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Sunday, September 18, 2016 - Twenty-fifth 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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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 Denise Wood, Program Director/Tour information by e-mail at dwood@ourladyofvictory.org or by phone at (716) 828-7571.

Pray for the canonization of our founder, Venerable Nelson Baker

This Sunday, September 18, we welcome the Knights of St. John to our 8:00 a.m. liturgy for their annual Regimental Mass. I am grateful to the Knights of St. John for the times each year when they assist at our special Masses and other events. Their presence adds greatly to these liturgies. We are all grateful to them, also, for their many acts of charity throughout Western New York which are part of their mission as Knights of St. John.

This Sunday, September 18, is the first day of Religious Education classes for the young people of our parish. If you have a child who should be in religious education classes and has not yet been registered, you may call the Religious Education Office at 828-9437 to register them.

Monday, September 19, Bishop Richard Malone will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our high school students and for some adult candidates. We welcome Bishop Malone, who honors us each year with his presence, and we congratulate all of our Confirmation candidates on their reception of this very important sacrament. My thanks go out to Carm Zomeri and the parishioners who have served as catechists, preparing our high school students for Confirmation, and to Father Romulus who prepared our adult candidates for the reception of this sacrament. ***Just a reminder: Rehearsal for Confirmation will take place on Sunday, September 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the Basilica.***

Tuesday of this week, at 7:00 p.m., our Parish Council will meet in the Marian Room. This is the first meeting of season. There will be a formal installation of the Parish Council next Sunday, September 25, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. ***At 8:00 p.m. that same evening, the Parish Liturgy Committee will meet*** to prepare for up-coming liturgies – up to and including Advent and Christmas. ***The Liturgy Committee will also meet in the Marian Room.***

Mark your calendars for the observance of our Parish Feast Day Mass on Friday, October 7. The Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. It is the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, also called the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. That evening, at a special dinner, we will honor employees of all of the OLV Institutions (Basilica, Homes of Charity and Baker Victory Services) who are celebrating significant number of years of work here at Father Baker's "City of Charity" and those who have retired during the previous year. These dedicated folks, along with their co-workers, have continued the mission and the legacy of Father Baker so very well, and we are very grateful to them for their service.

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

Father Paul

Summary of the Readings
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today's readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.
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Weekend of September 24-25

Lectors:

Saturday, September 24
4:30 p.m.—M. Pawenski

Sunday, September 25
8:00 a.m.—E. Wieleba
10:00 a.m.—No Lector—Children's Liturgy
12:00 p.m.—S. Swiech
4:30 p.m.—M. Monroy

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, September 24
4:30 p.m.—Clark, Jackson, Schaefer, P. Simchick, Wood

Sunday, September 25
8:00 a.m.—M.&P. Allman, M. Wing
10:00 a.m.—Ciallela, Jarosz, Osborne, Powers, T.Wing
12:00 p.m.—Andrzejewski, Diaz, Koeppel, Negron, Trabucco
4:30 p.m.—Britting, Jackson, Stachowski

Servers:

Saturday, September 24
4:30 p.m.—D.M. Bush, R. Swiger, MG. Wood

Sunday, September 25
8:00 a.m.—C. Carroccia, K.R. Wick, J. Wing
10:00 a.m.—D. Lang, A.J. Matyas, C. Heitzhaus
12:00 p.m.—D. Diaz-Torres, D.I.M. Mariani
4:30 p.m.—D. Mateja, S. Saunders, D.N. Clark

Tours: September 25: Frank D'Avanzato

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Week of September 18, 2016

Saturday, September 17
4:30 Edna P. Hergert by Daughter, Donna

Sunday, September 18—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Anthony Spinelli by Daughters, Cindy & Nancy
10:00 David Lalka by Family
12:00 Louis A. Daugherty by Daughter, Mary Lou
4:30 Mary Eileen Smith by Arthur J. Smith & Family

Monday, September 19—St. Januarius
7:30 Wally Kupkowski by Family
Helen Lesnick by Family
12:10 Nell F. Vidrine by Ron, Pat & Daughters
7:00 Confirmation

Tuesday, September 20—SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
7:30 St. Rita of Cascia by Diana Weber
In Remembrance of Marjorie Maxey Sidoti
8:15 Our Lady of Victory Golden Treasury
The Toomey Family by The Toomey Family
12:10 Helen Opiel by Family
Anne Skrzynski by Joseph Skrzynski & Family

