

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 01, 2017

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • 9:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

Monday - Friday • 9:15 a.m.

Thomas More Chapel • Parish Barn • 14135 Seneca Road

Sacrament of Penance • Saturday • 4:00 p.m. • Or by request

VISION STATEMENT

“Guided by the Light of Christ, we are building a vibrant, welcoming community of *fellowship, grace, love* of God and one another.”

MARY

We honor Mary as our mother in faith and pattern of holiness in daily life.

CHARISM

The name of our parish reminds us to make the corporal and spiritual works of mercy a personal priority.

STEWARDSHIP

We accept our responsibility to properly use the time, talent and treasure God has entrusted to us: as graced individuals, as a gifted parish, and as a blessed nation.

MINISTRY

We are called by our baptism to worship the Father, to build community in the Spirit, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to serve all those in need.

TRADITION

We are proud to live our Christian faith as members of the Roman Catholic Church and as a parish of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Pastoral Council

Vice-Chair

Deacon Thaddeus Dmuchowski

Liturgical Life Committee

Anita Stiger, (301) 869-8154

Parish Life Committee

Joseph Young, (301) 219-6897

Faith Formation For Life Committee

Robert McDonald, Ph.D. (301) 869-3366

Social Concerns Committee

Kathryn Sutton, (202) 739-5738

At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

Timothy J. Hahn, (301) 926-7980

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Pastor, Ext. 109

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.

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Stewardship Council

Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

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Facilities Committee

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

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Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

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Liturgical Life

Readings for the Week of January 01, 2017

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3c-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20/
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23,
31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a, 9b/Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

THANK YOU to our liturgical ministers for their generous commitment during this Christmas season; to the cantors, accompanists, and choir for their inspiring music; and to those who generously helped decorate the church and set up the manger.

LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER: One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermartues Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

CHRISTMAS MANGER: The national Christmas Tree at The Ellipse was lit on Thursday, 01 December 2016. Our Lady of the Visitation Parish set up our Christmas Manger scene for the weekend of 03-04 December to reflect the spiritual side of Christmas and to balance the various secular traditions of tree lightings, shopping, etc. Of course the Infant Jesus was not placed in the manger until Christmas Eve.

The Epiphany of the Lord: 07-08 January: PRESIDENTS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau
9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau
11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil/Deacon Bob

CHRISTMAS SEASON: Next to the yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season, which extends from Christmas Eve through the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, 09 January 2017.

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of Dr. Edgar H. Adams, father of Bill Adams, and of Bridget Quine, mother of James Quine. We commend them and their families in our prayers to God.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce the winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for 2016 for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish: 3rd Place, Michaela Dailey (4-6th Grade); Honorable Mention, Melina Torres (4-6th Grade); Honorable Mention, Mya Plummer (1st-3rd Grade); and Honorable Mention, Olivia Carroll (1st-3rd Grade).

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), and **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000).

SAINTS/WINDOWS:

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, 1 January: "Mother of God" is the oldest title and feast for Mary. Mary, under this title, is the patroness of the Archdiocese of Washington. The coat of arms for our Archdiocese appears in the upper panel; St. Matthew's, the Cathedral for our Archdiocese, appears in the lower panel.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

ELIZABETH ANN SETON, 4 January: Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was born in New York and raised as an Episcopalian. Widowed with five children Elizabeth became a Catholic and was especially devoted to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (upper panel). She founded the American Sisters of Charity in 1809, establishing the foundation for the parochial school system in America. Mary of Nazareth School, a school serving our parish and six other parishes, met in our parish barn (lower panel) until their new school was built in 1996.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN, 5 January: St. John Neumann (1811-1860) was born in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States and was ordained a priest in New York City. He joined the Redemptorists (upper panel) and did missionary work in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. Consecrated bishop of Philadelphia (lower panel), he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, invited teaching orders to the diocese, and established parishes for immigrants. John Neumann was also known for his great love for the Eucharist and for the rosary.

MASS FOR 7TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS: All 7th Grade Confirmands and families are invited to attend the 11:00 a.m. liturgy on **Sunday, 22 January 2017**. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments in Founders Hall. Contact Fr. Ray at rfecteau@olvp.org with questions concerning Confirmation.

