

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# The Presentation of the Lord

02 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

Robert McDonald, Ph.D., (301) 869-3366

#### Social Concerns Committee

Liesel Flaig, (301) 869-2830

#### 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.  
rfecteau@olvp.org

### Stewardship Council

#### Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

#### Human Resources Committee

John Feeny, (301) 762-2116

#### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

#### Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

#### Parish Manager

Colleen Enos, (301) 948-5536

#### Youth Faith Formation

Erin Clegg, (301) 385-4920

#### Deacons

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

#### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

- 02 Sun Presentation of the Lord  
Mortgage Collection**  
Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 04 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 06 Thu** Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Chapel
- 08 Sat Getting Ready Day II, 9:00 a.m., Church**
- 09 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**
- 11 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 16 Sun No Church School**  
**Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
**No Faith Formation Sessions**  
**Office Closed for President's Day**
- 17 Mon** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 18 Tue** 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**  
**Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
- 28 Fri**

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



Readings for the Week of 02 February 2020

- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

**CHRISTMAS CRECHE:** The Christmas Season in the Roman Catholic Church once extended from 24 December, Christmas Eve, through the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 02 February. The length of the Christmas Season was changed during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Today, the Christmas Season ends on the evening of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (12 January in 2020). Many families and parishes choose to keep cherished Christmas customs according to the old liturgical calendar. Visitation Parish families will be able to visit our beautiful nativity scene until 02 February, the former date to end the Christmas Season.

**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,

*Liturgical Life*

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 09 February 2020, Presiders:**

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

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.

**LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER:** One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermannus Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. 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 **Pastor Johnnie Shields**, father of Joyce (Matthew) Baker. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last week, **Benjamin Zadoc Duvall** celebrated Baptism.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to **Grace Bonkougou** who was awarded an *Honorable Mention* (6th to 8th Grade) in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster contest.

**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).

**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.

**GETTING READY DAY II:** The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2020 is scheduled for **Saturday 08 February 2020** at **9:00 a.m.** in the Church.

**MASS TO REMEMBER VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Observe the World Day of Prayer & Action Against Human Trafficking with a special intercultural Mass celebrated by Bishop Dorsonville on **Saturday 08 February 2020** at 4:30 p.m. at St. Camillus Catholic Church, 1600 St. Camillus Drive in Silver Spring, MD 20903.

**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](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org).

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 04 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*

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all those parishioners who donated new baby items to our collection for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County.

**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](mailto:leah@empoweringtheages.org) or call (301) 476-0186.

### *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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114**.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evely**, and **Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Conlan**.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 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.