

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26 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

Anita Stiger, (301) 869-8154

Parish Life Committee

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Faith Formation For Life Committee

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At-Large Member

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

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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

23 Sat Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance

22 Fri Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
Office Closes at Noon

20 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance

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

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

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

Head Start Food Bags Collected

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

Faith Formation:

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

High School, 6:00 p.m. Pageant,
6:30p.m., Rector

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

Faith Formation:

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

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

Religious Retirement Collection

Head Start Food Bags Distributed

Adopted Family Collection

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

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., Church
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



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 was mailed to all parishioners. If you have not received the newsletter, please contact the parish office at (301) 948-5536.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 08 December is the patronal feast of the United States and is always a Holy Day of Obligation. Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated in the church at **12:00 noon** and at **6:00 p.m.** on **Friday, 08 December 2017** to honor Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

ADVENT WREATH: The season of Advent prepares us not only for Christmas/Epiphany, but also for the whole church year. The revised Roman ritual of 1989 states that four purple or four white candles may be used for the Advent wreath in the church or home.

In our parish, we use an evergreen wreath, white candles and purple bows.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 02-03 December 2017, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

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11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of 26 November 2017

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Lewis Jones**, stepfather of Cathy (Rick) Faraone. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

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.

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 email 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 First Sunday of Advent will be held on **Tuesday, 28 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.

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: Your donations may be placed in the alcove by Founders Hall after the Masses on **09-10 December 2017.**

ST. NICHOLAS CATALOG: Give a gift and help a charity of your choice by placing an order from the St. Nicholas Christmas Catalog inserted in today's bulletin. You will receive a card that specified the gifts you purchased from the charity. Orders must be received by **Monday, 18 December 2017.**



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.

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 at Noon on **Friday 08 December 2017** to celebrate *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* 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.

