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Sunday, April 2, 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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. (Tues., Wed., Fri., during School Year)

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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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.

Pray for the canonization of our founder, Venerable Nelson Baker

A Message from Father Paul

It is ***coffee and donuts weekend*** after all of the Sunday morning Masses. Stop down to the Marian Room.

Congratulations to the young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Monday evening. Thirty-four boys and girls made their first confessions that evening. I am grateful to Carm Zomeri, our Director of Religious Education, and the catechists who worked to prepare these children for this sacrament. And I am grateful to the families of these children for preparing them for this milestone sacrament on their religious journey.

You may remember that one of the items for the use of funds from our parish Capital Campaign was the replacement of windows in the rectory. We took a step forward on this project this past week with the installation of block glass windows on the basement floor of the rectory. We chose block glass window replacements to these aging windows on that floor for security purposes. We are still looking to replace the first and second floor windows at a later date. Since the Homes of Charity and Baker Victory Services are also planning on replacing windows in their buildings at 780 and 790 Ridge Road, we are holding off doing the rectory windows until we and the Homes of Charity and Baker Victory Services can purchase them together, thus getting a better price. Thanks to all who contributed to the parish Capital Campaign and whose contribution made these improvements possible. I will keep you posted on upcoming Capital Campaign projects.

Monday of this week, our ***Parish Council*** will meet ***at 7:00 p.m.*** in the OLV Elementary School cafeteria, and the ***Liturgy Committee*** will meet ***at 8:00 p.m.***, also in the cafeteria.

Next Sunday, April 9, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We will bless and distribute palms at all of the Masses next weekend.

Please refer to the ***"Upon This Rock" insert*** in today's bulletin. It tells of one of the diocesan Capital Campaign projects which is already up and running – ***The Mother Teresa Home***. The Pro-Life office of the diocese has purchased the former rectory at St. Adalbert's parish on the East Side of Buffalo, and renovated it so it can serve as a home for unwed mothers. Part of the $2 million dollars which has been set aside for this home has already been used to re-purpose this rectory so that young unwed mothers could have a safe and healthy place to get ready for the birth of their children. The remainder of the funds set aside for this project will serve to finance this home for many years to come. This is one of the many worth-while projects which Upon This Rock will sponsor moving ahead into the future of our diocese. As I have shared with you already, I see this diocesan campaign as an investment in the faith life of your children and grandchildren.

Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. Plan on attending the very beautiful and inspiring Holy Week and Easter Services. Check the bulletin for the times of these liturgies here at Our Lady of Victory. These are some of the most ancient and beautiful ceremonies in all of the church year, and they celebrate the high point of our faith as we follow the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these celebrations.

May Jesus bless you and Our Lady of Victory watch over you.

Father Paul

Summary of the Readings
Fifth Sunday of Lent

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Weekend of April 8-9

Lectors:

Saturday, April 8
4:30 p.m.—D. Ortiz; W. O'Rourke

Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m.—C. Swan; L. Smolen
10:00 a.m.—No Lector—Children's Liturgy
12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech; F. Andrzejewski
4:30 p.m.—M. Arza; J. Howell

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, April 8
4:30 p.m.—Clark, Cwiklinski, Dulak, Jackson, Welsch

Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m.—Fitzgerald, Murray, Twist
10:00 a.m.—T. McCann, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
12:00 p.m.—Bonafede, Koeppel, Trabucco
4:30 p.m.—Britting, Grasso, Jackson

Servers:

Saturday, April 8
4:30 p.m.—P. Diamond, C. Reidy, A.R. Swiger

Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m.—G.R. Harrington, K.R. Wick
10:00 a.m.—Pietrkiewicz, Powers, E.K. Wood
12:00 p.m.—Carroccia, Ely, Grinder, Negron
4:30 p.m.—D.N. Clark, B. Gwozdz, B. Lopez

Tours: April 9: Lauren Clark; Frank D'Avanzato

Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 2, 2017

Saturday, April 1
4:30 Edward I. Kaczmarczyk by Pat & Family

Sunday, April 2—Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 Robert A. Snyder by Wife, Mary Snyder
10:00 Thomas J. O'Neill (Birth. Rem.) by Michael Sanders
12:00 Living & Dec. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
4:30 Patrick J. O'Neill by Anna O'Neill & Family

Monday, April 3
7:30 Walter Kupkowski, Sr. by Family
Kathy Novak by Bequest of Nathalie Belz
12:10 Veronica Sadek by Timothy & Marcia Moore