Wednesday, September 21—St. Matthew
7:30 Thelma Miller by Gregory Stachowski
Patrick F. Starkey by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Beres & Fam.
8:15 For the People of the Parish
The Gruttadauria & Bona Families by Mrs. Petrina Bona & Family
12:10 Eugene Ringle by Daughter, Louise
Poor Souls in Purgatory by The Ciavarella Family

Thursday, September 22
7:30 Edward & Alice Sobon by Daughter
Milena Casciani by Paula, John & Gabriella
12:10 Frank Lipowski by Lori Dickenson

Friday, September 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
7:30 Mary Lou Nasso by John & Mary Ann Tiberio
Immaculate Heart of Mary by Carmen Rose Kozlowski
8:15 Marcia & Angelo Syracuse by Mr. & Mrs. R. Syracuse
Kevin & Kay O'Neill (Living) by Kevin & Kay O'Neill
12:10 Adele Burdzy Schultz by The Swiech Family
Eugene A. Ruszkowski by Jane & Dennis Fish

Saturday, September 24
7:30 Philomena Fitzgerald by Rita Houlihan & Vincent
11:30 Wedding: Colin Kenneth Meyers & Tiffany Marie King
1:30 Wedding: Joseph Patrick Sullivan II & Jessica Lynn Miklos
4:30 Lawrence McNamara by Deacon & Mrs. Comerford

Sunday, September 25—Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Rita Gallagher (Birthday) by Pat & Marilyn Gallagher
10:00 Frank Brysinski by Dr. & Mrs. Owen Moy & Sons
12:00 Karl Fort by Wife & Children
4:30 Robert E. Spahn by Family

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Sunday, September 18—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Education Collection
8:00 a.m. Knights of St. John Annual Mass (Bas)
8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes Begin (1-9)
1:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice (Bas)

Monday, September 19—St. Januarius
7:00 p.m. Confirmation (Bas)
NO Folk Group Practice

Tuesday, September 20—SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
8:45 a.m. Reconciliation Grades 3-8
6:00 p.m. Parent Meeting Grades 6-8 (Caf)
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (Bas)
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (MR)
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting (SC) (Mus R)
8:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting (MR)

Wednesday, September 21—St. Matthew
7:00 p.m. RCIA (Mus R)

Thursday, September 22
1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (MR)

Friday, September 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
1:00-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Bas)
2:00-3:00 p.m. Pro-Life Holy Hour (IH)

Saturday, September 24
9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy Practice (MR)
3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions (Bas)

Sunday, September 25—Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday
8:40 a.m. Religious Ed Classes (1-9)
10:00 a.m. Installation of Parish Council (Bas)
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Bas); Reception (MR)
1:00 p.m. Baptisms (Bas)

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Change in Meeting Date and Location

Our Parish Council meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room.*** The Liturgy Committee will meet on ***Tuesday, September 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Marian Room***.

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Our OLV teachers and students were in full swing last week with the beginning of full school days. ***Thank you goes out to our STREAM coordinator, Mrs. Abrams***, who has been organizing the teachers as they work hard to incorporate their STREAM lessons into their weekly curriculum. For those who are not familiar, we are a full-fledged STREAM School this year. Our teachers continue to be trained in incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics through carefully planned fun and engaging activities throughout each week. The STREAM Sprouts: Exploring Creation is one program. This class gives the children involved in it the chance to build a foundation for the love of our Natural World. Rockin Roller Coasters allows our students to have fun with Physics. Lego University offers a chance for students to be architects and engineers as they undertake design challenges connected to their daily subjects. These are just a few of the learning opportunities the STREAM program offers throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more, don't hesitate to stop in to learn all about it!

Important School dates:

- Grades 3-8 will receive the ***Sacrament of Reconciliation*** on September 20th after morning Mass.
- ***Back to School Parent's Night on September 20th is for grades 6-8.*** It will begin at 6:00 p.m. A representative from the Diocese will be here to talk about STREAM; H.S.A. will be here to talk to parents about the year's activities, and our Jr. High teachers will present to the parents as well.
- ***There will be no formal H.S.A. meeting that night as previously scheduled*** as H.S.A. will present to the parents at the general meeting before our Jr. High teachers begin their presentation.

Children's Liturgy
Sunday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m.

We will celebrate our first ***Children's Liturgy*** of this school year on ***Sunday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the main church.*** Mass will be followed by a refreshment time in the Marian Room, downstairs.

Practice for this liturgy will take place on ***Saturday, September 24, 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. We need readers, greeters, collectors, gift bearers and singers. ***Please call Tina Hatem at 826-5075 if your child would like to volunteer as a minister.***

To all of you who have attended our Children's Masses in the past, we look forward to seeing you after the beautiful summer! If you have never joined us before, we want you to know that we are a friendly bunch and always want to meet new friends! Please consider coming to see what we are about. All are welcome!

