

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fourth Sunday of Lent

31 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

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

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Human Resources Committee

John Feeny, (301) 762-2116

Facilities Committee

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Parish Manager

Colleen Enos, (301) 948-5536

Director of Faith Formation

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Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536
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Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

31 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Getting Ready Mass for First Eucharist, Pin and Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Church and Founders Hall
Head Start Bags Collected
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

APRIL 2019

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

03 Wed Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church

04 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
 Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn

05 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**

06 Sat **40 Hours Begins after 5:00 p.m. Liturgy**

07 Sun **40 Hours, St. Thomas More Chapel, Barn**
 Church School, 9:00 a.m.
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

08 Mon **40 Hours Concludes, 9:15 a.m., Chapel**

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

10 Wed Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church

11 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
 Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn

12 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**

13 Sat **Baptism Prep. Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**

14 Sun **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
 No Church School
Procession, 9:00 a.m.
 Men's Club, Mass and Meeting
 No Faith Formation Sessions

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

17 Wed Confessions, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Church

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

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

20 Sat **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

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

22 Mon Parish Office Closed

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

28 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Adopt-A-Family Collection
 Faith Formation:
High School: 6:30 p.m., Rectory
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY

04 Sat NIH Concert, 7:00 p.m., Church

JUNE

01 Sat Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica



Social Concerns

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the **Good Friday, 19 April 2019**, 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.

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.

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Please return filled bags with non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers today, **30-31 March 2019**.

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 began on Ash Wednesday (**06 March 2019**) and runs until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (**18 April 2019**).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 06 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 08 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 06-07 April 2019, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Father Raymond Fecteau

9:00 a.m. Dominican Father

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 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.

Readings for the Week of 31 March 2019

Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ezekiel 37:12-14/Ps. 130/Rom 8:8-11/John 11:1-45

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Daisy M. Masterson** (01 April 1996), **Walter Zolkiewicz** (02 April 2004), **Pope St. John Paul II** (02 April 2005), **John G. Gill Jr.** (07 April 2017), **Eugene Pitman** (10 April 1995), **John H. Zobel** (12 April 1996), **Gabrielle P. Scanio** (20 April 2013), **Peter Gordon** (24 April 2017), **Mary F. Vassallo** (26 April 1995), **George C. Vitelli** (29 April 2012).

2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held on Sunday 16 June 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by **Friday 26 April 2019.**

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. The next class is scheduled for Saturday **13 April 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn. 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.

PARENTAL & SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: St. Elizabeth Parish in Rockville will offer an 8 week support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other, beginning on **Wednesday 10 April** and continuing through 29 May, from 7:00 to 8:30

p.m. There is no fee but registration is required. Contact Deacon Kevin Byrne at kevin_byrne@verizon.net to register.

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 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.

Faith Formation for Life

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **Monday 24 June** through **Friday 28 June 2019**. Camp is for children from age 3 1/2 years (by 01 June 2019) to 5th Grade. For more information email Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent will be held on **Tuesday 02 April 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Finance

MORTGAGE DEBT: Currently we owe \$99,750.83 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.



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?: Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help Our Lady of the Visitation Parish by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide the church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: MD114.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONER: The following family recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Brisbane.**



LOST AND FOUND: If you think you may have left something in the Church over the past year, please check the *Lost & Found* basket under the coat rack in the Gathering Space. We have accrued many pairs of eyeglasses along with other assorted items.

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

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.