

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

25 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

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

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Vacant

### Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

## 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  
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### Pastor, Ext. 109

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.  
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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

24 Tue Scripture Study, 7:00p.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

21 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
**Adopted Family Collection**  
**St. Martin Food Bags Distributed**  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

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 and 11:00 a.m.**  
No Church School; no Faith Formation

MARCH 2018

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

30 Fri **Celebration of The Lord's Passion, 7 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



Faith Formation for Life

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord will be held on **Tuesday 27 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](mailto: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.

**HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION:** Our parish donated over 60 bags of groceries to this collection. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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.

**Liturgical Life**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: 01 April 2018, PRESIDERS:**

9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau  
 11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

**PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY 29 March 2018**  
*Mass of the Lord's Supper* 7:00pm  
 Collection for our Sister Parish in Haiti

**GOOD FRIDAY 30 March 2018**  
*Celebration of the Lord's Passion* 7:00pm  
 Collection for the Holy Land

**HOLY SATURDAY 31 March 2018**  
*The Easter Vigil* 8:00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY 01 April 2018**  
*Sacred Liturgy* 9:00am, 11:00am

**SPECIAL LITURGY FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy on Easter Sunday.

**PASCHAL TRIDUUM:** Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Paschal Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Thus the solemnity of Easter has the same kind of preeminence in the liturgical year that Sunday has in the week. The Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with the evening prayer on Easter Sunday (*General Norms*, 18-19).

**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.

**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**

**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](mailto:flowerofcarmellcc@gmail.com) or call Nancy at (301) 258-2958.

**Readings for the Week of 25 March 2018**

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42  
 Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 32:15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7  
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35, 21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**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**.

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ALL SOULS CEMETERY:** Walk with Jesus on His journey to the Cross. Gather with us at All Souls Cemetery in Germantown on **Good Friday, 30 March 2018**, at 12 noon to meditate on each step of Christ's journey of sacrifice to Calvary. For information on Good Friday Stations, please contact All Souls Cemetery at 301-428-1995.

**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.

**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.

**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*

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

### *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The office will be closed at noon on **Holy Thursday, 29 March 2018** and will remain closed until **Tuesday, 02 April 2018** to celebrate Easter. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**CARDINAL WUERL'S PASTORAL PLAN:** The Cardinal's detailed plan for how parishes and individual Catholics can expand and strengthen the Catholic Church's marriage and family outreach is available for all parishioners downstairs in the church on the "Please Take One" table.