

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 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

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Parish Life Committee

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At-Large Member

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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.

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2017

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 25-26
February: Presiders:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil/Deacon Bob
9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau/Deacon Ted

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, 01 March 2017 begins the season of Lent which ends on Holy Thursday, 13 April 2017.

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. Our Lady of the Visitation Church

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 (01 March 2017) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (13 April 2017).

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, 01 March 2017 and on Good Friday, 14 April 2017**. 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 **07 April 2017** at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **George Raymond Bivans**, nephew of David Bivans. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.



FAMILY BINGO: Friday 24 February 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 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.

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. **The next baptism class will be held on Saturday, 25 February 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Barn.** For information and/or to register, contact the parish office at krooney@olvp.org.

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.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS AND GENEROUS PARISHIONERS! LPi will be setting up advertising sponsorships for our parish bulletin the week of **27 February 2017**. Ads can be purchased for a business or family, to thank parishioner patronage or for support of a community service organization. We need and appreciate your help. If interested, contact Victor at (800) 477-4574 x 6630 or (973) 634-0586. Thank you for your generous support and please patronize our advertisers!

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 Barn. Please contact the parish office (301) 948-5536 to schedule a time to drop off completed books or to set up an interview day and time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Following the policy of Donald Cardinal Wuerl, 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.



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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 21 February 2017** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

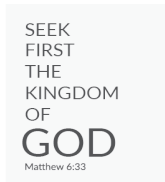
VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC): Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for Monday, **19 June** through Friday, **23 June 2017**.



Camp is for children from age 3 1/2 years (by 01 June 2017) to 6th Grade. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information or email Michele Olewack, 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.



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: On the weekend of **25-26 February 2017**, there will be a collection to support the needs of the Church in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Please help these struggling churches by being generous according to your means.

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@olvp.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

- 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** Adult 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., Rectorly
- 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
- 10 Fri** Ember Day
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 11 Sat** Ember Day
- 12 Sun** Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Holy Name Society, 9:00 am., Mass & Meeting
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
8th Gr. Mass & Brunch, 11 a.m., 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
Penance, 6:30—8:00 p.m., Church
- 17 Fri** Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church