



# NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY

*Lackawanna, New York*

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**PAROCHIAL VICARS:**

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Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.

**DEACON:** Deacon Michael V. Comerford

**IN RESIDENCE:** Msgr. John H. Bugman

**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.

## **RECTORY OFFICE**

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**Hours: Monday to Friday**

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Sat.** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## **GIFT SHOP and MUSEUM**

**Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.**

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

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

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

(716) 828-9433

## **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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL

**“See, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). All during this Lenten season, the scriptures have revealed the truth of these words, proclaimed in today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah. We have heard about a bush in the desert aflame but not consumed. We have listened to a parable about a father, the depth of whose love for his prodigal son was almost inconceivable. Today, instead of condemning a woman caught in the act of adultery and joining in stoning her to death, the Lord Jesus sends her on her way, away from what would have been certain death, admonishing her to sin no more. Indeed, God has been doing something new in our midst. Even when we are trapped in sin, with no perceivable way out, we are offered forgiveness when we turn to the Lord with repentant hearts. Let us remember that God has done something new in the heart of each of us.**

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### Weekly Parish Events

#### SUNDAY, March 21, 2010—Fifth Sunday of Lent

##### Third Scrutiny (RCIA)

- 8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades K-8
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- 8:45 a.m. Reconciliation Grades 7-10
- 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class Grade 10 (Mus R)
- 2:00 p.m. Diocesan Legion of Mary Service (Bas)

#### MONDAY, March 22, 2010

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

#### TUESDAY, March 23, 2010—St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

- 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (SC)
- 7:30 p.m. Mass, Prayer Group Mtg. (SC)

#### WEDNESDAY, March 24, 2010

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (SC)

#### THURSDAY, March 25, 2010—The Annunciation of the Lord

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

#### FRIDAY, March 26, 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 27, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. First Eucharist Banner Session
- 1:00 p.m. Church Decorating for Palm Sunday
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

#### SUNDAY, March 28, 2010—Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

- NO Religious Ed Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy
- 1:00 p.m. RCIA Rehearsal

Many thanks to Debbie and Mark Friend who ran such a successful Parish Sweepstakes last Saturday. It was a fun evening. There was a big crowd - and many winners. Thanks to all who worked with Debbie and Mark to make it so successful. And a special thanks to all who supported the event by purchasing tickets or donating items for the theme baskets. It all worked together to make it a huge success. Congratulations to all the winners.

Our prayers and congratulations go out to the children of our parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Monday evening. Thanks to the catechists and family members who helped prepare them for this important sacrament.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses on Palm Sunday. Mark your calendar now so that you will be prepared for the rest of the Holy Week Services. The schedule for these services is published in today’s bulletin.

Palm Sunday marks the unofficial end of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. I am grateful to Maureen Gannon and those who work with her for their hard work on this year’s appeal. If you have not already made your gift, you can drop it off at the rectory, or place it in the collection, or send it directly to Catholic Charities. If you are a visitor to the Basilica and you would like to make a contribution to this Appeal, you will find blank Catholic Charity donation cards on the table near Father Baker’s tomb.

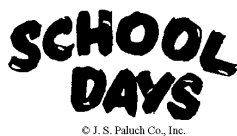
The Lackawanna-wide Penance Service will be held here at the Basilica on the Monday of Holy Week, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. All of the Lackawanna parishes are being invited to come for a brief prayer service, presided over by Deacon Michael Quinn of St. Anthony’s, and all of the Lackawanna priests will be here to hear individual confessions.

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.*



Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about judging others. Sometimes we are quick to see another's faults. We all need

God's forgiveness.

Sunday is the Bunny Breakfast which is sponsored by the Home School Association. It runs from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Grades 3,4 and 5 will attend a performance by the Philharmonic on Tuesday. It will be held at Kleinhans Music Hall.

The 8th graders will sponsor a skating party at D.J. Spinner's on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30.

Youth Group will be held on Friday evening in the cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00.

Remember, we are registering students for the 2010-2011 school year. Call the school office (828-9434) for an appointment.

