

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Third Sunday of Easter

05 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

At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel, (301) 869-0940

Pastor

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

John Feeny, (301) 762-2116

Facilities Committee

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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

- 05 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Confirmands Mass & Brunch, 11 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
- 7 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 11 Sat **Baptism Prep. Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
- 12 Sun **Mothers' Day**
Men's Club, 9:00 a.m. Mass & Meeting
St. Martin's Food Bags Distributed
- 14 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 16 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 19 Sun **St. Martin's Food Bags Returned**
Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Family Bingo, 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall
- 20 Mon **Confirmation Rehearsal, 7p.m., Church**
- 21 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 23 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 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 **Feast of The Ascension of the Lord**
Sodality Luncheon, Noon-2:30,
Founders Hall

Social Concerns

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those parishioners who donated to the Adopted Family Collection. Without your support, these families would face a grim summer.

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.

SPRING ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Bags will be distributed after all Masses on the weekend of **11-12 April 2018**. Please help with this important collection of non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers. Bags should be returned on **18-19 April 2018**.



CRS: The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken in our parish next weekend, **11-12 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

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 12 May 2019, PRESIDERS:

- 5:00 p.m. **Father Raymond Fecteau**
- 9:00 a.m. **Father Raymond Fecteau**
- 11:00 a.m. **Dominican Father**

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week of 05 May 2019

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last week, **Maggie Michele Woods** celebrated Baptism; **Elijah Oswaldo Castro** and **Marcella Vanda Whitney** 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 Hellawell** (22 May 2006), **Carter Michael Olewack** (28 May 2011), and **Roberto R. Martin** (31 May 1997).

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. To buy tickets, RSVP to Barb Moschella (240) 988-1633, barbwm18@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL will be on **Monday 20 May at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. Each confirmand with sponsor or a parent must attend the rehearsal; the Confirmation robes will be distributed at that time.

FAMILY BINGO: SUNDAY 19 MAY 2019, 2:00 P.M. IN Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$3.00 for a 3-card sheet. Families with last names beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share.



This event is sponsored by the Men's Club, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

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).

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. The next class is scheduled for **Saturday 11 May** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn. 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.

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.

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 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.

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.



SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter will be held on **Tuesday 07 May 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Finance

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

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of the Visitation Parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! 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.

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.