

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fifth Sunday of Easter

14 May 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

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 20-21 May: PRE-SIDERS:

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

Readings for the Week of 14 May 2017	
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, Nathan Sarazan Bennett celebrated Baptism. Amelia Kate Gustavson, Bridget Patricia Vandegrift, Elisabeth Elsa Jane Harlor, and Meghan Katherine Johnson celebrated First Eucharist.

GAUDEAMUS IGITUR: Congratulations to our pastor, Father Raymond Fecteau, who celebrated 45 years of service in the priesthood on Saturday, 13 May 2017!

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of Austin Joseph Cohen, son of Scott (Miriam) Cohen. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

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), Carol Anne Puglise (06 May 2013), Helene Walker (21 May 2006), G. Alan Hellawell (22 May 2006), Carter Michael Olewack (28 May 2011), and Roberto R. Martin (31 May 1997).

SAINTS/WINDOWS: **Damien de Veuster, 10 May.** Damien de Veuster (1840—1889) was a Belgian priest and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (upper panel). He volunteered to serve as a missionary to Hawaii where he ministered to lepers quarantined on Molokai. The official flower of the island of Molokai is the kukui blossom (lower panel). He himself died of leprosy, 15 April 1889. Hawaii selected a statue of him to be placed in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

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

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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).

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.

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

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. 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 **31 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.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2017: The Archdiocesan Women's Conference will take place at the Catholic University of America on **Saturday, 20 May** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn how you can encounter God's grace in your day-to-day life. Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Knestout. Keynote speakers include Val-Limar Jansen, the Rev. William Byrne, Christina Lamas and Michael Carotta. For information contact Ellen-Jane Pairo, (301) 933-3546.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter will be held on **Tuesday, 16 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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Social Concerns Committee is in need of an adult assistant to help with the Adopted Family Christmas Collection. 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. Donate on-line at trinitydome.org or in the collection at Mass.

SPRING ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Filled bags should be returned **on the weekend of 13-14 May 2017**. Grocery Gift Cards may be donated in lieu of food donations, but we cannot accept cash or checks.



Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following person recently joined our parish: **Ms. Kathleen Palcher**.

PARISH RECORD KEEPING: Have you changed your address, telephone number or email? Are you planning to move out of the area? If so, please advise the parish office, at cenos@olvp.org, so that the records may be updated. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



VIRTUS: *Protecting God's Children* is the mandatory child protection training for all Archdiocese of Washington

employees and **volunteers** who have substantial contact with children. Mary of Nazareth Catholic School is hosting a training session on **Wednesday, 17 May 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Pre-register for this free training online at the Virtus/Protecting God's Children website (www.virtus.org).

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
17 Wed	VIRTUS Training, 6:30 p.m., Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
20 Sat	Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica
23 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
28 Sun	Ascension of The Lord
29 Mon	Office Closed
30 Tue	Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn
31 Wed	Feast of Our Lady of the Visitation, 9:15 a.m., Church

JUNE

04 Sun	PENTECOST—Wear Red to church Mortgage Retirement Collection
06 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
07 Wed	Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance
09 Fri	Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance
10 Sat	Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance
13 Tue	Closing Mass, Mary of Nazareth School, 9:30 a.m., Church Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

SAVE THE DATE:

25 Sun Washington Nationals Baseball Game