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Sunday, August 13, 2017 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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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.

Pray for the canonization of our founder, Venerable Nelson Baker

A Message from Father Paul

Tuesday of this week, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The feast celebrates Mary's death at the end of Mary's life here on earth. (The Orthodox Church calls this the "dormition" or "falling asleep" of Mary). At the end of her life on earth, Mary's body and soul are taken to heaven in the Assumption, to live with God for all eternity, and to reign as Queen of Heaven, along side her Son, Jesus, our King.

Masses for the Assumption are at 7:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) on Monday, August 14, and 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the feast day itself.

Some Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption as the Feast of Mary, the Untier of Knots. This devotion is brought to the fore by Pope Francis. It envisions Mary, holding a long cord filled with knots. These knots represent all the difficult things we face in life, many of which we can not straighten out by our own power. Mary, the "Undoer of Knots" slowly unties all of the knots of our life, if we pray to her for help. It is a beautiful way for us to think of Mary, under her older title, The Help of Christians. Surrender the knots of your life to her, and ask her to help you untie these difficulties.

Our "Pennies To Heaven" event went well last Sunday. As you know, we tightened up the event, concentrating on the chicken BBQ and the theme baskets, with enough other things to hold people's interest. We do not have a final accounting. This usually takes several weeks until all the bills come in. I want to thank Beth and Andy Donovan, who served as the chair couple of this year's event. I also want to thank Dianne Bellagamba, our Business Manager, and Carm Zomeri, our Religious Ed Director, for all the help they gave to the setting up of the day. Along with them, there were so many committee chairpersons and volunteers who worked so hard to make this day a success. And a word of thanks to Father Baker – who provided us with a beautiful day for this year's "Pennies To Heaven."

You have heard me talk about ***upgrading security measures*** inside and outside the Basilica. In this day and age, we have to be as safe and secure as possible as a nationally regarded church building. This upgrade will begin this week. We will be re-doing the concrete sidewalks in front of the Basilica, and installing heavy planters, along with bollards, in front of the Basilica, just off the sidewalk. This will prevent anyone from driving any kind of a vehicle up near the Basilica with the intent to do the building any harm. While we are doing this, we will also be reconfiguring the small three-car parking area just outside the Basilica. It will become a one-way circular driveway beginning at the present small lot and running in front of the rectory front lawn. It will have room for three or four cars. Those parking there for church or rectory business will no longer have to back out into Ridge Road traffic. They will be able to drive out onto Ridge Road in the direction of the cemetery. It will be safer for all.

As usual, this kind of a project will be a bit of an inconvenience for the time being, but it will keep us all safer in the long run. Thanks for your patience.

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

Father Paul

Summary of the Readings
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Weekend of August 19-20

Lectors:

Saturday, August 19
4:30 p.m.—S. Saunders

Sunday, August 20
8:00 a.m.—B. DeMike
10:00 a.m.—A. Buckley
12:00 p.m.—C. Swan
4:30 p.m.—M. Arza

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, August 19
4:30 p.m.—Clark, Dulak, Jackson, McDonough

Sunday, August 20
8:00 a.m.—Fitzgerald, M. McCann, Murray
10:00 a.m.—Jarosz, Osborne, Powers, T. Wing
12:00 p.m.—Andrzejewski, Bonafede, Koeppel, Smolen, Trabucco
4:30 p.m.—Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski

Servers:

Saturday, August 19
4:30 p.m.—E.R.T. Brotz, C. Reidy

Sunday, August 20
8:00 a.m.—G.R. Harrington, D.M. Wietchy
10:00 a.m.—A.G.J. Schwarzott, K. Thompson
12:00 p.m.—B. Gwozdz, T. Sitarek, J.L. Sokolik
4:30 p.m.—M. McNatty, B. Lopez, A. Mateer, J. Pearson

Tours: August 20: Beverly McHugh

Mass Schedule
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Week of August 13, 2017

Saturday, August 12
4:30 Dec. Mem. of the Robert Kroll Family by Family

Sunday, August 13—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 Julio & Bernardina Ceccarelli by The Angelo Family
12:00 Peter & Sue Stoycoff by Mr. & Mrs. James Kern
4:30 Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption

Monday, August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe
7:30 Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption
12:10 Robert M. O'Brien by Geraldine O'Brien
7:30 Joan C. Downey by The Downey Family
Adam Kotarski by Margarita Kotarski

Tuesday, August 15—The Assumption of the BVM
7:30 Novena in Honor of Our Lady's Assumption
8:15 Charles H. Batkowski by Spouse, Christine Batkowski
12:10 Tiberio Tiberia & Jan & Hank Valerio by John & Mary Ann Tiberio & Family
4:30 Linda Gustin (90th Birthday) (Living) by Children
Mary Brusso by Family

Wednesday, August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary
7:30 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury
12:10 Sue Pitillo by Family
George Najuch by Mary Ann & Linda

Thursday, August 17
7:30 James B. Downey by The Downey Family
Ernesto Deganis by The Deganis Family
12:10 Norbert "Leo" Handzlik (50th Ann.) by Daughter, Linda Klice

Friday, August 18
7:30 For the People of the Parish
12:10 John Ziemba by Daughter, Christine Batkowski

Saturday, August 19—St. John Eudes
7:30 Donna Manzo by John & MaryJo Twentyfive
12:10 Rita Gossart by Estate
1:30 Wedding: Patrick Matthew Wozniak & Kara Maria Dudek
4:30 Dolly & Sessio Ceccarelli by Debbie & John Ceccarelli

Sunday, August 20—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Adam J. Opiel by Larry, Beth & Lindsey
10:00 Joana Maria Ceccarelli by The Angelo Family
12:00 Eugenia Roliczek by A Family Friend
4:30 Robert Spahn by Family

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Sunday, August 13—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

Monday, August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe
3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)
7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Feast of the Assumption of the BVM

Tuesday, August 15—The Assumption of the BVM
Holy Day of Obligation: Masses at 7:30, 8:15, 12:10, 4:30
Novena in Honor of the Assumption of the BVM Ends
4:30 p.m. St. Andrew Choir, CT singing at Mass
5:30 p.m. St. Andrew Choir Mini Concert (Bas)
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (R)
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
NO Prayer Group Meeting

Wednesday, August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary
6:30 p.m. OLV School Board Meeting (Caf)

Thursday, August 17
1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting (MR)
6:00 p.m. High School Confirmation Class (School)
7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Classes Begin (MR)

Friday, August 18
1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SC)
2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)
6:00 p.m. School Movie Night (Caf)

Saturday, August 19—St. John Eudes
3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, August 20—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Father Baker's Pennies to Heaven Chicken Barbecue & Family Carnival

A great big ***thank you to each volunteer*** who gave time to help with this year's Father Baker's Pennies to Heaven Chicken Barbecue and Family Carnival ***in addition to everyone who came to support us***. Our event was a success because of you. We could not have done it without you! Here's looking forward to next year!

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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 the 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 from Bishop Richard Malone on September 19. ***The five classes begin this Thursday, August 17, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the lower Basilica Marian Room and continue for the four following Thursdays: August 24, and 31, September 7, and 14.*** Please register by calling or meeting with Father Romulus (828-9425).

Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

The Diocese of Buffalo will honor couples celebrating their ***50th, 60th, or 70th wedding anniversary this year*** with a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Malone, on ***Sunday, October 15, at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Cathedral***, 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo. A reception will follow at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Family members are most welcome to attend both the Mass and the reception. Couples will renew their wedding vows during Mass.

If you are celebrating a Golden or Diamond Wedding Anniversary this year and would like to attend this special Mass and reception, please complete the form below and return it to the Rectory by ***Monday, September 18***.

50th, 60th, 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, October 15, 2017—3:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Cathedral
Reception to follow at the Adam's Mark Hotel

Last Name:_____

Husband's First Name:_____

Wife's First Name:_____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Attending Cathedral Celebration:

_____ YES _____ NO _____ Number Attending

Please complete this form and return it to the Rectory
by Monday, September 18.
Thank you.

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/
https://www.facebook.com/we.are.re/

From the Legion of Mary

Mary, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars, is having a birthday. Come and celebrate with the Legion of Mary on ***Sunday, September 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the OLV School Cafeteria***. The party will include prayers, birthday cake and coffee, games and prizes. All are welcome!

Feast of the Assumption of the BVM
Tuesday, August 15

Tuesday, August 15, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m.

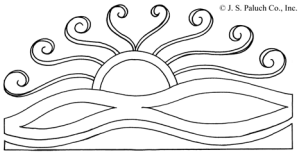
Masses on Tuesday, August 15, will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Free Mini Concert
After 4:30 p.m. Mass
Feast of the Assumption
Tuesday, August 15, 2017

The St. Andrew Principal Choir, of Colchester, Connecticut, will sing for the 4:30 p.m. Mass ***and will give a short 25-minute concert*** immediately after Mass on ***Tuesday, August 15,*** in honor of the feast of the Assumption.

The St. Andrew Choir, under the direction of Colleen Puscas, has been touring Europe and North America for the past 20 years, giving concerts in Italy, Ireland, France, Greece, Germany, Austria, Canada and, of course, the United States. The choir was even invited to Rome to sing for Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his 20th anniversary.

The concert following the Mass is free and all are welcome to attend.



Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

Sunday, August 6th

Weekly:	$	14,613.84
Monthly:	$	1,704.00
Total:	$	16,317.84
Shrines	$	2,115.68
Pennies	$	579.06
Assumption	$	66.00
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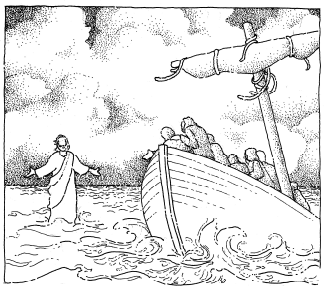

It is I; do not be afraid.

Vocation Thought
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Even though Peter became fearful upon heeding the Lord's command to follow Him, Jesus helped him to overcome his fear and will do the same for us. Do not let fear prevent you from pursuing your vocation. 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 on our website: www.buffalovocations.org!

AREA HAPPENINGS

Human Services/Part Time Residence Assistant: Human Services Professional needed for part-time weekend morning shift. Responsibilities include assisting and supervising up to 26 international high school aged boys in a residential setting at a Catholic, college preparatory high school. Hourly rate begins at $15 per hour. Applicants must have at minimum an Associates Degree and some experience working with adolescents, or adults in a human services capacity. Resumes and cover letters should be forwarded to thield@stfrancishigh.org. Shift needed: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Blood Drive at the Knights of Columbus Main Hall, 2838 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, on ***Tuesday, August 15, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.*** For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome!

Friends of St. Peregrine Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass will be held on ***Monday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann at the St. Cecilia Worship Site, Sheldon, NY***. For more information, please contact Karen Scalia at 283-0011 or www.stperry.org.

Spaghetti Dinner: ***St. Anthony's Church, 306 Ingham Avenue, Lackawanna, is hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, August 27, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.*** Spaghetti & meatballs are provided by Mulberry's Italian Restaurant. The price is $9.00 take out or eat in. Theme baskets, raffle tickets, split club and Bell Jar tickets will be available. Please join us! Mangia!

Life in the Spirit Seminar sponsored by Magnificat Buffalo Chapter at ***Annunciation Church,*** 7580 Clinton Street (School Building across the street from the church), Elma, on ***Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning on September 19***. Each evening consists of a teaching, a testimony, a discussion and refreshments and fellowship. For more information or to register, please call Chris at 759-8135. $20 donation. Please register by September 12.

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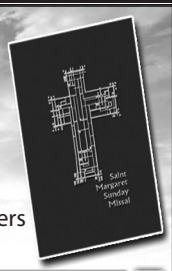

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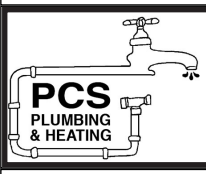

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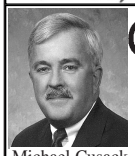

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