

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

29 March 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.
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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

MARCH 2020

28 Sat 40 HOURS, POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE

ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Per Archbishop Wilton Gregory



Liturgical Life

COVID-19: The Archdiocese of Washington's website is being updated regularly with information for the faithful. Please keep abreast of all Archdiocesan resources by checking [adw.org/coronavirus](https://www.adw.org/coronavirus).

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: The Forty Hours Devotion has been **postponed** until a later date.

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 (**26 February 2020**) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (**09 April 2020**).

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.

SUNDAY TV MASS

Antenna Users 10:30 a.m. on CW50

Comcast Users Channel 23

Verizon Users Channel 3

RCN Users: Channel 15

Live Mass Noon on Sunday at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception @ <https://www.nationalshrine.org>

View Anytime <https://adw.org/tvmass>

PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

Health of the Sick, we entrust ourselves to you.

At the cross you took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

Salvation of the American People, you know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Mother of Divine Love, help us to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Holy Mother of God, under your protection, we seek refuge. O glorious and blessed Virgin, do not disdain the entreaties of those who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger.

Amen.

Readings for the Week of 29 March 2020

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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, 10 April 2020**. 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

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Paul Vincent Stack** (03 March 2018), **Victoria Ann Parks Martin** (04 March 2011), **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **William Vanderhorst Brumby** (07 March 2011), **Patrick James McGinty** (08 March 2018), **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).

JUBILARIAN MASS: Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years are invited to attend the annual Jubilarian Mass on Sunday 28 June 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Call the parish office to register; the deadline is **Friday 22 May 2020**.

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.

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.

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

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.

Faith Formation for Life

ALL FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FORMED.ORG: Formed.org is a website that offers the best Catholic content on a variety of subjects to help you learn more about your Catholic Faith. OLVP provides this service for free to all parishioners. We strongly urge you to take advantage of this resource especially now, with schools and Faith Formation classes cancelled. 1) Go www.olvp.org 2) Click the formed.org link on the right side of the page. 3) Enter your name and email address. You are all set – now enjoy and share with your entire family.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP - NEW MONTH THIS YEAR - : 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

ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION: This collection has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

Human Resources

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

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.

Finance

MORTGAGE DEBT: Currently we owe \$39,544.27 to the bank for our mortgage. Once a month we ask parishioners to designate a donation to help reduce our debt. Please be as generous as your means permit.

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 **or if Masses are cancelled. Please enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is MD114.** If you are not using Faith Direct please **mail your Offertory Envelopes to the parish office at 14135 Seneca Road in Darnestown, MD 20874.**

PARKING LOT LIGHTING UPGRADE: We are upgrading the parking lot lighting for our church. Newer and more efficient lighting (LEDS) replaces the old and non-functioning units. The new fixtures are more cost efficient and enhance security and safety. We hope to replace the stairway lights and the rest of the ground lighting in the Spring when the ground is not frozen. If you are able to help in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact our pastor or our parish office. **Thank you** to those parishioners who have contributed so far.

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).”