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Sunday, October 8, 2017 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rev. Romulus Rosolowski, OFM Conv.

DEACON: Deacon Michael V. Comerford

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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. (Monday, Friday 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

We are very fortunate to have Seminarian Denning Achidi as a staff member for the coming year. Denning is spending the year here at Our Lady of Victory as part of his preparation for priesthood. As you may already know, Denning is from Cameroon, West Africa. He has completed 2 years of theological studies at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, and will have 2 more years of theological studies after his time here before ordination to priesthood. ***I have asked him to use this space to give you more information about himself and his vocation.***

I was born in Yaounde, a French-speaking city in Cameroon, in West/Central Africa. However, my family relocated to Bamenda, an English-speaking city, when I was just over a year old. My family is bilingual, but I still struggle with French. I grew up with a Presbyterian dad and a Catholic mom. I am the youngest of four boys. Two of my brothers and I were baptized in the Presbyterian Church. The oldest had been baptized in the Catholic Church. Going to our various churches on Sunday was obligatory. I went to church because I did not want my parents to scold me or call me a "pagan." "Family" in Cameroon is not limited to the nuclear family. Hence, I grew up with several cousins who came to live with us at different times.

I did my primary and secondary education (grades 1-10) in Bamenda and my high school at a minor seminary in a city called Buea. I was named Denning by my uncle, who is a lawyer. He named me after Sir Alfred Denning, who has been dubbed the greatest English Judge of modern times. I only read about him much later in my teenage years. I discovered that not only was his dexterity evident in law, he was knowledgeable in mathematics. During the early years of my education, I was passionate about becoming a lawyer or an accountant (I was very good in mathematics). Like Sir Denning, I was very interested in law and mathematics. I was also good at drawing. Recognizing this talent in me, my dad enrolled me in a drawing school. I did not last there too long as my passion for drawing dropped.

Things changed when I attended a 6:30 a.m. Mass with my mom one Sunday morning. I was 11 years old. Prior to this ecstatic experience, my grandmother, with whom I spent all my breaks, had been teaching me the Catholic Faith. While I was still a Presbyterian, she taught me how important it is to attend Mass daily, pray the rosary, and always rely on God. After that Sunday morning Mass, I told my mom my decision to become Catholic. After I became Catholic 6 months later, I enrolled in the altar servers and vocation groups. It was in these groups that I heard God's voice in a clearer sense calling me to serve him as a priest. I entered high school seminary at age 16 and took classes in Religion, Economics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Geography, and Latin. However, my studies were interrupted because my family relocated to the US. I continued regular studies for two years at a community college in Maryland.

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Summary of the Readings Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put . . . to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Weekend of October 14-15

Lectors:

Saturday, October 14
4:30 p.m.—E. Wieleba

Sunday, October 15
8:00 a.m.—B. DeMike
10:00 a.m.—No Lector—Children's Liturgy
12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech
4:30 p.m.—L. Smolen

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, October 14
4:30 p.m.—Clark, Jackson, R&D McDonough, Schaefer

Sunday, October 15
8:00 a.m.—Fitzgerald, Twist
10:00 a.m.—Dehlinger, T. McCann, Powers, T. Wing
12:00 p.m.—Andrzejewski, Bonafede, Koeppel, Negron, Trabucco
4:30 p.m.—Grasso, Jackson, Stachowski

Servers:

Saturday, October 14
4:30 p.m.—T.D. Brotz, A. Mateer

Sunday, October 15
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.—B. Lopez, A. Mateer, S. Saunders

Tours: October 15: Deb Bossman

Mass Schedule
Week of October 8, 2017

Saturday, October 7
4:30 Eleanore F. Kaczmarczyk by Pat & Family

Sunday, October 8—Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 Marylou Gallego by Family
12:00 Dec. Mem. of the Filk Family & Friends by The Filk Fam.
4:30 Marian Check by Dick & Shirley Motyka

Monday, October 9—St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi
7:30 Francis Gallagher (Birth) by Pat & Marilyn Gallagher
Rose Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer
12:10 Raymond J. Bromley by The Lejca Family
Catherine (Kay) DeRousseau by Mary Anne Jackson

Tuesday, October 10
7:30 Francis C. Igoe by The Downey Family
Living & Dec. Mem. of the Klosko, Gentile, Oczek & Caputi Families by Charlotte Oczek
12:10 Patricia Ziemba by Sister, Christine Batkowski

