

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

05 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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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

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.

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

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 Office Closed, Thanksgiving

23 Thu Sacred Liturgy, 6:00 p.m., Church

22 Wed Collection for Church in Haiti

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

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

18 Sat Christmas Tree Lot Set-Up

17 Fri 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat Bus at Founders Hall at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

12 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church St. Martin's Food Bags Collected Local Veterans' Collection

Faith Formation:

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

11 Sat Baptism Prep. Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn

10 Fri Office Closes at Noon for Veteran's Day

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

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

05 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church ADW Priests' Retirement Collection Mortgage Collection

St. Martin's Food Bags Distributed

Faith Formation:

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



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.**

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 11-12 November: PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

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11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil / Deacon Ted

Readings for the Week of 05 November 2017

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **The Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington. 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).

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday 19 November 2017 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 Mary of Nazareth families.



SAINTS/WINDOWS: 18 November, Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852): Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France in 1769 and entered the Visitation Order at nineteen. After the community was dispersed by the French Revolution, Rose joined St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in her newly founded Society of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). She led a pioneer band of nuns to Missouri, opened schools and also worked in Sugar Creek, Kansas. The Potawatomi Indians called her, "woman who prays always." One night the children placed small feathers on her veil as she knelt in prayer. In the morning, the feathers had not moved (lower panel). She died in 1852 and was canonized in 1988. In the United States her feast day is 18 November.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: The overnight retreat will be held on **Friday 17 November 2017 through Saturday 18 November 2017** at the Bishop Claggett Retreat Center. The bus departs from the OLVp church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and returns in time for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

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. The next class is scheduled for Saturday **11 November 2017** in the parish barn. 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

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 07 November 2017**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Social Concerns

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.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of October 2017, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has pledged \$132,032.34 to the Cardinal's Appeal. This is 99% of the goal established for our parish. It is still possible to contribute to this appeal. Contact the parish office for more information.



FALL COLLECTION FOR ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY: Bags filled with non-perishable food items in cans or plastic containers will be collected on **11-12 November 2017**. Grocery store gift cards are accepted but no cash or checks.

HELP LOCAL VETERANS: The OLVP Sodality and Men's Club provide the Darnestown Safe Haven House, a facility for re-habilitating homeless veterans, with items for independent living. We collect items twice a year. The fall collection will be on the weekend of **11-12 November 2017**. For more information and to be put on the Sign-up Genius, please contact Mary Lott at 301-926-9028 or at mary.lott2@gmail.com.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON: The second collection today, **04-05 November 2017**, is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please use the second collection envelopes that have been mailed to your homes or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews. There is currently a shortfall in funding for priests' retirement, and the archdiocese is working diligently to address this shortfall through such efforts as this special collection. 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.

HELP NEEDED WITH WOMEN'S SHELTER: The Dorothy Day Women's Shelter in Rockville is part of Catholic Charities. The Visitation Parish Sodality provides dinner for the shelter once a month: main course, sides, and dessert. Thank you to those who helped this month; help is always needed! For more information, please contact Diana Hurley at (301) 216-0870 or at hurley05@verizon.net.

Human Resources

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Set-up of the lot will be on **Saturday 18 November** at 8:00 a.m.; 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 10 November** in honor of Veterans' Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

PARISH RECORD KEEPING: Have you changed your address, telephone number or email? Are you planning to move out of the area? If so, please advise the parish office, at cenos@olvp.org, so that the records may be updated. Thank you.

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 autumn, we invite you to join *Faith Direct*, our parish's electronic eGiving program. Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, **MD114**, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

