

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 08, 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

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At-Large Member

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Principal of Parish School

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Pastor, Ext. 109

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

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Human Resources Committee

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Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

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EASTER SUNDAY 2017: Easter Sunday is a moveable feast; it is an ancient custom to announce the date of Easter on the *Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*. Therefore, we joyfully announce that this year, *Easter Sunday, The Sunday of Sundays, will be celebrated on 16 April 2017*; the Season of Easter ends on Pentecost Sunday, 04 June 2017.



Liturgical Life

Readings for the Week of January 08, 2017

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10/Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20
and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11/
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8/
Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8-10, 15/
Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Parishioners are not obliged to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50. **Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather.** Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 14-15 January: PRESIDERS:

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

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Cecelia Hermine Fellner, Theresia Anne Fellner and Michael James Schneider** 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).

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.

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 and established 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

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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 their 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 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, 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.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SNOW EMERGENCY: Faith Formation sessions are cancelled if a snow emergency plan is in effect or if Montgomery County public schools are closed for school/community use.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 10 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@olp.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

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.

BABY ITEM COLLECTION: All parishioners are encouraged to celebrate the gift of life by donating new baby items such as diapers, wipes and all baby clothing (including coats) for newborns up to size 2T, to support the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County. Items may be left in the alcove downstairs in the church after Mass on the



weekends of **21-22 January** and **28-29 January** 2017. These collection dates were chosen to highlight the needs of babies and pregnant mothers during the weekends before and after the 27 January 2017 *March for Life*.

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

ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE: The Adult and Family Rally & Mass for Life will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St Matthew on Friday, 27 January 2017. All parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to attend this event. Please visit adw.org/family_rally for more information.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, 16 January 2017** for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2017

- 08 Sun Epiphany of the Lord
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
- 31 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall**

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- 01 Wed Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall**
- 05 Sun Mortgage Collection**
Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation
Grades 6, 7, 8: 12:00 noon, Founders Hall