FIRST PENANCE: A First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on **28 January 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church. A reception for children and their families will follow in Founders Hall. For information, please contact Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. For information and/or to register, contact the parish office at krooney@olvp.org.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Following the policy of Donald Cardinal Wuerl, the Sacramental Programs for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance are parish and family based. For youth, Confirmation is a three-year program that begins in the sixth grade; Eucharist/Penance is a two-year program that begins in the first grade. Throughout this period of preparation, children are to be participating in a formal religious educa-

tion program in our parish or in a Catholic school. Registration in our parish Faith Formation Program is separate from registration in our Sacramental Preparation Program. For information, contact the parish office at molewack@olvp.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevent you from attending Mass, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

MATRIMONY: It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date. **Do not plan the reception until you meet with the Priest/Deacon.** Please email Father Raymond Fecteau at (rfecteau@olvp.org), Father Mathew Punchayil at (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski at (thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com) or Deacon Robert Fischer at (olvpdeacon@gmail.com).

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office at (301) 948-5536.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for The Epiphany of the Lord will be held on **Tuesday, 03 January 2017** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

CATECHIST NEEDED FOR CHURCH SCHOOL: Beginning in January, an additional catechist will be needed for Sunday Church School during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michele Olewack at (301) 948-5536 or email molewack@olvp.org.

MARY OF NAZARETH OPEN HOUSE: Mary of Nazareth School will hold an Open House for all interested new families on **Sunday, 29 January 2017** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Tour the facility, meet the teachers and talk to school parents and students. Online registration for 2017-2018 is now available on the school website, www.maryofnazareth.org. Please see the "Admissions" tab for complete details on registration or call the school office at (301) 869-0940 ext. 3.

Social Concerns

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Thank you to all those who volunteered to help at the Lord's Table Soup Kitchen on **29 December 2016**.

U.S. CHURCH MISSIONS AND ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES (AMS) COLLECTION: This combined collection will be taken on **14-15 January 2017**. Mandated by the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, the Church Missions collection embodies the church's concern for evangelizing black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples in the United States. The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments and the reaffirming Word of Christ to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. To provide these services, they need your help—the AMS receives no federal funding.

YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE: Friday, 27 January 2017: For information on the rally and tickets, visit YouthRallyandMassforLife.org.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed on **Monday, 02 January 2017** in honor of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

SNOW POLICY: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Daily liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please email parishoffice@olvp.org to report the problem so that we may have it fixed.

Finance

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: Why not help OLVP prepare for the new year by signing up with Faith Direct? Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net—our Church Code is MD 114.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: To receive tax credit in 2016, your **contributions** must be dated by **Saturday, 31 December 2016**, postmarked by **Monday, 02 January 2017** and received in the parish office by **Wednesday, 04 January 2017** to be credited to your statement.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
JANUARY 2017	
01 Sun	Mary, Mother of God Sacred Liturgy: 9:00 and 11:00 am, Church No Church School No Faith Formation Sessions
02 Mon	Office Closed
03 Tue	Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn No Faith Formation Sessions Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn
04 Wed	No Faith Formation Sessions
8 Sun	Epiphany of the Lord
9	Mortgage Collection Family Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m. Men's Club: 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
10 Tue	Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
11 Wed	Faith Formation Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
15 Sun	Church Mission and Military Service Collection No Church School No Faith Formation Sessions
16 Mon	Office Closed—Martin Luther King Holiday
17 Tue	Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
18 Wed	Faith Formation Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
22 Sun	Shady Grove Pregnancy Center/Birthright Collection Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m. Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and meeting 7th Grade Mass, 11:00 a.m. w/refreshments Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory
24 Tue	Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
25 Wed	Faith Formation Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
27 Fri	Youth Rally and Mass for Life
28 Sat	First Reconciliation, 9:00 a.m., Church
29 Sun	Shady Grove Pregnancy Center/Birthright Collection Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m. Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and meeting Reception after 9:00 a.m. Liturgy for Catholic Schools' Week Mary of Nazareth Open House, 1:00-3:00 pm Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall