



NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Lackawanna, New York

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil Mass: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Daytime: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. (Folk Mass); 12:00 noon (Choir), 4:30 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES: Please see bulletin for individual Holy Day schedule

Weekday Masses: 7:30, 8:15 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 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.

ROSARY: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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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 scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 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.

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 or minister of the Eucharist.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Infant Home Chapel Fridays, 1:00 - 9:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY

On the eve of the First Friday of each month there are confessions from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mass is celebrated at 7:30 p.m. on First Friday.



SUMMARY OF THE READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John, and James at the mountain of Transfiguration and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lents are really journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone.

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Weekly Parish Events

SUNDAY, March 7, 2010—Third Sunday of Lent

Black & Native Missions; First Scrutiny (RCIA)

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades K-8
- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grade 9 (Mus R)
- 8:45 a.m. Reconciliation Grades 3-6
- 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class Grade 10 (Mus R)
- 12:00 p.m. Mass—Altar & Rosary Society

MONDAY, March 8, 2010—St. John of God

- 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Bas)
- 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

TUESDAY, March 9, 2010—St. Frances of Rome

- 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Bas)
- NO Rosary for Peace, 7:30 p.m. Mass, Prayer Group Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010

- 1:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Meeting (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Bas)

THURSDAY, March 11, 2010

Novena in Honor of St. Joseph Begins

- 1:15 p.m. Legion of Mary (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (MR)

FRIDAY, March 12, 2010

- 1:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (IH)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Bas)
- 7:30 p.m. Mass (Bas)

SATURDAY, March 13, 2010

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Parish Sweepstakes (Caf)

SUNDAY, March 14, 2010—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Daylight Saving Time Begins; Second Scrutiny (RCIA)

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades K-8
- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grade 9 (Mus R)
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL

Beginning this Monday evening, and for the next two evenings, we will hold our annual Lenten Mission. The sessions will take place each evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Basilica. The Lenten Mission preacher will be Father Francis Lombardo, OFM Conv. Father Francis is presently assigned to St. Gregory the Great parish, Williamsville, but has spent many years giving retreats, parish renewal programs and mission programs such as the one we are about to have. Monday's preaching is on the Eucharist, and it will be in the context of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Tuesday's theme is "suffering and forgiveness" and it will include the Stations of the Cross. Wednesday's theme is LIFE, and Father Francis will preach on this theme during Mass. Each evening, there will be refreshments served in the Marian Room after the Mission experience. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Each year, at a special liturgy held at the Cathedral, Bishop Kmiec presents the Altar Server of the Year award to faithful altar servers from across the diocese. This special Mass was held last Saturday, February 27 and Thomas Kujawski, one of our most faithful servers, received this award. Tom is the son of Mary and Herb Kujawski and Tom's brother and sister, Joseph and Jacqueline, are also servers here at OLV. Tom began serving (unofficially) at age five and (officially) in Fourth Grade. He is in 10th grade now. We are proud, not only of Tom's years of service, but his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. We congratulate him on this recognition and award. Congratulations, Tom, and thanks for all you do to help us.

Again, remember that we are already in "Catholic Charities" time in the diocese of Buffalo. Most of you have already received your letter with a tear-off sheet for your return contribution. This tear-off sheet replaces the traditional contribution card. You may send your contribution directly back to Catholic Charities, drop it in the Sunday collection, or drop it off at the rectory any time between now and Palm Sunday. Thanks for your generosity.

May Jesus bless you and Our Lady of Victory watch over you. Have a good week.

Father Paul



*Pray for the canonization
of our founder,
Fr. Nelson Baker, Servant of God.*

SCHOOL DAYS
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In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a tree that has not produced fruit. Remember that Jesus used parables, stories for

ordinary life, to teach us about God and God's kingdom.

Our parish Mission will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Hopefully our school children will have time to hear from Father Lombardo.

Youth Group will meet on Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday is the long-awaited Parish Sweepstakes. Hope to see many of you that evening.

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is now taking place. Call the school office (828-9434) for more information and/or a tour of the school.