Basilica Choir Seeking Members

Our parish choir is returning from summer break and is seeking new members. The choir sings for Noon Mass on Sunday and rehearses most Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in traditional and contemporary choral music, why not give us a try? See David Nease, our choirmaster, after one of the weekend Masses or call the rectory. High school and college students, as well as adults, are welcome.

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.

Do You Want to Become Catholic?

Want to become Catholic? Come home to Rome sweet Home!

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO…

- ***Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?***
- ***Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?***

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and faith story in a warm, accepting setting. Must be 18 or older. ***For information, please contact Father Sam Giangreco at the Rectory at 716-828-9428 or at sgiangreco@ourladyofvictory.org.***

OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society News

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society provides a lot of help and food for the needy in Lackawanna. ***If you would like to help by becoming a member, you are invited to a special Mass on Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Basilica*** honoring the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. ***Following Mass, you are invited to attend a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.*** with the members. For more information, please call 716-430-1613.

Do You Feel You *Might* Be Called to the Priesthood?

Are you a young man in ***high school*** who thinks he might be called to the priesthood? Then consider meeting up with guys like yourself to discuss your thoughts and feelings about the priesthood with Father Andrew Lauricella, the Vocation Director. It is called the ***"St. Joseph Club."*** Pick up a copy of the green pamphlet in the main vestibule of the church for more information. Talk to Father Sam, too!

Are you a man of ***college age or older*** who thinks he might be called to the priesthood? Then consider meeting up with men like yourself to discuss your thoughts and questions with Father Andrew Lauricella, the Vocation Director. It is called the ***"Response Program."*** Take a copy of the yellow pamphlet in the main vestibule of the church for more information. Talk to Father Sam, too.

Sunday, September 11th

Weekly:	$	13,830.00
Monthly:	$	431.00
Total:	$	14,261.00
Shrines	$	2,129.44
Pennies	$	281.73
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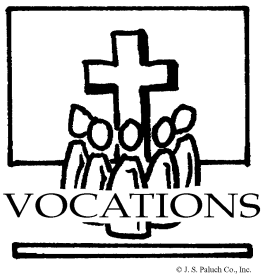
Wedding Banns

Colin Kenneth Meyers & Tiffany Marie King
Joseph Patrick Sullivan II & Jessica Lynn Miklos
Jason Vincent Adam & Catherine Christine Diaz

REMINDER*:** Newlyweds planning to remain parishioners of Our Lady of Victory ***need to complete a new Parish Census Form and register as a married couple.

September Gift Shop News

During the month of September, all ***Books*** will be discounted by 10%.



Vocation Thought
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We make many choices in life. The most important choice we must make is whether we will follow God's voice or one of the many other misleading ones. We cannot choose both! Which will you choose? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website: www.buffalovocations.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Spaghetti Dinner ***at St. Anthony's Drilling Hall***, 306 Ingham Avenue, Lackawanna, on ***Sunday, September 18, from Noon to 5:00 p.m. or sell out***. Donation: $9.00 (Dine In or Take Out). Spaghetti, Sauce, Meatballs donated by Joe Jerge (Mulberry Italian Ristorante). Tickets for the dinner and raffle will be available at the door.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Baker #1043 will hold their next meeting on ***Monday, September 19, in the Hall at Holy Family Church***, corner of South Park and Tifft, ***at 6:30 p.m. Please note the change in location.*** Reports will be given on the National Convention, updates in programming and officer training held over the summer. Consideration will be given to what charities we wish to support this year and how to fund that support. Information on CDA Sunday, and other upcoming events, will be discussed. As always, there will be refreshments. All Catholic women over 18 are welcome to attend.

"Tips for Raising Teens": Father Joseph Bayne, OFM Conv., currently serving as executive director of The Franciscan Center in Buffalo, which assists at risk teenagers transform their lives and reenter family life along with independent living skills through goal setting, will be making his presentation of ***"Tips for Raising Teens" on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Blasdell***. All are welcome!

Fourteen Holy Helper's Mission XIV will be held ***Sunday, September 25 through Saturday, October 1.*** The Mission will begin on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and the remainder of the week at 6:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 9:30 p.m. Mission is a week of dynamic speakers, special liturgical services, great music and good food - a most uplifting and renewing experience. Everyone 14 and over is invited. If interested, please call Anna at 674-3178.

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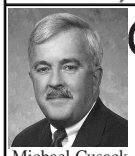
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