

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 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

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

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At-Large Member

Timothy J. Hahn, (301) 926-7980

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Pastor, Ext. 109

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

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Stewardship Council

Vice-Chair

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Human Resources Committee

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

Parish Manager, Ext. 103

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Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

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The Rev. Mathew PUNCHAYIL, Ph.D.

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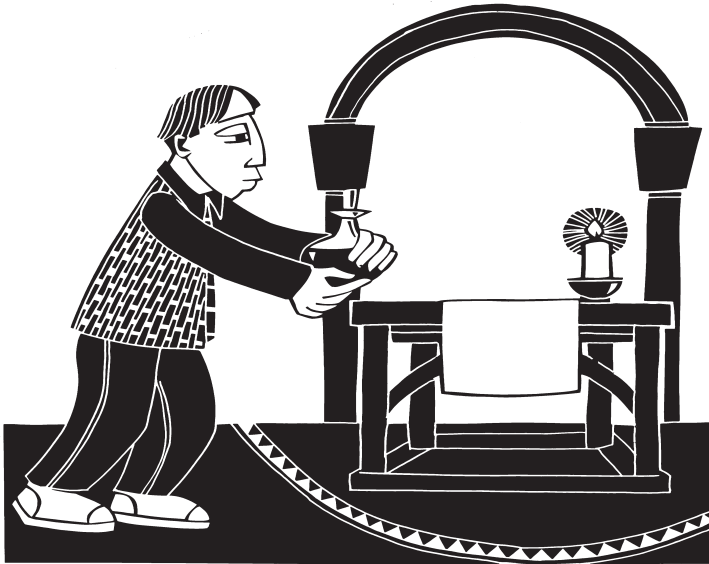
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Liturgical Life

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.

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.

ORDINARY TIME: Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms 43). Ordinary Time began on Tuesday, 10 January and continues through Tuesday, 28 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends on Monday, 05 June, the day following Pentecost.

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017

- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 129:1a, 2, 3ac-4/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 166:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12—13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 18-19 February: Presiders:

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

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **James Derek Woods** and **Valerie Sarah Gerson** celebrated **Baptism**.

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).

THE MEN'S CLUB (HOLY NAME SOCIETY) is starting the new year with an invitation to all interested OLVP men to join. We are the driving force behind the annual Christmas tree sale and work behind the scenes on many other OLVP events. Young and "old", each of you has a special gift to contribute to our parish. Join us for our first 2017 meeting right **after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 12 February 2017 in Founders Hall**. Coffee and donuts will be served.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION II will be held on **Sunday, 12 February 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in Founders Hall. Both the Confirmant and one parent or their sponsor must attend. **8th Grade Confirmants who missed this session last year must also attend.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A limited number of antique and collectible spaces remain available for rental for the St. Mary's Antique Show and Sale on **18 and 19 February 2017**. Last year's event sold more than \$25,000 in antiques. Charity booth rentals start at \$75. For more information, contact Donald Patti, Knights of Columbus at info@saintmaryantiques.com or (866) 478-8080 to learn more.

FAMILY BINGO: Friday 24 February 2017, 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$3.00 for a 3 card sheet. Families with last names beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. This event is sponsored by the Men's Club, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Saturday, 25 February 2017, 6:00 p.m.— 9:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Come and enjoy food, fun, music and friendship. All adult parishioners who have volunteered in any capacity in the parish are invited. Please RSVP by **Thursday, 23 February 2017** by calling (301) 948-5536.



INFANT BAPTISMS: 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. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. For information and/or to register, contact the parish office at krooney@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, contact the parish office at molewack@olvp.org.

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.

MATRIMONY: 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 at (rfecteau@olvp.org), Father Mathew PUNCHAYIL at (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski at (thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com) or Deacon Robert Fischer at (olvpdeacon@gmail.com).

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 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 call the parish office at (301) 948-5536.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SNOW EMERGENCY: Faith Formation sessions are cancelled if Montgomery County public schools are closed for school/community/after school activities.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 14 February 2017** 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 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. **Forms are due 15 February 2017.**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC) is scheduled for **19-23 June 2017**. Watch upcoming bulletins for further information or contact Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org.

Social Concerns

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: This year's theme 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 through ministries and services that touch thousands of lives and to fund important Archdiocesan programs that also benefit our own parish. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. Many parishioners received a mailing from Cardinal

Wuerl in early January asking them to make a pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal. An In-Pew collection will be taken **11-12 February 2017**.

MARYLAND CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT: On **Wednesday, 15 February 2017**, mingle with like-minded Catholics at the 33rd gathering of Catholics in Annapolis. 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.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on **Monday, 20 February 2017** in honor of Presidents Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please email parishoffice@olv.org to report the problem so that we may have it fixed.

Finance

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: Why not help OLVP prepare for the new year by signing up with Faith Direct? Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net—our Church Code is MD 114.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2017

- 12 Sun Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Cardinal's Appeal In-Pew Collection
Men's Club (HNS) 9:00 am Mass/Meeting
7th Grade Study Session, 6:30—8:00 p.m.,
Founders Hall
Faith Formation:
Grades 6 and 8: 6:30 p.m., Lower Level Church
- 14 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 15 Wed Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 19 Sun **No Church School**
No Faith Formation:, Grades 6, 7, 8
- 20 Mon **Office Closed, Presidents' Day**
- 21 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 22 Wed Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 24 Fri **Family Bingo, 6:30—8:30 p.m., Founders Hall**
- 25 Sat **Volunteer Appreciation Party, 6:00—**
9:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 26 Sun Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Church in the Developing World Collection
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
High School Faith Formation, 6:30 p.m.,
Rectory
- 28 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

MARCH 2017

- 01 Wed **Ash Wednesday: Sacred Liturgy—6:00 a.m.,**
Noon, and 6:00 p.m.-Collection for Haiti
Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
8:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service—OLVP
- 03 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
- 05 Sun Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 07 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
- 08 Wed Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Church
Ember Day
- 10 Fri **Ember Day**
- 11 Sat **Station of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
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