

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 January 2018

## 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

Will Flaig (301) 869-2830

#### At-Large Member

Vacant

#### 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

John Feeney, (301) 762-2116

#### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

#### Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

#### Parish Manager, Ext. 103

Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

#### Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

#### Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
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#### Parochial Vicar, Ext. 101

The Rev. Mathew PUNCHAYIL, Ph.D.  
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

2 Sat Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

MAY 2018

5 Sat NIH Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church

FEBRUARY 2018

27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Church

25 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
**8th Gr. Confirmands, 11:00 a.m. Mass**  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Church

24 Sat Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance

23 Fri Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance  
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church

21 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance

20 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

19 Mon **Office Closed, Presidents' Day**

18 Sun **No Church School**  
**Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting**  
**No Faith Formation Classes**

16 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**

14 Wed **Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution Of Ashes at 6:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service, 8:00 p.m., Church**

13 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

11 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall

10 Sat **7th Gr. Confirmation Study Session II, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall**

09 Fri **Volunteer Party, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall**

06 Tue **Family Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall**  
Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

04 Sun Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn  
Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
No Faith Formation Classes

03 Sat **Getting Ready Day II, 9:00 a.m., Church**  
**Baptism Prep. Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**

JANUARY 2018

30 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

28 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
**Catholic Schools Week: 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
Students wear uniform to Mass.  
Refreshments in Founders Hall  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall  
**High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory**



*Faith Formation for Life*

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Our school is hosting coffee and donuts in Founders Hall today, **Sunday 28 January 2018, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.**

Children and parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet the talented faculty, and tour the beautiful campus of our regional Catholic Elementary School **today, Sunday 28 January 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** For information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us> or please call (301) 869-0940.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 30 January 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.**

**MARY OF NAZARETH PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION:** Visitation Parish families, both new and returning, who are registering to attend Mary of Nazareth School (2018-2019) are asked to **mail their pastoral recommendation forms to the parish office** as soon as possible. Please mail them to: Attn: Pastoral Form, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Be sure to include a family picture. The office will process the forms and deliver them directly to Mary of Nazareth School.

*Social Concerns*

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all those parishioners who donated new baby items to our collection for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County.

**MARYLAND CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT:** On **Thursday 22 February 2018**, mingle with like-minded Catholics at the 34th annual Catholics in Annapolis event. You will be briefed on the relevant issues considered by the General Assembly and provided shuttles for visits to your legislators' offices and a reception for all the members of the General Assembly and our Bishops and Church leaders. To register, go to

www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight or call (410) 269-1155 or (301) 261-1979.

**Liturgical Life**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 03-04 February 2018, PRESIDERS:**

**5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau**

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**11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil**

**Readings for the Week of 28 January 2018**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**ORDINARY TIME:** Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms 43). Ordinary Time began on Tuesday 09 January and continues through Tuesday 13 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends, on Monday 21 May, the day following Pentecost.

**IN/OUT OF FLU SEASON:** No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of goodwill. Also, he or she may wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by mouth. Common sense dictates that you remain at home, if feeling unwell.

**CHRISTMAS CRECHE:** The Christmas Season in the Roman Catholic Church once extended from 24 December, Christmas Eve, through the Feast of the

Presentation of the Lord, 2 February. The length of the Christmas Season was changed during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Today, the Christmas Season ends on the evening of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (8 January in 2018). Many families and parishes choose to keep cherished Christmas customs according to the old liturgical calendar. And so, Visitation Parish families will be able to visit our beautiful nativity scene for a few more weeks. In a special prayer on Christmas Day our pastor asked that God bless all who look upon our manger.

**Parish Life**

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last weekend, Liam Michael Williams celebrated Baptism.

**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).

**ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Saturday 10 February 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Founders Hall.** Come and enjoy food, fun, music and friendship. All adult parishioners who have volunteered in any capacity in the parish are invited. Please **RSVP by Thursday 08 February 2018** by calling (301) 948-5536.

**FAMILY BINGO: Friday 09 February 2018, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Founders Hall.** Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$3.00 for a 3-card sheet. Families with last names beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

**INFANT BAPTISM CLASS:** 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. The next class is scheduled on **Saturday 03 February 2018** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.



**GETTING READY DAY II:** The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2018 is scheduled for **Saturday 03 February 2018** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

**FORMED.ORG:** Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED.org, a digital platform that gives every parishioner access to feature films, video-based study programs, audio presentations and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters, available in both English and Spanish, **at no cost to you.** All you have to do is register—here's how: 1. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) 2. Click on Register (lower right of page). 3. Enter Parish Access Code: **6QJXKX.** 4) Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later). 5.) Make a selection.

**MONTHLY TELEPHONE ROSARY:** Join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4th of each month at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray as a community by calling 605-468-8016 and inserting access code: 357090#. Questions? Contact Carol Monaco at [csmonaco@verizon.net](mailto:csmonaco@verizon.net).

**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 education 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, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 107.

**MATRIMONY POLICY:** 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 ([rfecteau@olvp.org](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)), Father Mathew Punchayil ([matpunchayil@yahoo.com](mailto:matpunchayil@yahoo.com)), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com)) or Deacon Robert Fischer ([olvpdeacon@gmail.com](mailto:olvpdeacon@gmail.com)).

**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.

**ALL HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES** have Catholic Chaplains to care for Catholic patients and residents. On admission, be sure to notify the staff of your desire to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and/or the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?** If you have heard the call of God to become a Catholic, please call the parish office (301)948-5536.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please email the parish office at [parishoffice@olvp.org](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org).

### *Facilities*

**DOVE OF PEACE:** The classic representation of the Holy Spirit, mounted on the rear wall of the church, is inspired by Bernini's window in St. Peter's Basilica. The top four short starburst rays symbolize the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as well as the four cardinal virtues, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance. The six bottom starburst rays represent the six days of creation as well as the divine attributes of Power, Majesty, Wisdom, Love, Mercy and Justice.

### *Finance*

**WHY FAITH DIRECT?:** *Faith Direct* is a great way to ensure that your gifts of treasure to OLVP are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114.**

### *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE:** Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**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.