Wednesday, October 11—St. John XXIII
7:30 All Souls Intentions
Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury
12:10 Harry Mattimore by The Steinwald Family
Verna Heist by Mary Anne Jackson

Thursday, October 12
7:30 Nicholas, Jennie & Nick Vertalino by Family
Charlotte F. Oczek by Charlotte Oczek
12:10 Eleanor & Charles (Buddy) Warren by Kathleen Warren & Daughters
Ray Harig by Wife & Family

Friday, October 13
7:30 Cornelius P. Downey, Jr. by The Downey Family
Debra, James, Heather, Jessica & James T. Caputi by Charlotte Oczek
8:15 For the People of the Parish
Paul G. Barker by Janet Freedman
12:10 Special intention for Joanne C. Saniewski (living) by Family
Special Intention for Heather Ann Caputi (living) by Charlotte Oczek

Saturday, October 14—St. Callistus I
7:30 For the Glory of the Divine Mercy by Carmen Kozlowski
12:10 Lana & Tommoso Napoli by Rose & Melina & Family
1:30 Wedding: Giacomo John Ventimiglia & Mary Kathryn Benzinger
4:30 John & Alice Podpora by Family

Sunday, October 15—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Marlene Wirth by Sisters, Cindy & Nancy
10:00 David Lalka by Family
12:00 Joseph & Constance Cellini by Family
4:30 Kelly Hathaway by The Domagola Family

A Message from Father Paul (continued from Page 2)

In 2013, I moved to Buffalo to continue my journey to the priesthood. I have completed two years of philosophical studies and two of theological studies. After my pastoral year, I will have two more years of theological studies before I am ordained. I count on your prayers as I continue my journey. Thank you for your warm welcome.

St Therese of Lisieux is a saint dear to me. Her "Little Way" has enlightened me in many ways about the little things in life. It continues to remind me that my vocation is to love. Please when you pray for me, ask for her intercession.

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

Father Paul

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Sunday, October 8—Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
NO Religious Ed Classes
1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

Monday, October 9—St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi
Columbus Day, School Holiday
7:00 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Mus R)

Tuesday, October 10
9:30 a.m. School Grandparents Breakfast (Caf)
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (R)
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (MR)

Wednesday, October 11—St. John XXIII
School Pictures
7:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

Thursday, October 12
1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting (MR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Mus R)

Friday, October 13
School Candy Bar Sale Ends
1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)

Saturday, October 14—St. Callistus I
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy Practice (MR)
3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, October 15—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)

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Events happening this week:

- October 9 - No school - Columbus Day observed
- October 10 - Grandparents Day - 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
- October 11 - School Pictures - Dress Up day for students; South Towns Coaches meeting in the school cafeteria - 7:00 p.m.
- October 12 - Fire Trucks visit for grades Pre K and 2nd
- October 13 - Candy Bar sale ends - Please get your money into the school office

Rosary Rally

Please join us on ***Saturday, October 14, at Noon by the outdoor statue of Our Lady of Victory, in the garden on South Park, across from the Basilica*** for a Rosary Rally. Together, we will say a rosary to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. All are welcome to this special centennial celebration! Please direct any questions you may have to Jackie Tyrpak at 662-3394.

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The Living Rosary
Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The Altar & Rosary Society invites everyone, especially Altar and Rosary Society Members, to join in the presentation of ***The Living Rosary, next Monday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Basilica***. The rosary is a powerful prayer to Our Lady. All parish organizations are encouraged to participate.

Bible Study to Resume

Our ***Bible Study program*** will resume on ***Monday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.*** The program will continue at that same time each Monday thereafter through November 20. In the session, we will examine the second half of a 10 part series presented by Dr. Brant Pitre entitled "Eucharist - Discovering the Mass in the Bible." If you are new to the program, a $20.00 fee, payable on the first evening of the sessions, will be required to cover the cost of study materials and refreshments. We look forward to your participation, and all are welcome to attend.

2018 March for Life

Please consider joining the Diocese for the upcoming ***March for Life***. The March is a wonderful day of witness and prayer to publicly intercede on behalf of the unborn. The March for Life will take place ***on January 19, 2018***. The Diocese has buses traveling down together and a block of hotel rooms available to reserve. Buses depart in the morning of Thursday, January 18. If you are unable to attend the March, it is still possible to sponsor an attendee who needs assistance. For more information, please contact Sarah Lindstrom at olvprolife@gmail.com.

