

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November 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

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Parish Life Committee

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At-Large Member

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

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

May 2018

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

DECEMBER 2017

17 Sun Christmas Pageant, 6:00 p.m., Church

11 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

10 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church
Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Religious Retirement Collection
Head Start Food Bags Distributed

Faith Formation:

Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

09 Sat Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

08 Fri Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Masses at Noon and 6:00 p.m., Church

Office Closes at Noon

Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

07 Thu Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

06 Wed Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

05 Tue Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m.

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn

04 Mon Christmas Tree Sales, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

03 Sun Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mortgage Collection

Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church

Faith Formation:

Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

02 Sat Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

01 Fri Tree Sales Begin, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

30 Thu The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen
Christmas Trees Delivered, 1:00 p.m.

28 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

26 Sun No Church School, Thanksgiving
No Faith Formation, Thanksgiving

24 Fri Office Closed

23 Thu Office Closed, Thanksgiving

22 Wed Sacred Liturgy, 6:00 p.m., Church
Collection for Church in Haiti

21 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation Sessions

Sodality, Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn

19 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church

Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
Family Bingo, 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall

Faith Formation:

Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory



Liturgical Life

ADVENT: The Advent Season is a four week period of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. It is a “mini-Lent” in the sense that it is a time for us to properly prepare ourselves by praying, by fasting, and by performing works of mercy. St. Bernard of Clairvaux reminds us that in Advent, we celebrate the three-fold coming of Christ: 1) Jesus came to us once in flesh and human frailty (Incarnation); 2) Jesus comes to us now in Sacred Word and Sacramental Mystery (Each Liturgical Year); 3) Jesus will come again in great glory and majesty (Second Coming). St. Bernard also reminds us that Advent is a most appropriate time to honor Mary—patroness of our Country, our Archdiocese and our Parish. Advent begins on **Sunday 03 December 2017.**

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. Hermannus Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, the traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

CHRISTMAS EVE PASSES are required for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve liturgy. Forms will be included with the newsletter, which will be mailed to all parishioners by Thanksgiving. If you do not receive the newsletter, please contact the parish office at (301) 948-5536.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: 25-26 November: PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

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SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER: In a particular way, on the Solemnity of Christ the King, **26 November 2017**, the Church of Washington together with the faithful around the country will observe “Solidarity in Suffering,” a special day of prayer for persecuted

Christians. To learn more, please visit usccb.org/middle-east-Christians.

THANKSGIVING LITURGY will be celebrated on **Wednesday evening, 22 November 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church.

Readings for the Week of 19 November 2017

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. A list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died this past year can be found in today's bulletin.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joseph Parran** (02 November 2002), **Elizabeth Susan Paré** (03 November 2014), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (07 November 2006), **Edna Walters** (08 November 1999), **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005), **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007), **Clara Victoria Nunzio** (15 November 2014), **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004), **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 November 2007), **Alice Huff-Fones** (27 November 2001), and **the Rev. Walter L. Lawrence** (28 November 2007).

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 20, 22, and 23 December 2017** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

FAMILY BINGO: TODAY!! Sunday 19 November 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring the en-

tire family to play Bingo. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Bingo is sponsored by the Men's Club, the Sodality and Mary of Nazareth families.

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. 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.

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), Father Mathew Punchayil (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski (thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com) or Deacon Robert Fischer (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 e-mail the parish office at parishoffice@olvp.org.

Faith Formation for Life

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Parents, grandparents, siblings, invited guests and all parishioners are welcome to attend our annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday 17 December 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.** Please email Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org for more information.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, will be held on **Tuesday, 21 November 2017,** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Social Concerns

IT IS NOT TOO LATE: If you have not yet made your pledge or outright gift to the Cardinal's Appeal there is still time to do so for the 2017 Appeal. We need **everyone's help** to reach our goal. As of 06 November 2017, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has pledged \$132,582.34 to the Cardinal's Appeal. This is 99% of the goal established for our parish. To date, 94% of the pledges have been received. Please visit the Appeal's secure website at <https://appeal.adw.org> to make a pledge/gift or, if you prefer, please contact Valerie Brown, Director of the Cardinal's Appeal at 301-853-4574 or brownv@adw.org. On behalf of those who benefit from your support, thank you for your generous gift to the Church of Washington.

FALL COLLECTION FOR ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY: Thank you to all parishioners who donated so generously to this collection.

HELP FOR LOCAL VETERANS: A heartfelt thank you to all those who helped provide the Darnewtown Safe Haven House, a facility for re-habilitating homeless veterans, with items for independent living. Your donations were gratefully received.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION: Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. This second collection on **Sunday 10 December 2017,** helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous to this national collection.

ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS: The Adopted Family Christmas Collection will be held on **09-10 December 2017.** Watch the bulletin for further details on how to contribute.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Please join fellow parishioners in preparing and serving dinner for the poor and homeless on the afternoon of **Thursday 30 November 2017.** Various duties and time slots are available. If you can help, please contact Mike McAllister at mikem141@aol.com or 301-330-2656.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION: A collection will be taken on **Wednesday, 22 November 2017** at the 6:00 p.m. Mass to benefit our sister parish in Gonaives, Haiti.

Human Resources



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Trees will be delivered and unloaded on **Thursday 30 November** at 1:00 p.m.; sales will begin on **Friday 01 December** through **Sunday 10 December.** There are opportunities for everyone. This is fun, plain and simple! All ages may participate. If you would like to be part of this annual event, **go to www.olvp.org and click on the link for Sign-up Genius.** It is easy and you will see right away which of your friends have already planned to help. Don't miss out on the Christmas fun! Plan to sign-up today.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will close on **Thursday and Friday, 23 and 24 November** in honor of Thanksgiving. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, **10:00 a.m. to 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?: With the arrival of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in *Faith Direct* today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish 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—our Church Code is MD114.