

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 February 2020

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • 9:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

M/ T/ W/ F • 9:15 a.m.

Thomas More Chapel • Parish Barn • 14135 Seneca Road

Sacrament of Penance • Saturday • 4:00—4:30 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

Betty Foley, (240) 383-9146

Faith Formation For Life Committee

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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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Parish Manager

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Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

- 16 Sun No Church School
Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 17 Mon Office Closed for President's Day
- 18 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 22 Sat Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Adult Volunteer Party, 6:00 p.m.,
Founders Hall
- 23 Sun Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
Family Bingo, 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall
- 25 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 26 Wed Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution
of Ashes at 6:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.
Collection for Mission in Haiti
Ecumenical Service, 7:30 p.m., Church
- 28 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church

MARCH 2020

- 01 Sun Mortgage Collection
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 03 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 04 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
Confessions, 6:30-7:00 p.m., Church
- 06 Fri Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 07 Sat Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
- 08 Sun Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
High School: 6:30 p.m., Rectory
- 10 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 11 Wed Confessions, 6:30-7:00 p.m., Church
- 13 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 15 Sun Collection for Church in the Developing
World
Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall



Readings for the Week of 16 February 2020

- 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: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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 Monday 13 January and continues through Tuesday 25 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends on Monday 01 June 2019, the day following Pentecost.

Liturgical Life

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 23

February 2020, Presiders:

- 5:00 p.m. Father Raymond Fecteau
- 9:00 a.m. Father Raymond Fecteau
- 11:00 a.m. Father Dominic, O.P.

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.

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.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joan Gossett** (02 February 2018), **Jerome John Podojil** (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).

LENTEN RETREAT WEEKENDS: Plan now to go on a retreat this Lent at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD. Detox from the noise of the world and find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. For Men: **27-29 March**. For Women: **20-22 March, 02-05 April**. Cost is \$250.00 per person for the 3-day retreat, \$330.00 for the 4-day retreat. Registration is required. Go to the website, www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

SPECIAL MASS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES: All those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2020 are asked to attend a special Mass with their families at 11:00 a.m. on **22 March 2020**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday 23 February 2020, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 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 **savory snacks** to share; **I-P**, please bring **desserts/treats** to share; **Q-Z**, please bring **beverages** to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.



ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Saturday 22 February 2020, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Enjoy a delicious buffet and beverages. Dance to the music of the DJ. Volunteers from all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation are welcome. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, 19 February** by calling (301) 948-5536.



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 scheduled for **Saturday 22 February** at 10:00 a.m. in the 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Following the policy of the Archdiocese of Washington, 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 a 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

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 18 February 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

NEW MONTH THIS YEAR - VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Please save the dates: Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled during the first week of August - **03 August through 07 August 2020**. Watch future bulletins for more information.

Social Concerns

INTERGENERATIONAL CONVOCATION: Msgr. John Enzler invites all parishioners to the convocation at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville on **Saturday 21 March** from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as the Justice and Advocacy Commission and Catholic Charities welcome you to a discussion of how we can better address the needs of all members of the county, particularly through our parishes, schools, and senior living facilities, to inform parishes about the benefits of engagement across generations. For more information contact leah@empoweringtheages.org or call (301) 476-0186.

PARISH IMMIGRATION FORUM: On **Saturday 29 February** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Christ the King Catholic Church, 2301 Colston Drive, Silver Spring MD 20910, Catholic Charities will present an overview of immigration issues facing immigrants and what steps parishes can take to be supportive. Come see how parishes around the country advocate for fair reforms to aid undocumented families as they seek to legalize their status. RSVP to ParishEvents@cc-DC.org

2020 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL: The theme for this year is "Hearts Filled With Hope." This weekend (**15-16 February**) is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please be generous in making your pledge. No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on **Monday 17 February 2020** to celebrate President's Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 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 REPAIR: 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 get it fixed.

Finance

OLVP LEGACY GIFT: By naming Our Lady of the Visitation Parish as a beneficiary in their wills, some parishioners have remembered our parish in a personal and enduring way. A legacy gift honors the past, serves the present, and invests in the future of Visitation Parish. If you wish to make a bequest, the following language is suggested: "I give and devise to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Darnestown, Maryland, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific purpose)."

ReServe\$ FUND: To address the ongoing repairs and replacements needed for the church and the rectory, a much needed budget line item has been added. For now and for the future, please make checks payable to OLVP, and please note: "ReServe\$ Fund" on the memo line.

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. Our Church Code is **MD114**.