If you would like to become involved in Pro-Life activities within the parish, please contact Sarah Lindstrom at olvprolife@gmail.com. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for upcoming events and information.

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.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/257158691085077/
https://www.facebook.com/we.are.re/

Children's Liturgy
Sunday, October 15 ~ 10:00 a.m.

What a beautiful season is fall! Join us for a celebration at our next ***Children's Liturgy on Sunday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m.*** Children's liturgies are teaching Masses held once a month. Children and young teens act as the ministers for the Mass and the homily is directed to the children in a way that they can understand.

Practice for this liturgy will take place on ***Saturday, October 14 in the Marian Room.*** Singers will practice from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. and all others will rehearse from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Ministers for this Mass are:
Readers: Jared Sokolik, Madelyn & Nathan Powers
Collectors: (No one yet)
Gift Bearers: Liam Sokolik
Greeters: (No one yet)
Singers: (No one yet)

We need collectors, a gift bearer, greeters and singers. Please call Tina Hatem at 826-5075 if your child would like to volunteer as a minister, or with any questions. ***Everyone must practice for the Mass unless excused by Tina, even if your child has helped in past years.*** We also need donations of baked goods, homemade or store-bought, for our celebration after Mass.

In September, we sent home "homework" as our token! Please let us know what your child's experiences were with this sharing assignment! We look forward to seeing all of you. We are also eager to meet new friends. We always have room for more!

Father Baker Council #2243
Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish and growing in faith, then the ***Knights of Columbus*** is the organization for you. The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support to the parish, home and fellow Knights.

Father Baker Council #2243 will be conducting a ***Membership Drive*** after each Mass next weekend, ***October 14-15, 2017***. Council members will be on hand to provide information and to answer your questions. Please join us!

Care for Creation

Our Lady of Victory's Care for Creation group will resume regular meetings on ***Thursday, October 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Marian Room*** on the lower level of the Basilica. If you would like more information on this group, please contact Phil Zickl at 716-292-4594.

Sunday, October 1st

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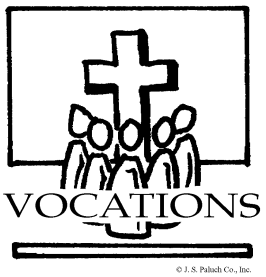

Vocation Thought
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"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Like the work of Jesus, ministry in His church is countercultural. It is rooted not in the world of passing things, but in God's eternal kingdom. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. Also, check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website: www.buffalovocations.org!

AREA HAPPENINGS

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, Main Hall, ***2838 South Park Avenue***, Lackawanna, on ***Tuesday, October 17, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.*** For an appointment, please call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome.

Merciful Heart Event: On ***Friday, November 3, 2017 from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m.***, the Disciples of Divine Mercy in the Holy Face of Jesus will be hosting ***"Merciful Heart Event"*** at the Orchard Park Country Club. The proceeds of this fundraiser will help us serve the community at the Mother of Mercy House. The event is Polish/American heritage themed and includes authentic cuisine, live music, silent and live auction and a basket raffle. Tickets are $50 per person. For more information, please call 716-662-6025.

Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass will take place on ***Monday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Church, 2100 Baseline Road, Grand Island***. For more information, please call Karen at 716-283-0011.

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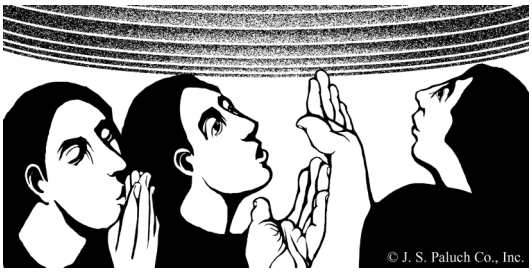

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Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

— Philippians 4:6
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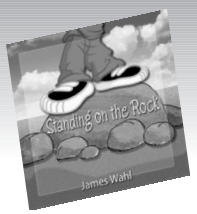

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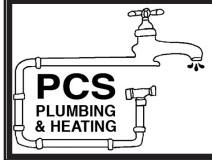

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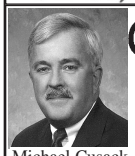

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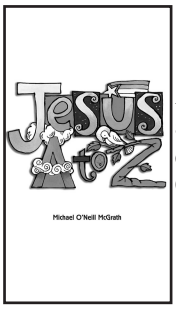

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