

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 February 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

Will Flaig (301) 869-2830

At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Pastor, Ext. 109

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.
rfecteau@olvp.org

Stewardship Council

Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

John Feeney, (301) 762-2116

Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

Parish Manager, Ext. 103

Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536
Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

Parochial Vicar, Ext. 101

The Rev. Mathew PUNCHAYIL, Ph.D.
matpunchayil@yahoo.com

Mailing Address

14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874

Phone: (301) 948-5536

Fax: (301) 948-7452

Email: parishoffice@olvp.org

Web Site: www.olvp.org

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

MARCH 2018

11 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Men's Club, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
Getting Ready Mass for First Eucharist, Pin and Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Church and Founders Hall

Head Start Collection Bags Distributed
Faith Formation:

Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
09 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

07 Wed Confessions, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church
06 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn

04 Sun Mortgage Collection
Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church

Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory

03 Sat **Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**

02 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

FEBRUARY 2018

28 Wed Confessions, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church
27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

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

25 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
8th Gr. Confirmands, 11:00 a.m. Mass

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

24 Sat **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
23 Fri **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

21 Wed **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**

Confessions: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church
06 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

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

19 Mon **Office Closed, Presidents' Day**

18 Sun **No Church School**
Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
No Faith Formation Classes

16 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

14 Wed **Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 6:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.**
Ecumenical Service, 8:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

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

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

11 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Men's Club, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting

Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
7th Gr. Confirmation Study Session II, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall



Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the First Sunday of Lent will be held on **Tuesday 13 February 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

MARY OF NAZARETH PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION: Visitation Parish families, both new and returning, who are registering to attend Mary of Nazareth School (2018-2019) are asked to **mail their pastoral recommendation forms to the parish office** as soon as possible. Please mail them to: Attn: Pastoral Form, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Be sure to include a family picture. The office will process the forms and deliver them directly to Mary of Nazareth School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Sessions will resume at 6:30 p.m. tonight, **Sunday 11 February 2018** in Founders Hall.

Social Concerns

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As in the past, the theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." *Matthew 6:33*. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offer each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: On the weekend of **24-25 February 2018**, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a second collection for the Church in the Developing World. This collection is directed toward the Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Eu-

rope, and Africa. It supports evangelization, the education of clergy and laity, youth ministry, catechesis, social service programs, and church construction and renovation. The faithful in these areas are often limited in what they can contribute, so your generosity will provide support for areas of ministry we often take for granted in our archdiocese.

MARYLAND CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT: On **Thursday 22 February 2018**, mingle with like-minded Catholics at the 34th annual Catholics in Annapolis event. You will be briefed on the relevant issues considered by the General Assembly and provided shuttles for visits to your legislators' offices and a reception for all the members of the General Assembly and our Bishops and Church leaders. To register, go to www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight or call (410) 269-1155 or (301) 261-1979.

Liturgical Life

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 17-18 February 2018, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of 11 February 2018

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 14 February 2018 begins the season of Lent which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, **29 March 2018**.

Liturgy of the Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes

6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Ecumenical Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
8:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both prospective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The pro-

spective Catholics, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (14 February 2018) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (29 March 2018).

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on **all Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to **fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018 and on Good Friday, 30 March 2018**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through 23 March 2018 at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES: Deacon Ted will facilitate a Lenten discussion series on "A Lent to Remember an Encounter with Mercy!" We will be using Formded.org for the video presentations and study guides. Meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. **Friday evenings** in Lent (**16 February through 23 March**) in Founders Hall. Registration is not required but if you are interested, please send an email to deaconted@olvp.org.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 02 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Joan Gossett**. We commend her and her family in our prayers to God.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in

your prayers: **Jerome John Podojill** (04 February 1997), **Julianne Copenhaver** (05 February 1999), **Claudia Hughes** (07 February 1999), **Frederick William Whalen** (09 February 1998), **Joseph E. Gaffney** (13 February 1996), **Daniel Stack O'Connor** (16 February 2015), **Paul Emile Fecteau** (18 February 2016), and **Luco Fierro** (26 February 2015).

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 planned for Saturday **03 March 2018** at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish 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.

MEN'S CLUB: The OLVP Men's Club (Holy Name Society) will meet after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in Founders Hall today, **Sunday 11 February 2018**. All interested parish men are welcome to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served.

GET READY FOR LENT WITH FORMED.ORG: Formed.org is just the tool to help you prepare for Easter. See the flyer inserted into this week's bulletin for some ideas for February. Whether you like to watch movies and presentations, like to listen to audio books, or if you prefer to complete some personal self-study, everything you need to make this your most spiritually focused Lent is here. Now we made it even easier to get access: just go to olvp.formed.org, plug in your name and email, and you are on your way! There is also a lot of content for the children and teenagers in your family. If you have any problems registering or have questions, please let me know: deaconted@olvp.org.

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.

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?: *Faith Direct* guarantees that your donation to OLVP are received even if you may be out of town. Pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SNOW POLICY: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Daily liturgy is held if there is a de-lay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed there is no daily liturgy.