

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fourth Sunday of Lent

26 March 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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Liturgical Life

Readings for the Week of 26 March 2017

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51A
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81-6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; 8-10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 02 APRIL:

Presiders:

5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mathew Punchayil/40 Hours Begins
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Raymond Fecteau
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Matheew Punchayil

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).

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty hour period of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Solemn Exposition. The focus is on the Holy Eucharist. **The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a procession to the Thomas More Chapel after the 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Saturday, 01 April. The Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar during the next 40 hours for parishioners to gather for personal prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion will conclude at the 9:15 a.m. liturgy on Monday, 03 April.** This devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of our families. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. See the bulletin insert for sign-up opportunities.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through **07 April 2017** at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

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, 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.

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **The Reverend Msgr. Richard A. Hughes**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington; and **George Kley**, father of Kirk Kley (Karen). 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).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP: Deacon Ted will lead a Lenten Discussion in Founders Hall each Friday through 07 April at 7:30 p.m. **Session Five on 31 March** is titled, **“The Secret to Excellence”**. All are welcome to attend. No registration is required.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: As part of our annual Archdiocesan Lenten invitation to all Catholics to experience our Lord’s mercy and compassion in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent **through Wednesday, 05 April 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Visitation Church and in parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

SPECIAL MASS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES: All those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2017 are asked to attend a special Mass with their families at **11:00 a.m. on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 26 March 2017**. Refreshments for First Eucharist families will be served in Founders Hall immediately after Mass.

2017 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, 25 June 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register (301) 948-5536. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office **by Monday, 24 April 2017**.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please email the parish office at parishoffice@olvp.org.

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 call the parish office (301) 948-5536 to schedule drop-off 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

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent will be held on Tuesday, **28 March 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) through 6th Grade. To register your child, go to vbspro.events/p/olvp. This site will provide all the details about the program. If you have additional questions, contact Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org.

Social Concerns

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: 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 fund important Archdiocesan programs. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge.

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Grocery bags will be collected after all the Masses this weekend.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken the weekend of **25-26 March 2017**. Through this annual collection you can help ease the burdens of families and individuals at home and around the world who are struggling, including those separated by war and disaster. Please be generous. Your support makes a difference.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Please join in preparing dinner for the poor and homeless on **Thursday, 30 March 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** If you can help, please contact Mike McAllister at mikem141@aol.com or (301) 330-2656.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 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

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

MARCH 2017

- 26 Sun** Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Collection for Catholic Relief Services Sodality, 9:00 a.m., Mass and Meeting Head Start Food Bags Returned First Eucharist Getting Ready Day Mass with Family and Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Church
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
- 29 Wed** Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Church
- 30 Thu** **The Lord's Table, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
- 31 Fri** **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
Lenten Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

APRIL 2017

- 01 Sat** **40 Hours after 5:00 p.m. Liturgy**
- 02 Sun** **40 Hours, St. Thomas More Chapel, Barn**
Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 03 Mon** **40 Hours Ends at 9:15 a.m. Liturgy, Barn**
- 04 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
- 05 Wed** Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Church
- 07 Fri** **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
Lenten Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 09 Sun** Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 11 Tue** Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 12 Wed** Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 13 Thu** **Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.**
Collection for Sister Parish in Haiti
Parish Office Closes at Noon
- 14 Fri** **Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 p.m.**
Collection for the Holy Land
Parish Office Closed