

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 November 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

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Parish Life Committee

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At-Large Member

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

DECEMBER

- 04 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Advent Reflection, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall
- 03 Mon** **Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
- 02 Sun** **Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
 Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
 Faith Formation:
 High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
- 01 Sat** **Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

NOVEMBER

- 30 Fri** **Tree Sales Begin, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
- 29 Thu** **Trees Off Truck, 1:00 p.m., Parking Lot**
- 27 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Advent Reflection, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall
- 25 Sun** **No Church School**
No Faith Formation Classes
- 24 Sat** **Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
- 23 Fri** **Office Closed**
- 22 Thu** **Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed**
- 21 Wed** **Mass for Thanksgiving, 6:00 p.m., Church**
- 20 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation Classes
- 18 Sun** Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Family BINGO, 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
- 17 Sat** **Christmas Tree Set Up, 8:00 a.m., Parking Lot**
- 13 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 11 Sun** **Mortgage Collection**
 Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Men's Club Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
St. Martin's Food Bags Collected
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 10 Sat** **Art Auction, Knights of Columbus, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall**
- 08 Thu** **Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
- 06 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation, Voting Day
- 04 Sun** Church School, 9:00 a.m.
ADW Priests' Retirement Collection
St. Martin's Food Bags Distributed
Thank You Reception for Father Mathew, Noon to 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall
 Faith Formation:
 High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall



Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 06 November 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

MARY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Mary of Nazareth Catholic Elementary School is holding an Open House on **Tuesday 06 November 2018** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to: <https://www.maryofnazareth.rg/admissions/visit-us/>.

Social Concerns

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION: A collection will be taken on **Wednesday 21 November 2018** at the 6:00 p.m. Mass to benefit our sister parish in Gonaives, Haiti.

FALL COLLECTION FOR ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY: Empty bags will be distributed this weekend, **03 - 04 November 2018**. Bags filled with non-perishable food items in cans or plastic containers will be collected next weekend, **10-11 November 2018**. Grocery store gift cards are accepted but no cash or checks.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON: The collection for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington will be taken this weekend, **03-04 November 2018**. New this year, you can give from your smart phone by texting "Priest" to (301) 231-1816. A link will be sent back that will take you to a donation form. The priests of the archdiocese have been there for all of us. Please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service.

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 02 December 2018**.

THANKSGIVING LITURGY will be celebrated on **Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 10 – 11 November 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 04 November 2018

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Natalie Thea Aschenbach** celebrated Baptism.

THANK YOU to all those parishioners who donated rosaries during the month of October.

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Jesse George Stoner**, cousin of Steven (Ernette) Wagner. 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), **Richard Manfredo** (07 November 2016), **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), **Stephen Graham Arapian** (20 November 2017), **Alice Huff-Fones** (27 November 2001), **the Rev. Walter L. Lawrence** (28 November 2007), and **Edward William Saunders** (30 November 2017).

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 for **Saturday 24 November 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.

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday 18 November 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring the entire family to play Bingo. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Bingo is sponsored by the Men’s Club, the Sodality and by Mary of Nazareth families.



THE MEN’S CLUB (HOLY NAME SOCIETY): Next Sunday we are meeting to put the final touches

on our annual Christmas tree sale. Join us with your ideas to make the 2018 sale an even greater success. Young and “old,” each person has a special gift to contribute to our parish. All interested OLVP men are invited to come to our meeting right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 11 November 2018** in Founders Hall. Meetings are no more than 45 minutes. Coffee and donuts will be served. If you need a ride home, we can provide one for you. For more information, please email Matt Baker at swingsft@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ART AUCTION: Please come out on **Saturday 10 November 2018** for an evening of fun to help the Knights of Columbus raise money to support their local charitable works! Marlin Fine Arts will be featuring art in all media and price ranges along with sports memorabilia. Preview with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m.; auction starts at 7:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. This is a great opportunity to spruce up your home for the holiday season and to start your Christmas shopping. Hope to see you!!

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.

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.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5536 and report the problem so that we may have it fixed.

Finance

Re\$erve\$ FUND: To address the ongoing repairs and replacements needed for the church (e.g. update security), the barn (e.g. new phone system), and the rectory (e.g. update heat/AC system), a much needed budget line item has been added. For now and for the future, please make checks payable to OLVP, and please note: “Re\$erve\$ Fund” on the memo line.

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: With the arrival of autumn, please consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **MD114**.

Human Resources



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Set-up of the lot will be on **Saturday 17 November** at 8:00 a.m.; trees will be delivered and unloaded on **Thursday 29 November** at 1:00 p.m.; sales will begin on

Friday 30 November through **Sunday 09 December**. There are opportunities for everyone. Don't miss out on the parish Christmas fun—plan to sign-up today. Email Matt Baker at swingsft@comcast.net for information and to volunteer, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844ada62ba75-olvps>.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, 22-23 November 2018** to celebrate *Thanksgiving*. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

DEPRESSED? If you or someone you know needs help, call **1-800-273-8255 (TALK)**. The number is staffed 24 hours a day. You can also text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24-hour support from the Crisis Text Line.