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Our Parish Council recently revised the Council Constitution. This is the time of the year when nominations can be made for selection of Parish Council Members for next year (beginning with the June, 2010 meeting). You may nominate yourself or you may nominate another member of the parish to serve a three-year term on Parish Council. In order to nominate yourself or to nominate someone else you must be at least 18 years of age, a registered member of Our Lady of Victory Parish, and a practicing Catholic. Once nominations have been received, they will be reviewed with the members of the Parish Council. In early May, five names will be selected to serve on the Council. Between the time of nomination and the time of selection of new members, members of the Parish Council will contact all nominees to see whether they are willing to be placed in nomination.

The Parish Council meets generally six times a year and serves as a visioning body for the parish, looking to future needs and attending to present needs of the parish and its pastoral and spiritual life. Please consider serving on our Parish Council.

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Name of Nominee)  
to serve on the OLV Parish Council.

Please complete the above form and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**MARCH 28, 2010—10:00 AM**

Please join us with your family at our next Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Upstairs Church. This is a very special liturgy for our community. This is the Palm Sunday Liturgy which includes a procession of palms through the church to begin the Mass and an enacted Gospel during the liturgy. Any child interested in joining in the procession before Mass is advised to be at church by 9:50 a.m. Parents are welcome to join the children if they wish.

Practice for this Mass will be held on Saturday, March 27. We will meet in the Marian Room in the basement of the church. The singers will practice from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. and the readers, greeters, collectors and gift bearers practice from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Actors will rehearse from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All ministers need to attend this practice.

The Ministers are:

Readers: Mallory Gawronski, Abby Swiger, Alexis Short

Gift Bearers: Madison Stevens, Jared Sokolik

Collectors: Rosie Swiger, Ben Wagner, Matt Belviso, Emily Benes, Brian Sullivan

Greeters: Nicholas & Samantha Benes

Singers: Emily Benes, Ben Wagner, Angelina & Gabriella Wallum

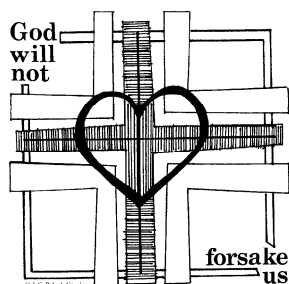
Actors: Joshua Henneberry, Rachel Kumiega, Abby & Rosie Swiger, Thomas & Ashley McGrath, Alexis Short, Emily Benes

As always, there will be refreshments after Mass. We ask that anyone who is able, please bring baked goods to share. We also still need greeters, singers and actors. Please call Tina Hatem (826-5075) to volunteer as a minister or if you have any questions about this Mass.

NOTE: We are also looking for volunteers for our Good Friday Stations of the cross. Children of all ages are needed to act out the Stations in the cemetery at noon. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Marian Room after the Palm Sunday Mass or please call Tina Hatem (826-5075) to volunteer.

SWEEPSTAKES 2010: The 15th annual Sweepstakes was a HUGE success with a record breaking 855 dinners served! Pat & Marilyn Gallagher were the Grand Prize winners of \$10,000! All cash prize winners are posted in the basement of the church!

Many thanks go out to ALL donors, volunteers, kitchen staff and set-up and clean-up helpers! Special thanks to rectory staff, Gary Morgan, The Heitzhauses, Craigs, Nuttys, Almeters, Zambrons and Mighellses! They were a tremendous support team!



**WEEK OF**  
**MARCH 21, 2010**  
**All Masses are celebrated**  
**in the Main Basilica**

**Weekly Collections**  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH**

Weekly:	\$ 12,048.33
Monthly:	\$ 452.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.33</b>
Shrines	\$ 2,038.24
Fuel Offering	\$ 12.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,081.00
WNY Catholic	\$ 2.00
Black/Ind. Miss.	\$ 108.00

Financial statements for 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.



Jesse Joseph Fitterer  
& Kim Marie Long

**REMINDER TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS:** Please check the sign-up sheets in the Sacristy and indicate your availability to serve on

- ♦ Holy Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.— Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦ Good Friday, April 2 at 3:00 p.m.— Liturgy of the Cross
- ♦ Holy Saturday, April 3 at 8:00 p.m.— Easter Vigil
- ♦ Easter Sunday, April 4 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 Noon—Easter Mass

Thank you and may God bless you for all you do for Our Lady of Victory.

**Our Lady of Victory Basilica**  
**2010 Lenten Schedule**

**Every Friday**

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.; Mass 7:30 p.m.

