

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fifth Sunday of Lent

02 April 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

Robert McDonald, Ph.D. (301) 869-3366

Social Concerns Committee

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At-Large Member

Will Flaig (301) 869-2830

At-Large Member

Timothy J. Hahn, (301) 926-7980

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Pastor, Ext. 109

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

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

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Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

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Liturgical Life

Readings for the Week of 02 April 2017

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6, Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/(Ps) Dn 3:52-56/ Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/(Ps) Jer 31:10-13/ Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession)/Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD:
 09 APRIL: Presiders:**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
 9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau/Short Form
 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).

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 in the Parish Barn 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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Mary Jane Brown Westfall**, mother of parishioner, Deborah Waechter. We commend her and her family in our prayers to God.

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 John Paul II** (02 April 2005), **Eugene Pitman** (10 April 1995), **John H. Zobel** (12 April 1996), **Gabrielle P. Scanio** (20 April 2013), **Mary F. Vassallo** (26 April 1995), **George C. Vitelli** (29 April 2012).

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP: Deacon Ted will lead a Lenten Discussion in Founders Hall each Friday through 07 April at 7:30 p.m. **Session Six on 07 April** is titled, **“Let Your Light Shine”**. 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.

ST. MONICA SOCIETY: The St. Monica Society, a spiritual and social group for those who have lost a spouse, will be attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **23 April 2017**, Divine Mercy Sunday. After Mass, we will have breakfast at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center. We will arrange carpools for those who need a ride. Please RSVP to Betty Foley at (240) 383-9146 or Cris Carr at (301) 926-5878 by **Wednesday, 19 April 2017**.

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**.

CONFIRMATION DATE: The Regional Confirmation at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be on **Saturday, 20 May 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** Mandatory **rehearsal** for our 8th grade confirmands will take place on **Monday, 15 May 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in our church.**

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

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord will be held on Tuesday, **04 April 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

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Thank you to parishioners who donated over 50 bags of groceries to the Lenten Food Drive.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: OLVP parishioners donated \$1,507 to this important collection which helps the needy worldwide. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Thank you to all who helped at the Lord's Table on 30 March. If you would like to volunteer at the Lord's Table in the future, please contact Mike McAllister at mikem141@aol.com or (301) 330-2656.

SPRING ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION: If you would like to donate necessities to our Adopted Families, please contact Marianne Beattie at olvpso-socialconcerns@gmail.com. Sign-Up Genius will send you a link to view and choose the items you would like to purchase. Donations may be placed in the alcove by Founders Hall after the Masses on **22-23 April 2017**.

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

APRIL 2017

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| 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 |
| 07 Fri | Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Church Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church Lenten Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall |
| 09 Sun | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
No Church School
No Faith Formation |
| 11 Tue | Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation: |
| 12 Wed | No Faith Formation |
| 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 |
| 15 Sat | The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 8:00 p.m. |
| 16 Sun | EASTER, 9:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy), 11:00 a.m.
No Church School
No Faith Formation |
| 17 Mon | Parish Office Closed |
| 18 Tue | Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall |
| 19 Wed | Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall |
| 23 Sun | Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall |
| 25 Tue | Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall |
| 26 Wed | Faith Formation
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall |
| 30 Sun | Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
High School Faith Formation, 6:30 p.m. Rectory |