Tuesday, April 4—St. Isidore
7:30 Ted Rybicki by The Rybicki Family
In Thanksgiving & Good Health for Martha Monacelli (Living) by Charlotte Oczek
8:15 Our Lady of Victory Spiritual Society
David J. Ferland (Living) by Lori Radwan (Mom)
12:10 Lindsey Woodman by Melaine Rajca
Michael Chiodo II by Son, Landon
7:30 Helen Hoffman by The Damien Family (in Chapel)
Roger "Buzz" Heiss by Dennis & Norma Hughes (in Chapel)

Wednesday, April 5—St. Vincent Ferrer
7:30 Cornelius P. Downey, Jr. by The Downey Family
8:15 Our Lady of Victory Easter Golden Treasury
Joseph & Mary Ann Druzbik by The Druzbik Family
12:10 Michael & Mildred Idzior by Ron & Donna Kraus
Donald Abate by The Philo Family

Thursday, April 6
7:30 Doris Mack by Helen
Connor Rittenhouse (Living, healing) by The Radoani Family
12:10 Bob & Marion Cavanaugh by Kathleen Warren & Fam.
G. Arthur Moore by Elaine Moore & Family

Friday, April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle
7:30 Tim Steenberg by Patricia Stephens
8:15 Eugene & Jane O'Brien by Bridget Wood
12:10 Geraldine Danieu by Carolyn Peters
Eleanor Woloszyn by Sons
7:00 Stations of the Cross
7:30 Casimir M. Slaski & Family by Estate
Brian "Jimmy" Bohan by Loving Wife, Donna

Saturday, April 8
7:30 Cornelius P. Downey, Sr. by The Downey Family
12:10 Rose & Joseph Tamarazio by Rose Marie Joralemon
4:30 Alice Comerford by Deacon & Mrs. Comerford

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 Stella Lalka by The Powers Family
12:00 Philip Avino by Wife, Christine Avino
4:30 Christine Just by The Lejca Family

Sunday, April 2—Fifth Sunday of Lent
Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses (MR)
Lenten Soup Meal after Noon Mass (Caf)
8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
8:45 a.m. Confessions Grades 3-5
10:00 a.m. RCIA Third Scrutiny (Bas)
11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (Mus R)
1:15 p.m. Upon This Rock (Caf)

Monday, April 3
7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Caf)
8:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting (Caf)

Tuesday, April 4—St. Isidore
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
7:30 p.m. Mass, Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, April 5—St. Vincent Ferrer
7:00 p.m. Healing Mass (Bas)
7:00 p.m. RCIA Class (Mus R)

Thursday, April 6
1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting (SC)
3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (MR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

Friday, April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle
First Friday
1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
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, April 8
9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy Practice (MR)
3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
NO Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
12:00 a.m. RCIA Palm Sunday Mass (Bas)
1:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal (Bas)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent
at 7:00 p.m. in the Basilica
followed by
Mass at 7:30 p.m.
All are welcome.

School News:

April 3rd - Early dismissal-Faculty meeting
Casual Dress
April 4th - Easter Candy Pick up
April 4th - High School Recruitment
April 10-17 - Easter Recess

Children's Liturgy
Sunday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us with your family at ***our next Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.*** 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 participation with the Gospel reading. ***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 their children if they wish.

Practice for this Mass will be held on Saturday, April 8. We will meet in the Marian Room on the lower level of the Basilica. The singers will practice from 9:00 till 9:45 a.m. and the readers, greeters, collectors and gift bearers practice from 9:45 till 10:30 a.m. Gospel readers will rehearse from 10:30 till 11:30 a.m. ***All ministers need to attend this practice.***

The Ministers are:
Readers: Elianna Spoonley, Madelyn Powers, Riley Coughlin
Gift Bearers: Logan George
Collectors: Egypt Trotman, Sophia Davis, SueAnn Pukalo
Greeters: Liam Sokolik
Singers: Vanessa Lewczyk
Gospel Readers: Jared Sokolik, Vanessa Lewczyk, Roman & David Jackson

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 a gift bearer, a collector, Gospel readers, greeters and singers. Please call Tina Hatem (826-5075) to volunteer as a minister or if you have any questions about this Nass.

NOTE: ***We are also looking volunteers for our Good Friday Stations of the Cross.*** Youth 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.

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Altar & Rosary Society

Altar & Rosary Lenten Soup Meal

Parishioners are invited to a ***Lenten Soup Meal*** (soup and bread) ***after the Noon Mass*** during Lent. The Soup Meal will continue on Sundays, immediately after the Noon Mass on ***April 2 and April 9 in the OLV Elementary School Cafeteria***. If any parishioner wishes to make a donation of homemade soup for these meals, please contact Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747. There is no charge for this meal, however a free will offering will be taken up.