**Confessions:**

Mar. 29 3:00-4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Community Penance Service

Mar. 30 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Mar. 31 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**VOCATION THOUGHT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 21, 2010:** What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line? 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](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

**Saturday, March 20**

4:30 Eleanore Kaczmarczyk by Pat & Family

**Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 Robert M. O'Brien by Geraldine O'Brien & Family

10:00 Jack Adkins by Family

12:00 George & Rose Maj by Children

4:30 Matthew Such by The Such Family

**Monday, March 22**

7:30 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury

Henry Zacharzasz by Jill Schaefer

8:15 Joseph & Anna Cook by Family

12:10 Henry Klubek by Family

**Tuesday, March 23—St. Toribio de Mogrovejo**

7:30 Joseph Carden by Estate

Francis "Bud" Downey by Family

8:15 Carmella Chudik by Family

12:10 Evelyn Dehlinger by Dianne Bellagamba

7:30 Gerard State by Family of Joseph M. State

**Wednesday, March 24**

7:30 Brewster & Edna Maxwell by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maxwell

8:15 Stella Nowak by Pete & Marge Marrocco

Deceased Members of the Marrocco Family by

Peter & Marge Marrocco

12:10 Peter Alex, Jr. by The DeCarolis Family

**Thursday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord**

7:30 All Souls Intentions

Patrick Allen by Tim Finley

8:15 Brian Maraschiello by Mom

12:10 For the People of the Parish

Raymond Nowak by Wife, Judy Nowak

**Friday, March 26**

7:30 Catherine Finley by Family

8:15 Thomas & Regina Lewis by Family

Patrick F. O'Sullivan by The O'Sullivan Family

12:10 Patrick O'Neill by Lori Dickenson

7:00 Stations of the Cross

7:30 Marie Daly Carson (Birth Ann.) by Kathryn Daly

**Saturday, March 27**

7:30 Frances T. Esser by Robert E. Esser

8:15 Anne Carey by Rita Houlihan & Vincent

12:10 Frank Mazur by John & Audrey Dudek

4:30 Edward J. Gemza by Family

**Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

8:00 Bill & Berna Nagy by Daughter

10:00 Ann Plucinski by Family

12:00 Ted Swiech by David & Sandy Swiech

4:30 Joseph & Mary Muhlbauer by Estate

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

**LENTEN FISH FRY:** The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry returns to Father Baker Council. Each Friday, enjoy one of the best in town, breaded, broiled, battered haddock. Shrimp and scallop dinners also available. Clam strips, New England clam chowder, a children's menu and specials will be served Fridays from 4:00-8:00 p.m. For take-out or large table seating, please call 825-5150.

**BISHOP TIMON-ST. JUDE HS** is offering a FREE High School Placement exam pre-test on March 27. The exam begins at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 12:00 p.m. You can register for this exam by visiting our website, [www.bishoption.com](http://www.bishoption.com) or by calling 826-3610 ext. 237.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1298 Main Street, Buffalo to help process small appliances. The task would involve testing and, if possible, repairing the item so it can be sold in our thrift store. Any amount of time would be appreciated. Please contact Jerry at 882-3360 ext. 23.

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

**REUNION:** An all year reunion will be held for alumni of Baker Victory HS, Baker HS, Father Baker, OLV Academy, OLV HS and Victory Academy on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 7:00-11:30 p.m. at Lucarelli's Banquet Center, Abbott Road, Lackawanna. Details will be posted in the next few months on Classmates.com, Facebook and in local area publications. We are looking for volunteers for the Events Committee. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please send e-mail to [bakervictoryreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:bakervictoryreunion@yahoo.com).

**EASTER BAZAAR** at Queen of Angels Parish Social Center, Warsaw & Electric Avenues, Lackawanna, on Sunday, March 28, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Handcrafted Cherry Wood Grandfather Clock Raffle, cash raffle, chocolate rabbit booths, craft booths, children's booths, refreshments & homemade desserts and more.

**PIEROGI SALE** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Social Center kitchen, Athol Springs, on Friday, March 26, (10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.), Palm Sunday, March 28, (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), and Good Friday, April 2, (4:00-8:00 p.m.) Price: \$9.95 per dozen; \$5.00 1/2 dozen.

**BAKE SALE** by the Altar Society of Our Lady of Bistrice Croatian RC Church in the Cardinal Stepinac Hall on Palm Sunday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. To reserve an item, call 822-0818 or 826-2808.

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