

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

30 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

John Feeny, (301) 762-2116

### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

### 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

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER**

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  
26 Sat First Penance, 9:00 a.m., Church  
27 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Church  
High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory  
29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Graces 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**

**BABY ITEM COLLECTION:** All parishioners are encouraged to celebrate the gift of life by donating new baby items such as diapers, wipes and all baby clothing (including coats) for newborns up to size 2T, to support the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County. Items may be left in the alcove downstairs in the church after Mass on the weekends of **12-13 January 2019** and on **19-20 January 2019**. These collection dates were chosen to highlight the needs of babies and pregnant mothers during the weekends before and after the January *March for Life*.

**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](http://www.adw.org) to order tickets.

**U.S. CHURCH MISSIONS:** This collection will be taken on **12-13 January 2019**. Mandated by the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, the Missions collection embodies the church's concern for evangelizing black, American Indian, Eskimo and Al-ut peoples in the United States.

**Liturgical Life**

**THANK YOU** to our liturgical ministers for their generous commitment during this Christmas season; to the cantors, accompanists, and choir for their inspiring music; and to those who generously helped decorate the church and set up the manger.

**NEW PRESIDER:** 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 Panchayil's retirement to India. When you see them, please take a moment to introduce yourself and to thank them for their help.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: 05-06 January 2019, PRESIDERS:**

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

**EPIPHANY ANNIVERSARY:** On the *Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord, 06 January 2019* we will celebrate the 28th anniversary of our first public Mass in Darnestown.

**Readings for the Week of 30 December 2018**

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42  
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/ Jn 1:43-51  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**NEW:** Beginning on 02 January 2019 we will celebrate Mass in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays. We will offer a **Communion Service on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.**, also in the Chapel.

**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.

**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.

**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 pre-

sent 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.

**Parish Life**

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000), **Jo-Ellen K. Domalski** (23 January 2013, and **Stella Bahry** (31 January 2013).

**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](mailto:molewack@olvp.org).

**WINDOWS:**

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN, 5 January:** St. John Neumann (1811-1860) was born in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States and was ordained a priest in New York City. He joined the Redemptorists (upper panel) and did missionary work in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. Consecrated bishop of Philadelphia (lower panel), he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, invited teaching orders to the diocese, and established parishes for immigrants. John Neumann was also known for his great love for the Eucharist and for the rosary.

**ELIZABETH ANN SETON, 4 January:** Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was born in New York and raised as an Episcopalian. Widowed with five children Elizabeth became a Catholic and was especially devoted to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (upper panel). She founded the American Sisters of Charity in 1809, establishing the foundation for the

parochial school system in America. Mary of Nazareth School, a school serving our parish and six other parishes, met in our parish barn (lower panel) until their new school was built in 1996.

**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), 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*

**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*

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

**WHY FAITH DIRECT?:** *Faith Direct* is a great way to ensure that your gifts of treasure to OLVP 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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114**.

## *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will close at noon on **Monday 31 December 2018** to celebrate the New Year holiday and will reopen on **Wednesday 02 January 2019**. 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

## *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.