

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

26 May 2019

## Sacred Liturgy

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • 9:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

M/ T/ W/ F • 9:15 a.m.

Thomas More Chapel • Parish Barn • 14135 Seneca Road

**Sacrament of Penance • Saturday • 4:00—4:30 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

Kathryn Sutton, (202) 739-5738

#### At-Large Member

William Bouley, (240) 848-0532

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Vacant

#### Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel, (301) 869-0940

#### Pastor

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.  
rfecteau@olvp.org

### Stewardship Council

#### Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

#### Human Resources Committee

John Feeny, (301) 762-2116

#### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

#### Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

#### Parish Manager

Colleen Enos, (301) 948-5536

#### Director of Faith Formation

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

#### Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

#### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 2019

- 27 Mon Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 28 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 30 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 31 Fri *Feast of the Visitation*, Mass at 9:15 a.m., Church

JUNE 2019

- 01 Sat Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica
- 02 Sun Solemnity of *The Ascension of the Lord*  
Mortgage Collection  
Sodality Luncheon, Noon-2:30 p.m.,  
Founders Hall
- 04 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 09 Sun Solemnity of *Pentecost* - Wear Red
- 11 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 12 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
- 14 Fri Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
- 15 Sat Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
- 16 Sun Father's Day
- 18 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 23 Sun Corpus Christi Procession with The  
Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 a.m.  
Collection for the Holy Father
- 24 Mon Vacation Bible Camp, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 24 Wed Vacation Bible Camp, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Social Concerns*

**SPRING ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** Thank you to all those parishioners who donated food items to this collection.

**PETER'S PENCE:** On 23 June 2019 our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

**THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN IS BACK!** This needed service is now being offered at a new location: Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive in Gaithersburg. The kitchen is closed in June, July and August so our one chance to help out is on **Thursday 30 May 2019**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike McAllister, mikem141@aol.com.



*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.

**FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Our Lady of the Visitation Parish will celebrate weekday liturgy on **Friday 31 May 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in the church** to celebrate the Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All parishioners are invited to attend; we will not have morning Mass in the Chapel.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: 02 June 2019, PRESIDERS:**

- 5:00 p.m. Dominican Priest
- 9:00 a.m. Dominican Priest
- 11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

**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.

**Readings for the Week of 26 May 2019**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28  
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

**Parish Life**

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last week, **Annaelle Felicite E. Adewi, Jayson Carmine Lombardi,** and **Lyla Myriam Lukpetris** celebrated First Eucharist.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners 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).

**“THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES”:** The Spiritual Exercises are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. These retreats touch on so many important aspects of the spiritual life. The central principles are self-knowledge, discernment of God’s will for your life, and the decision to follow Christ our Lord more closely. Upcoming dates for **men** are **16-18 August** with a cost of \$250.00 per person. Upcoming dates for **women** are **31 May—02 June** with a cost of \$250.00 per person and **20-27 June** with a cost of \$600.00 per person. Registration is required. Contact Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817 on the website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org).

**QUO VADIS CAMP:** The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young

men will be held at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary **28-31 July 2019**. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org). Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

**PARISH EMBER DAYS:** Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 12, 14 and 15 June 2019** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

**CONFIRMATION:** The Regional Confirmation at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be on **Saturday, 01 June 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

**LADIES OF THE PARISH:** All women of the parish are invited to the annual Spring Sodality Luncheon scheduled on **Sunday 02 June 2019** from 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m. in Founder’s Hall. For information about purchasing tickets, please RSVP to Barb Moschella (240) 988-1633, [barbwm18@gmail.com](mailto:barbwm18@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Following the policy of Donald Cardinal Wuerl, the Sacramental Programs for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and

firmation 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.

**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), 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.

***Faith Formation for Life***

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP:** Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **Monday 24 June through Friday 28 June 2019.** Camp is for children from age 3 1/2 years (by 01 June 2019) to 5th Grade. For more information email Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org or go to www.cokesburyvbs.com/olvpvbc2019.



**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be held on **Tuesday 28 May 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

***Finance***

**MORTGAGE DEBT:** Currently we owe **\$94,624.07** to the bank for our mortgage. Once a month we ask parishioners to designate a donation to help reduce our debt. Please be as generous as your means permit.

**ReServe\$ 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: "ReServe\$ Fund" on the memo line.

**WHY FAITH DIRECT?:** May is the month for planning. We plan our Memorial Day cookout menus; we plan our children's activities; we plan our summer travel. But have you planned your giving to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish? By enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct you can plan your giving through the summer so your gifts will reach the parish even when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted. Signing up is easy! Enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114.**

***Human Resources***

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be closed on **Monday 27 May 2019** to celebrate Memorial Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**DEPRESSED:** If you or someone you know needs help, call **1-800-273-8255 (TALK).** The number is staffed 24 hours a day. You can also text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24-hour support from the Crisis Text Line.

***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 fix it.