

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

03 March 2019

## 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

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

William Bouley, (240) 848-0532

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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

#### Director of Faith Formation

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

#### Deacons

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#### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

02 Sat	<b>Volunteer Party, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall</b>
03 Sun	Church School, 9:00 a.m. <b>Bingo, 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall</b> Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
05 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
06 Wed	<b>Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 6:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Collection for Mission in Haiti Ecumenical Service, Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 8:00 p.m.</b>
07 Thu	<b>Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn</b> Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
08 Fri	<b>8th Grade Confirmation Retreat, Bus at Founders Hall at 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church</b>
09 Sat	<b>8th Grade Confimands attend 5:00 p.m. Mass</b>
10 Sun	Church School, 9:00 a.m. <b>Men's Club Mass &amp; Meeting. 9:00 a.m.</b> Faith Formation: Grades 6 and 7: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
12 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45p.m., Founders Hall
13 Wed	<b>Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance</b> Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church
14 Thu	<b>Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn</b> Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
15 Fri	<b>Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance</b> Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
16 Sat	<b>Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance</b>
17 Sun	Church School, 9:00 a.m. <b>Sodality Mass &amp; Meeting, 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>World Missions Collection</b> Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
19 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
20 Wed	Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church
21 Thu	<b>Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn</b> Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
22 Fri	<b>Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church</b>
24 Sun	Church School, 9:00 a.m. <b>Head Start Bags Distributed</b> Faith Formation: <b>High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory</b> Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
26 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
27 Wed	Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church
26 Thu	<b>Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn</b> Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
29 Fri	<b>Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church</b>
31 Sun	Church School, 9:00 a.m. <b>Getting Ready Mass for First Eucharist, Pin and Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Church and Founders Hall</b> <b>Head Start Bags Collected</b> Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall



**Social Concerns**

**2019 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL:** The new theme of the Appeal is, “*Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission.*” Contributions to the Annual Appeal are 100% designated to ministries and mission of the Church. The Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch and affect thousands of lives. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**Liturgical Life**

**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 (**06 March 2019**) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (**20 April 2019**).

**ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 06 March 2019** begins the season of Lent which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, **18 April 2019**.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes**  
6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m. in the Church

**Ecumenical Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes**  
8:00 p.m. at Fairhaven United Methodist Church

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 09-10 March 2019, PRESIDERS:**

**5:00 p.m. Father Raymond Fecteau**  
**9:00 a.m. Father Raymond Fecteau**  
**11:00 a.m. Dominican Father**

**THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER :** We are now offering Evening Prayer with Communion on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Barn. The Thursday evening prayer will replace the morning service; there will **not** be a morning Mass on Thursday mornings. Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. in the Barn.

**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 Ash Wednesday, 06 March 2019 and on Good Friday, 19 April 2019**. 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.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through 12 April 2019 at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

**HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN:** The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

**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 good will. 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.

**Readings for the Week of 03 March 2019**

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/ Mk 10:17-27  
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**Parish Life**

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of the **Reverend Michael T. Jennings**. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

**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).

**MEN'S CLUB (HOLY NAME SOCIETY)** invites all interested OLVP men to come to our meeting right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 10 March 2019** in Founders Hall. We are getting ready for the Spring Season and looking for new ideas to create opportunities to support parish activities. Coffee and donuts will be served. Email Matt Baker if you have questions: [swingsft@comcast.net](mailto:swingsft@comcast.net).

**8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** The overnight retreat will be held on **Friday 08 March 2019** through **Saturday 09 March 2019** at the Bishop Claggett Retreat Center. The bus departs from the OLVP church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and returns in time for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

**FAMILY BINGO - TODAY: Sunday 03 March 2019, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 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 Holy Name Society, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

**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.

**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), 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 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.

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the First Sunday in Lent will be held on **Tuesday 05 March 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

### *Finance*

**Re\$erve\$ FUND:** To address the ongoing repairs and replacements needed for the church (e.g. update security), the barn (e.g. new phone system), and the rectory (e.g. update heat/AC system), a much needed budget line item has been added. For now and for the future, please make checks payable to OLVP, and please note: "Re\$erve\$ Fund" on the memo line.

**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. 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 **MD114**.

### *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are **Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 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*

**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.

**PARISH REPAIRS:** 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 fix it.