TRIP GIFT CARDS: Gift cards are available in the school office during school hours and after all Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday.

FROM THE GIFT SHOP: For the month of March, we are going to have Crucifixes 10% off. All Clearance Items are 40% Off In the Gift Shop. Come to The Gift Shop and look at our new First Communion and Confirmation Gifts and Cards. We are looking for a few good volunteers to help in the new gift shop. If interested, please call the Rectory at 828-9444.

RESPECT LIFE: Here are some upcoming events in our Diocese and at OLV: Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa's on Seneca St. Dr. Rose Hershenov will be speaking on Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell research. Call 822-0608 for more information. Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa's Peter Koch will speak on End of Life Issues. Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. Mass for the Unborn and Rosary prior to Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Gonzaga on 157 Cleveland Drive. Celebrant: Rev. Robert Zilliox and Homilist Rev. Mark Noonan. Call 833-1715 for more information. Saturday, March 27, at 8:00 a.m. Rosary Novena Mass for Life at St. Rose of Lima Parkside and Parker Buffalo - after Mass process to local abortion clinic to pray for mothers, fathers and unborn. Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa's on Seneca St. Dr. Todd Bindig will speak on the Morality of Abortion. Call 822-0608 for more information. Saturday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m. at OLV Anyone Touched by Adoption Mass with Msgr. Burkard as Celebrant. All are welcome to attend. Save the date: April 27, for the blessing of St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center by Bishop Edward U. Kmiec, D.D. More details to follow. Let us remember to keep praying throughout these 40 days of Life for change in our country toward a Culture of Life. May the Holy Spirit guide us on this journey to promote life at all stages.



SWEEPSTAKES 2010
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

What Would You Do
With \$10,000??

Last Week before Sweeps! Make sure you buy your ticket for the \$10,000 grand prize! In addition to \$25,000 cash prizes, we have split clubs, ski passes, golf outings and much more to raffle off. Join us March 13 for a night of food, beverages, and fun! Support our Parish and come on out! Must be 21 and over please. Contact Mark/Debbie Friend at 823-1558 to be a part of this fundraiser!



LENTEN MISSION
MARCH 8, 9, 10
7:00 p.m.

“Lessons for Lent:
Eucharist, Suffering and New Life”
Rev. Francis Lombardo, OFM Conv.

Monday: Who is the Eucharist? Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and homily.

Tuesday: Human Suffering and Forgiveness. Stations of the Cross and homily.

Wednesday: LIFE after Life after life. Mass and homily.

Refreshments in the Marian Room each evening. Come and bring a friend!

LOOKING AT LINCOLN EXHIBIT: Throughout March, Our Lady of Victory School is proud to host the national touring exhibit *Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era*. OLV is the first school in Western New York and one of an exclusive group of schools across the country to host the exhibit. *Looking at Lincoln* offers visitors the unique perspective to see the now-revered president through the eyes of his contemporaries. Often sharp and offensive, political cartoons of his time illustrated the country's deep racial divide over slavery.

Looking at Lincoln is offered through The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, which has recently established a social studies-curriculum partnership with the Diocese of Buffalo. The exhibit will be on display through March 28 in the Marian Room in the lower level of the basilica. A perfect complement to the Father Baker Museum which includes highlights of Nelson Baker's service in the Civil War, admission to *Looking at Lincoln* is free. The exhibit will be open to the public daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays until 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays until 6:00 p.m.

For more information about the exhibit, call Marian Abram at OLV School at 828-9434.

REPENT



the kingdom
of heaven
is at hand

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WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010

All Masses are celebrated
in the Main Basilica

Saturday, March 6

4:30 Josie Slifka by Helen Rys

Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Carol Ann Denny by Family
10:00 Salvatore Yoviene by Family
12:00 Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 Stella Gawel by The Gawel Family

Monday, March 8—St. John of God

7:30 Deceased Members of the Kaczmarczyk Family
By Pat & Family
8:15 The Osadchuk Family by Olga Miskiw
12:10 James Dalessandro by Family

Tuesday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

7:30 Richard Coffee by Family
8:15 For the People of the Parish
12:10 John J. Pacholczak (Birthday) by Rose Pacholczak
Family

