

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



First Sunday of Lent

18 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

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Parish Life Committee

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At-Large Member

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Principal of Parish School

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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

18 Sun 40 Hours, St. Thomas More Chapel, Barn
Head Start Bags Returned
 Church School, 9:00 a.m.
 Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
 Faith Formation:

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

17 Sat 40 Hours, after 5:00 p.m. Liturgy
 16 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
 Lenten Discussion, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
 15 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn
 14 Wed Confessions: 6:30-8:00 p.m., 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
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 Discussion, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
 08 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn
 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 Discussion, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn

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 **Collection for Church in the Developing World**
 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 Discussion, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

21 Wed **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
 Confessions: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church
 20 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



Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Second Sunday of Lent will be held on **Tuesday 20 February 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **Monday 18 June 2018** through **Friday 22 June 2018**. Camp is for children from ages 3 1/2 (by 01 June 2018) to 5th Grade. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information or email Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org.

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 Europe, 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

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty hour period of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Solemn Exposition. The focus is on the Holy Eucharist. The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a procession to the Thomas More Chapel **after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday 17 March 2018. The Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar during the next 40 hours for parishioners to gather for personal prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion will conclude at the 9:15 a.m. liturgy on Monday 19 March 2018.** This devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of our families. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. See the bulletin insert for sign-up opportunities.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: 24-25 February 2018, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

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11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of 18 February 2018

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both prospective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective 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 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 DISCUSSION SERIES: Deacon Ted is facilitating a Lenten discussion series on "A Lent to Remember an Encounter with Mercy!" He is using Formed.org for the video presentations and study guides. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. **Friday evenings in Lent (23 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

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Elliott Norton Duvall** 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).

SPECIAL MASS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES: All those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2018 are asked to attend a special Mass with their families at **11:00 a.m. on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday 11 March 2018.**

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.

LENT WITH FORMED.ORG: Formed.org is a great 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST INTERVIEWS: Before scheduling an interview, the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation must have been celebrated, the parental letter of request must be received, and the books must be completed and dropped off at the Parish Barn.

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 donations 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: The Parish Office is closed on **Monday 19 February 2018** to celebrate Presidents' Day. 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 delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed there is no daily liturgy.