

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



The Ascension of the Lord

13 May 2018

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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Social Concerns Committee

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At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

Vacant

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

- 12 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 05 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn
- 3 Sun **Corpus Christi Procession with The Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 a.m.**
Mortgage Collection
- 2 Sat **Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

MAY 2018

- 31 Thu **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass, 9:15 a.m., Church**
The Lord's Table, 1:00 p.m.
Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn
- 28 Mon Office Closed, Memorial Day
- 26 Sat Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance
- 25 Fri Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance
- 23 Wed Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance
- 22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 21 Mon **Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Church**
- 20 Sun **Pentecost Sunday, Wear Red**
Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 13 Sun **Ascension Sunday-Mothers' Day**
Catholic Relief Services Collection

Faith Formation for Life

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **Monday 18 June 2018** through **Friday 22 June 2018**. Camp is for children from ages 3 1/2 (by 01 June 2018) to 6th Grade. Check www.olvp.org for more information or email Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org.



VIRTUS TRAINING: Church personnel, including volunteers, who have not already done so, are required to register with VIRTUS. Mary of Nazareth School will host a VIRTUS Child Protection training class on **Thursday 17 May 2018** at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the school. You must pre-register to attend. Please go to www.virtus.org to create an account and register for the class. Spaces are limited. This is a great opportunity to get trained in time to volunteer for the Fall.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for Pentecost Sunday will be held on **Tuesday 15 May 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.



Social Concerns

JUNE PRIMARIES: The June 2018 election is important. Term limits have forced many present council members to step down and a new County Executive will be elected as well. The current County Council has been generous in its support of many service programs through Catholic Charities. Please look carefully at the candidates to see who might be supportive of the Church and of Catholic Charities and remember to **VOTE on Tuesday 26 June 2018**.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Please join us in preparing and serving dinner for the poor and homeless on **Thursday 31 May 2018** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please email Mike McAllister at mikem141@aol.com.

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is 72.9% towards our parish goal of \$133,785. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help OLVP meet our goal by visiting appeal.adw.org to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

CRS: The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken in our parish this weekend, **12-13 May 2018**. It supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. Please give generously to this Archdiocesan collection.

Liturgical Life

PENTECOST SUNDAY: On Sunday 20 May 2018 parishioners are encouraged to wear something red. Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Catholic Church and the conclusion of the Easter Season.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: 20 May 2018, PRESIDENTS:

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

Readings for the Week of 13 May 2018

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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.

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

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, Kenley Grace Emory celebrated Baptism, and Terence James Rascher celebrated First Eucharist.

GAUDEAMUS IGITUR: Congratulations to our pastor, Father Raymond Fecteau, who celebrates 46 years of priesthood today, Sunday 13 May 2018.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their deaths, please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers: William M. (John) Jarboe (04 May 2009), Austin Joseph Cohen (05 May 2017), Carol Anne Puglise (06 May 2013), Helene Walker (21 May 2006), G. Alan Hellowell (22 May 2006), Carter Michael Olewack (28 May 2011), and Roberto R. Martin (31 May 1997).

CONFIRMATION: The Regional Confirmation at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be on Saturday, 02 June 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Mandatory rehearsal for our 8th grade confirmands will take place on Monday, 21 May 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in our church.

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 23, 25, and 26 May 2018 as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

24th ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS: Please consider joining the priests of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, on Sunday 20 May 2018 at 4:30 p.m. for Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to honor the men and women who are serving or have served in the armed forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Reception will follow the Mass at the Pryzbyla Center at The Catholic University of America. **RSVP by 14 May 2018** to www.milarch.org/memorialmass.

NEW WINDOWS: SANCTIFYING THE DAY. The Church is always at prayer. Morning Prayer (*Lauds*) and Evening Prayer (*Vespers*) are the two hinges of the Liturgy of the Hours, an ancient sequence of formal prayers offered through the day and through the night. Celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours is second only in importance to celebrating the Sacraments of the Church. Praying at sunrise celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (the eastern most nave); praying at sunset celebrates the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ (the western most nave).

SAINTS/WINDOWS: Isidore the Farmer, 15 May
Isidore the Farmer (1070 - 1130) was born a peasant in Madrid, Spain. Isidore spent his life laboring in the fields. He was noted for his love of the poor and for his concern for the proper treatment of animals. Isidore began every day by attending Mass. When other workers complained, the owner is reported to have seen Isidore behind the plow early in the morning. According to local tradition, angels plowed his field while Isidore was at church (lower panel). Isidore is the patron of farmers and rural communities (upper panel).

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all existing and soon-to-be mothers. May God continue to bless you and your families!

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.

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.

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.

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), Father Mathew Punchayil (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), 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.

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 have it fixed.

Finance

Re\$serve\$ 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\$serve\$ Fund" on the memo line.

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of the Visitation Parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at 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.