

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Third Sunday of Easter

30 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

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Liturgical Life

EASTER SEASON: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “Great Sunday” (Athanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These, above all others, are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter Octave form the “early hours” of this “Great Sunday,” with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

The **Paschal Candle**, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. Its use is encouraged at all liturgical celebrations, especially Mass or Liturgy of the Hours. Infant baptisms could fittingly be celebrated on any Sunday of the Easter Season, including Pentecost day. It is also appropriate that children receive their First Eucharist on one of the Sundays of Easter.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE: The Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 06-07 May: PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil /Deacon Bob
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 11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of April 30, 2017

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/Mt 13:54-58
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 14:6-14
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Braden Ayres, Grace Elisabeth Patric, and Joseph Thomas Juhring** celebrated First Eucharist.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Peter Gordon**. 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: **Daisy M. Masterson** (01 April 1996), **Walter Zolkiewicz** (02 April 2004), **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).

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.

ROSARIES: During the month of May, blessed rosaries will be available in a basket placed at the statue of the Blessed Mother. If you are in need of a rosary, please feel free to take one. If you have extra rosaries at home, you may place them in the basket for others to use.

DISCUSSION FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Are you a young adult ages 18 to 30? Pope Francis and our parish want to hear from you! In preparation for an international gathering of Bishops (Synod) next year, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of *Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment*. Young adults

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

are invited to join Deacon Ted for a discussion in Founders Hall on **Sunday, 07 May from 10 to 11 am**, between Masses. Pastry and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring friends as we want to hear from both Catholics and non-Catholics! To RSVP, please email Thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com. Can't make the meeting? Share your opinion online at www.SharewithFrancis.org.

NIH CONCERT: Don't miss the chance to enjoy the NIH Community Chorus (and some of our parishioners) in a Spring Choral Sampler featuring Mozart's *Coronation Mass* on **Saturday, 06 May at 7:30 p.m.** in the church.

SYRIAN CHRISTIANS: The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call (202) 256-6800, ext. 895.

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. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. The next class is scheduled on **Saturday, 13 May 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Barn**. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.

CONFIRMATION: 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**.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Join Brother Bryan Paquette, OCD, for an evening series of roundtable discussions of *The Spiritual Canticle* by St. John of the Cross. The gatherings will take place at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg on four consecutive **Wednesday** evenings beginning on **30 May 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Duggan library (under the main church). Copies of *The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross* will be available for purchase at a discount. Please contact Nancy Buschman (301) 258-2958, or visit the Flower of Carmel LCC website at <http://flowerofcarmellcc.weebly.com/> for more information.

9TH ANNUAL QUO VADIS CAMP: This event for young men in high school will be held **Sunday through Wednesday, 16-19 July** at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. Register at dcpriest.org or contact The Reverend Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org or call (202) 636-9020.

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.

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, ext. 107.

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 (rfecteau@olvp.org), Father Mathew Punchayil (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), Deacon Ted Dmuchowskii (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 Anointing of the Sick and/or the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter will be held on **Tuesday, 02 May 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**. 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

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION IN MARYLAND: The Maryland General Assembly is once again considering legislation to legalize physician-assisted suicide. Committee hearings are currently scheduled, and votes may be scheduled without much notice. You may visit stopassistedsuicidemd.org to stay up-to-date on this very important issue. Contact Mary Forr in the Department of Life Issues at form@adw.org or (301) 853-5318 with any questions.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Social Concerns Committee is in need of an adult assistant to help with the parish food collections. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marianne Beattie at olvpocialconcerns@gmail.com.

TRINITY DOME COLLECTION: On the weekend of 13-14 May (Mother's Day), the Archdiocese of Washington will participate in the national collection for the Trinity Dome, the magnificent mosaic that will complete the construction of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please take advantage of this opportunity to become a part of our national basilica and be as generous as your resources permit.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 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?: Christ is risen! Let us continue to make a conscious effort to support Our Lady of the Visitation Parish through *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* guarantees that your donations to OLVP are received even if you may be out of town. Pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

30 Sun Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

MAY

02 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
Final Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn

03 Wed **Final Faith Formation**
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

06 Sat **NIH Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church**

07 Sun **Mortgage Retirement Collection**
St. Martin's Food Collection, Bags Distributed
Young Adult Discussion, 10-11 a.m., Founders Hall

09 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn

14 Sun **Mother's Day**
Collection for Dome at National Shrine
St. Martin's Food Bags Returned

15 Mon **Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Church**

16 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

20 Sat **Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica**

28 Sun **Ascension of The Lord**

29 Mon Office Closed

30 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn

SAVE THE DATE:

JUNE

25 Sun **Washington Nationals Baseball Game**

