mr. Patti as our Technology Specialist; and Mrs. Gemza who will take over our Pre-K four position.

We are still in need of a part time Music Teacher. Please spread the word. If you know anyone who may be interested in this position, have them send their resume to: ckraus@ourladyofvictory.org.

Please come take a look at our wonderful school. It is filled with beautiful families, excellent faculty members and wonderful students! All are welcome!

Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ September 8: Service Club meeting
- ◆ September 9: First full day of classes; Specials begin; free breakfast and lunch; Aftercare begins.
- ◆ September 12: Candy Bar Sale begins

**Our Lady of Victory Service Club
First Meeting ~ This Sunday, September 8
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

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.



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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.

Christ the King Seminary Appeal

This 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.

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 25: Baby is now about 13 inches long and can weigh around 1.5 pounds. The brain alone now weighs just under 1/4 pound. Breathing motions are now seen around 14% of the time. Baby is now the size of a small head of red leaf lettuce.



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).



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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Total:	\$	12,678.83
Shrines	\$	1,203.00
Pennies	\$	613.00
All Souls	\$	5.00
WNY Catholic	\$	206.00
Christ the King Sem.	\$	500.00

Wedding Banns

Eric Michael Harlovic & Emily Katherine Crawford
 Stephen David Rams & Elizabeth Mary Roberts

Baptisms

We welcome *Dominic Philip Fino* and *Sofia Marie Krauss* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, September 1, 2019 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

40 Days for Life

The *40 Days for Life Campaign* is running from *September 25 to November 3, 2019*. Two people stand in front of the Abortion Clinic, 2500 Main Street every day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mary Anne Jackson is the coordinator for Tuesdays and would like some parishioners from Our Lady of Victory to sign up for an hour on Tuesdays to help promote life. If you are interested, please call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747. Be a witness for life!

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Vocation Thought

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Knowing what we are created for also means knowing what we are not created for. Deceiving ourselves to believe that our vocations are not from God would be utter foolishness, and leave us unfulfilled. 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 Bingo. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play, August 22-30, 2020

Hosted by Monsignor David LiPuma. Package price: \$4500 per person (double occupancy). Tour price includes preferred covered seating at the Oberammergau Passion Play, premium accommodations throughout the tour, daily breakfast, 8 dinners, deluxe motorcoach transportation, professional English-speaking tour director, comprehensive sightseeing, portorage, entrance fees and more! For a brochure, more information or to RSVP to our September 30 tour presentation, please contact Adam Stumpf at 716-862-7613 or astumpf@thetravelteam.com. A limited number of spaces remain!

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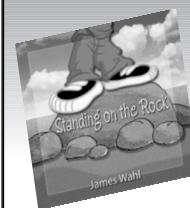
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