

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



First Sunday of Lent

05 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

Liturgical Life Committee

Anita Stiger, (301) 869-8154

Parish Life Committee

Joseph Young, (301) 219-6897

Faith Formation For Life Committee

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At-Large Member

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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.** Week-day liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

Readings for the Week of 05 March 2017

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ 2 Cor 6:2b/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est c:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/ 2Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: 12 MARCH:

Presiders:

5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Raymond Fecteau

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).

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through **07 April 2017** 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, 02 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Brennan Carter Kimmel** and **Fiona Mairead McLaughlin** celebrated Baptism.

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).

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP: Deacon Ted will lead a Lenten Discussion each week in Founders Hall Fridays through 07 April at 7:30 p.m. **Session Two on 10 March** is titled, “**Living Soulfully**”. 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, beginning on **Wednesday, 08 March 2017 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.



EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMAND MASS AND BRUNCH: Confirmands with a Sponsor or parent are requested to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, 12 March 2017** in the Church. A light brunch will follow in Founders Hall where Confirmands will begin work on their Journals.

EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: The retreat will be held on **Friday, 17 March 2017 at 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 18 March 2017.** Confirmands and their families are required to attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass at OLVP immediately following the retreat. Confirmands will receive their Confirmation Cross during the 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 (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 a 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 Second Sunday of Lent will be held on **Tuesday, 07 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) to 6th Grade. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information or email Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org.

Social Concerns

2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: This year's theme 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 through ministries and services that touch thousands of lives and to fund important Archdiocesan programs that also benefit our own parish. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal.

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Grocery bags will be distributed after all the masses on the weekend of **18-19 March 2017**.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kreager** and **Mr. and Mrs. Burke Ricca**.

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

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: Why not help OLVP prepare for the new year by signing up with 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

- 05 Sun** Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 07 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
- 08 Wed** Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Church
Ember Day of Voluntary Penance
- 10 Fri** **Ember Day of Voluntary Penance**
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 11 Sat** **Ember Day of Voluntary Penance**
- 12 Sun** Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Holy Name Society, 9:00 am., Mass & Meeting
8th Grade Mass and Brunch, 11:00 a.m., Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 14 Tue** Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 15 Wed** Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30—8:00 p.m., Church
- 17 Fri** **8th Grade Retreat drop off 4:00 p.m., Founders Hall**
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 18 Sat** **8th Grade Family Mass with Cross, 5:00 p.m., Church**
- 19 Sun** Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Head Start Food Bags Distributed
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 21 Tue** Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 22 Wed** Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Church
- 24 Fri** **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
Lenten Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 26 Sun** Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Collection for Catholic Relief
Head Start Food Bags Collected
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