

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fourth Sunday of Advent

23 December 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

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

Kathryn Sutton, (202) 739-5738

At-Large Member

William Bouley (240) 848-0532

At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Pastor

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

Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

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Facilities Committee

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Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

Parish Manager

Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

Director of Faith Formation

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

Deacons

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In Residence

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 23 Sun No Church School
No Faith Formation Classes
- 24 Mon Office Closes at Noon
Christmas Eve Masses:
Sacred Liturgy, 4:00, 7:00, & 10:00 p.m.
- 25 Tue Christmas Day
Sacred Liturgy, 11:00 a.m.
Office Closed
- 26 Wed Office Closed
- 30 Sun No Church School
No Faith Formation Classes
- 31 Mon Office Closes at Noon

JANUARY 2019

- 01 Tue Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sacred Liturgy, Noon, Church
No Faith Formation Classes
Office Closed
- 06 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 08 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 13 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Collection for U.S. Church Missions
Baby Items Collection
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 20 Sun No Church School
Baby Items Collection
No Faith Formation
- 21 Mon Office Closed, Martin Luther King Jr.
- 22 Tue National Day of Prayer for Unborn
Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY

- 04 Sat NIH Concert, 7:00 p.m., Church

JUNE

- 01 Sat Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica



Social Concerns

THANK YOU to all the families who purchased gifts through our Alternative (St. Nicholas) Christmas Catalogue.

HEAD START THANK YOU: Thank you to those parishioners who donated to the Head Start Food Collection this year.

ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: All are invited to attend the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Capital One Arena in Washington, DC on **Friday 18 January 2019**. Doors will open at 6:15 a.m.; doors will close at 7:15 a.m. Go to www.adw.org to order tickets.

Liturgical Life

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD LITURGY: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of opportunity. Mass will be celebrated at **Noon** on **Tuesday 01 January 2019** in the church.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: 29-30 December 2018, **PRESIDERS:**

- 5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau
- 9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Puchayil
- 11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Monday 24 December 2018 Presiders:

- 4:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau
- 7:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Puchayil
- 10:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Tuesday 25 December 2018 Presiders:

- 11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

NEW PRESIDERS: The Dominican Fathers and Brothers, O.P., Province of Nigeria, have graciously agreed to celebrate Mass with us here at OLVP in 2019 especially in view of the Rev. Mathew Puchayil's retirement to India. When you see them, please take a moment to introduce yourself and to thank them for their help.

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. The Christmas season extends from Christmas Eve through the Baptism of the Lord, 13 January 2019.

Readings for the Week of 23 December 2018

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday:
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

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. Hermanus 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 not required for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve liturgy. However please be aware that you need to get here **EARLY**. The Fire Marshall reminds us that we must obey occupancy regulations.

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 good will. 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.

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Abbot Aidan Shea**, a Benedictine priest in the Archdiocese of Washington. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Nicanor Aquino** (3 December 2005), **Winifred Donnellan** (4 December 1991), **Stefano Zanello** (7 December 2010), **Filomena Picciano** (08 December 1993), **Mary Palko** (13 December 2015), **Steven Pindell** (18 December 1994), **Anna Giattino** (20 December 2011), **Nicholas Toran** (27 December 1993), and **Matthew Todd Wolff** (27 December 1997).

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.

FIRST PENANCE: A First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on **Saturday 26 January 2019** 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS: Three OLVP parishioners were awarded prizes for their posters. **Cayetano Nicodemus** won First Place in the K-2nd Grade category; **Jashwin Fernandes** won Honorable Mention in the 3-5th Grade Category, and **Valerie Hoang** won Honorable Mention in the 6-8th Grade Category. Congratulations!

WINDOW: 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.

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.

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: Thank you to all the youth and adult participants and volunteers who helped make our Christmas Pageant such a wonderful success.

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Children and parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet the talented faculty, and tour the beautiful campus of our regional Catholic Elementary School on **Sunday, 27 January 2019** from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** For information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us> or please call (301) 869-0940.

Finance

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: We are grateful to parishioners who make extra donations to the parish at Christmas. At Christmas and at Easter two separate collections are taken in order to balance our parish budget. **We really need your help!**

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: To receive tax credit for 2018, your contributions **must** be received in the parish office by **Friday 04 January 2019** to be credited to your contribution statement.

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?: In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Our Lady of the Visitation parish, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **MD114.**

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will close at noon on **Monday 24 December 2018** and will reopen on **Thursday 27 December 2018** to celebrate the Christmas holiday. 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.

Facilities

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.

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 fix it.