Altar & Rosary Society Bus Trip

Our parish Altar & Rosary Society will again sponsor a ***Holy Thursday evening bus trip to seven churches in Buffalo***. The trip will begin ***after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday, April 13***. The return time will be approximately 11:30 p.m. The cost is $10 per person. Call Mary Anne Jackson at 864-0747 for reservations.

Each year, our parish conducts a special version of the ***Stations of the Cross in Holy Cross Cemetery at noon on Good Friday***. These Stations are enacted by children and teens from our parish and are a very moving from of prayer on that solemn day.

We are asking for children and teens from our parish to volunteer to do those Stations. We need a few readers, but the actors do not have any dialogue to learn. The only practice is held one hour before the Stations at 11:00 a.m. on Good Friday, in the Music Room, on the lower level of the Basilica. You do not need experience to help, just a willingness to be a part of something special.

If you or your child is interested in volunteering, please call Tina Hatem at 826-5075. Thank you for your help.

OLV Rosary Prayer Group

Our Rosary Prayer Group is looking for people to join them praying for peace. The group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in front of the main altar. Please come and join us.

Masquerade Michael's Banquet Facility • Thursday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. BAKER VICTORY NITE

Masquerade ~ Baker Victory Nite 2017

Join us for an evening of masked fun at ***Baker Victory Nite 2017 on Thursday, May 4, at Michael's Catering and Banquets with doors opening at 6:00 p.m.*** With theme baskets, silent auction items, two split clubs, and five Grand Prize drawings, including $5,000, this will be an evening you won't want to miss! The proceeds will go to help support the programs and services offered by Baker Victory Service, OLV Homes of Charity, and the OLV National Shrine and Basilica. For more information on this masquerade-themed event, call the Special Events Office at 716-828-9289 or visit our website: www.bakervictorynite.org.

The Traveling Chalice

Would you like to host the ***"Traveling Chalice"*** in your home to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Father Sam invites families with school-aged (including college -aged) children still living at home, to bring his personal chalice home for a week to help promote vocations through brief prayer each evening with your family.

The week begins with the presentation of the chalice at the end of a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass, and may be concluded with Father Sam celebrating a Mass in your home on the following Friday evening. ***Please contact Father Sam*** at the rectory at 716-828-9428 or sgiangreco@ourladyofvictory.org ***for more information or to sign –up***.

Young Adult News

Ever feel like you're the only one who believes this stuff? You're not alone! Are you between the ages of 18 and 39? ***There are two groups of young adults who meet regularly to build community, growing in faith and friendship.***

"Frassati WNY" meets on Tuesdays in Our Lady of Pompeii School in Lancaster for Scripture, discussion, and prayer, along with offering opportunities for various social and service activities. The Frassati link is to a closed group on Facebook, so please request to join!

"[re] Young Adult Ministry" meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Benedict's in Amherst for live praise & worship, a witness talk, and prayer, followed by fellowship.

Please go to their Facebook pages to find out more--and bring a friend!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/257158691085077/
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Sunday, March 26th

Weekly:	$	14,504.75
Monthly:	$	326.00
Total:	$	14,830.75
Shrines	$	3,344.13
Pennies	$	305.66
Catholic Home Mis.	$	10.00
Fuel	$	10.00
Easter	$	55.00
Easter Flowers	$	1,100.00
Holy Land	$	10.00
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Andrew Michael Tomes & Michelle Gene Genek

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: *Judith E. Murcin, Genevieve Ziobro, Darryll Wright, Mary A. Friedman, Rita Kull, Linda Lou Sikorski, William Powers, Joseph Dee, Mathias Becker., Frank W. Levulis* and *James Kern.*

Vocation Thought
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Like Lazarus, all who have faith in Christ have hope for eternal life. How might God be calling you to proclaim this hope? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org!

AREA HAPPENINGS

Easter Bazaar: ***Queen of Angels*** Parish will be holding an ***Easter Bazaar on Sunday, April 9, from noon to 4:00 p.m.*** at the Queen of Angels Social Center, Warsaw Street and Electric Avenue, Lackawanna. There will be a Cash Raffle, Chinese Auction, Chocolate Rabbit Booths, Handmade Crafts Booths and Children's Booths. Refreshments will be available, including homemade desserts. Everyone is welcome.

Blood Drive at the Knights of Columbus Main Hall, 2838 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, on ***Tuesday, April 11, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.*** For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED Cross or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome!

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Lenten Services at OLV

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

Lenten Confessions
Tuesday, April 11: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12: 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (Basilica)
12:00 noon Living Stations (Holy Cross Cemetery)
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Baskets
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 16
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon
No 4:30 p.m. Mass

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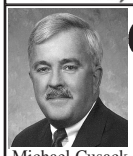

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