

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 05, 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

Will Flaig (301) 869-2830

#### 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.

[rfecteau@olvp.org](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)

### Stewardship Council

#### Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

#### Human Resources Committee

John Feeney, (301) 762-2116

#### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

#### Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

#### Parish Manager, Ext. 103

Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

#### Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

#### Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536

Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

#### Parochial Vicar, Ext. 101

The Rev. Mathew PUNCHAYIL, Ph.D.

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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 05, 2017**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2 27-30/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 11-12 February: Presiders:**

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

*Parish Life*

**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).

**GETTING READY DAY II:** The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2017 is scheduled for **Saturday, 11 February 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Church.

**THE MEN'S CLUB (HOLY NAME SOCIETY)** is starting the new year with an invite 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 have 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.**

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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](mailto:info@saintmaryantiques.com) or (866) 478-8080 to learn more.

**FAMILY BINGO: Friday 24 February 2017, 6:30 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)), Father Mathew Punchayil at ([matpunchayil@yahoo.com](mailto:matpunchayil@yahoo.com)), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski at ([thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com)) or Deacon Robert Fischer at ([olvpdeacon@gmail.com](mailto: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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 07 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.

**NO MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** on the Feast of St. Sebastian, **05 February 2017**. The SyroMalabar Community will be using our parish facilities.

**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](http://www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight) or call (410) 269-1155 or (301) 261-1979.

**Human Resources**

**NEW PARISHIONER:** The following family recently joined our parish: **Mr. and Mrs. Chris Heslin and Mr. and Mrs. David Wheeler.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00

**Facilities**

**PARISH REPAIRS:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please email [parishoffice@olvp.org](mailto: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](http://www.faithdirect.net)—our Church Code is MD 114.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY 2017**

- 05 Sun Mortgage Collection  
No Church School  
No Faith Formation, Grades 6, 7, 8**
- 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
- 11 Sat First Eucharist Getting Ready Day II,  
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Church**
- 12 Sun Cardinal’s Appeal In-Pew Collection  
Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.  
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