

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fifth Sunday of Lent

18 March 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

Joseph Young, (301) 219-6897

Faith Formation For Life Committee

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At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

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Human Resources Committee

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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

APRIL 2018

17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

15 Sun 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

10 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

09 Mon Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn

08 Sun **Mortgage Collection**
Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Men's Club, 11:00 a.m. Mass
Noon, Annual Brunch, Nantucket Reef
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory

03 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

02 Mon Parish Office Closed

01 Sun **EASTER, Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**
No Church School; no Faith Formation

MARCH 2018

31 Sat **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 8:00 p.m.**

30 Fri **Celebration of The Lord's Passion, 7:00 p.m.**
Collection for The Holy Land
Parish Office Closed

29 Thu **Mass of The Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.**
Collection for Sister Parish in Haiti
Parish Office Closes at Noon
The Lord's Table, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

28 Wed Confessions, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church

27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation Sessions

25 Sun **Passion Sunday**
Church School, 9:00 a.m. **in Church**
Procession, 9:00 a.m.
No Faith Formation Sessions

23 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Discussion, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

22 Thu **Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn**

21 Wed 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 **40 Hours Ends at 9:15 a.m. Liturgy, Barn**

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



Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord will be held on **Tuesday 20 March 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 6th 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the **Good Friday, 30 March 2018** Collection. This pontifical collection allows for care of Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people living in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Please join us in preparing and serving dinner for the poor and homeless on **Thursday 29 March 2018** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please email Mike McAllister at mikem141@aol.com.

COLLECTION FOR HAITI: This collection, taken on **Holy Thursday 29 March 2018**, will be given to our sister parish in Gonaives, Haiti.

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Please return filled bags with non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers this weekend, **17-18 March 2018**.

Liturgical Life

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: 24-25 March 2018, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew PUNCHAYIL
9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond FECTEAU—PROCESSION
11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond FECTEAU

Readings for the Week of 18 March 2018

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30 or 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Jn 11:1-45
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42 or 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Jn 11:1-45
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59 or 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Jn 11:1-45
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42 or 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Jn 11:1-45
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56 or 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Jn 11:1-45
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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, 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. The last meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday 23 March 2018** 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

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Charles McCafferty**, father of Jayne (Joseph) McGrath and **Patrick James McGinty**, parishioner and son of Paul (Lillian) McGinty. We commend them and their families in our prayers to God.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Victoria Ann Parks Martin** (04 March 2011), **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **William Vanderhorst Brumby** (07 March 2011), **Alex Martin** (16 March 2006), **Mario Marini** (17 March 2002), **Paul DiDuca** (17 March 2006), **Robert Majchrzak** (22 March 2010), **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003), **Mary Louise Mayer** (25 March 2013), **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), and **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996).

BOOK DISCUSSION: You are invited to join a discussion of "The Practice of the Presence of God", a primer on the wonderful practices of everyday spirituality, on **Wednesday 04 April 2018** at St. Rose of Lima Parish beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Duggan library

beneath the main church. For more information, email flowerofcarmellcc@gmail.com or call Nancy at (301) 258-2958.

2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday 17 June 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by **Monday 16 April 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. 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. 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! 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 Dmuchowsk (thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com) or

Deacon Robert Fischer (olvpdeacon@gmail.com).

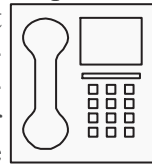
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevent you from attending Mass, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

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.

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

APOLOGY: We apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused parishioners when our phone lines and internet were out of service for four days during the recent wind-storm. It is common for us to lose service whenever there is a power surge or severe weather. Our system is antiquated and in urgent need for an upgrade.



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: 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.