Wednesday, March 10

7:30 Alberta M. & William N. Simmons by Estate
8:15 Jeanne Kudlets by Pat & Marilyn Gallagher
12:10 Jack Moran by Children

Thursday, March 11

7:30 Thomas Sheridan by Estate
8:15 Walter Rasinski by Family
12:10 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
Stella M. Sanders by Son, Michael

Friday, March 12

7:30 Joseph Carroll Druzbiak by The Druzbiak Family
8:15 Nicholas Vertalino by Family
12:10 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
Lottie Hamm & Bill by Dorothy Normanly
7:00 Stations of the Cross
7:30 Ann Malyak by Marilyn Ross

Saturday, March 13

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury
8:15 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph
12:10 Paul & Therese Diviak (Anniv. of Death) by Judy,
Rick and Grandchildren
4:30 Patricia Sheehan by Colleen

Sunday, March 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 Robert A. Downey by Family
12:00 Timothy Wittek by Family
4:30 Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

Weekly Collections

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Weekly:	\$ 14,168.56
Monthly:	\$ 341.00
Total:	\$ 14,509.56

Shrines	\$ 1,920.93
Fuel Offering	\$ 102.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00

Financial statements for the year 2009 are available upon request. Please send your request in a stamped, self-addressed **LEGAL SIZED** envelope to the Rectory at 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218.



We would like to welcome *Matthew Paul Green, Blake Benton Bardo,* and *Catherine Clare Fanelli* into our Parish Community. They were baptized on Sunday, February 28, 2010 in Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

DATE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Kmiec will be here on *Thursday, April 22,* at 7:00 p.m., to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the candidates of our parish, *St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Bistrice.*

Set Clocks Ahead



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Daylight Saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13.



VOCATION THOUGHT—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 7, 2010

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider a call to the priesthood or consecrated life. If God is calling you, call Rev. Walter

Szczesny at 847-5535. Check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on the Vocation Office website: www.buffalovocations.org!

AREA HAPPENINGS

THE WAY OF THE CROSS, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 2052 Lakeview Road (between Rts. 5 & 20), Lake View, on Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. is an unforgettable experience presented by the Franciscan Mystery Players. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish Lenten Journey. For more information, visit www.olphlakeview.com or contact the Parish Office at 627-2910.

SPRING MEAT RAFFLE: Father Baker Knights of Columbus, 2838 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, is sponsoring a Spring Easter Meat Raffle on Saturday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person (adults only) which includes beer, pop, sandwich, snacks and door prizes.

PRESENTATION: Dr. Rose Hershenov, specializing in the ethics of embryonic stem cell research and abortion, will present "Stem Cell Research" at St. Teresa's School Hall on Wed. March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

**Please remember Our Lady of
Victory Basilica in your will.**

KISS ME, KATE presented by the St. Francis HS Players, March 19 & 20 at 7:30 p.m., March 21 at 2:00 p.m. in Ormsby Theater on the Athol Springs Campus (Hamburg). All seats reserved. Tickets are \$10. Please call the school office at 627-1200 for ticket information.

BELL RINGER AUCTION AND LUNCHEON: The Ladies of Charity is hosting the Bell Ringer Auction on Saturday, March 27, at the Creekside Banquet Center, 2669 Union Road, Cheektowaga. A family-style luncheon will be served. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. Cost: \$25. Pre-paid reservations must be made by March 20. Call Ladies of Charity at 895-4001 for more information or send reservations to LOC, 1122 Broadway, Buffalo, NY 14212.

FUNDRAISER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Bishop Timon, Mt. Mercy and the Msgr. Nash Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a post parade (Old First Ward) party on March 13 in the Mt. Mercy Cafeteria, 88 Red Jacket Pkwy. All proceeds will benefit both schools. Live music and Irish dance from 3:00-7:00 p.m. featuring Numb Thumb Chuck. Admission \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door includes beer, wine, pop, pizza/wings. For tickets, call MMA (825-8796), BTSJ (826-3610), or Charlie McMahon (826-1105).

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