Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016

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

Liturgical Life Committee
Anita Stiger, (301) 869-8154

Parish Life Committee
Joseph Young, (301) 219-6897

Faith Formation For Life Committee
Gayle M.B. Driver, Esq, (301) 279-0424

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At-Large Member
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Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Stewardship Council

Human Resources Committee
John Feeney, (301) 762-2116

Facilities Committee
Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

Fiscal Management Committee
Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

Chair
Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Parish Manager, Ext. 103
Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

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Parochial Vicar, Ext. 101
The Rev. Mathew Punchayil, Ph. D.
ORDINARY TIME: Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms, 43). Ordinary Time resumed when the Easter Season ended, on Monday, 16 May 2016, the day following Pentecost.

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2016

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 30—31 July: PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil/Deacon Bob
9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The opportunity to participate in a communal celebration of this sacrament will be offered during Sacred Liturgy on Monday, 15 August 2016, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 12:00 noon in the Church. If you or someone you know, would like to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Colleen in the parish office at (301) 948-5536.

SALVE, REGINA: The Marian antiphon, Salve, Regina, is sung from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. The text of the antiphon is the familiar prayer, “Hail Holy Queen.” It was used as a processional chant at Cluny as early as 1135. At Visitation Parish we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

YEAR OF MERCY: “The Church which ‘goes forth’ is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father’s infinite mercy. Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved” (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel). For ways to join with other disciples in showing mercy, visit mercy.adw.org.

MASSTIMES.ORG: While travelling this summer, don’t forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.


SAINTS/WINDOWS: Kateri Tekakwitha, 14 July. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656—1680) was born in Auriesville, New York, the daughter of a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin. She was a member of the Turtle Clan (upper panel). Smallpox killed her parents and her younger brother, and left her partially blind. Although fiercely discouraged by the Huron chief who adopted her, she sought instruction from Jesuit mis-
sionaries and was baptized on Easter in 1676. She made a vow of chastity and lived a life of austerity and charity. She so inspired the village of Caughnawaga, that she was given the name, “Lily of the Mohawks” (lower panel).

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY: On Saturday, 30 July 2016 at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, join thousands of young adults (18-39, married and single) from across the region at Kraków in the Capital, a day-long experience coinciding with the celebration of World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Kraków, Poland. Register for the event and learn more at wydDC.org or on social media using #wydDC.

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. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, 06 August 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Founders Hall. For information and/or to register, contact the parish office at krooney@olvp.org.

PAX CHRISTI, USA, our section of the international Catholic peace movement, will hold its national gathering in Baltimore on Friday, 12 August 2016 through Sunday, 14 August 2016. The schedule includes workshops on the intersection of racial injustice with care of the earth, immigration, Islamophobia and militarism, as well as public witness, a prayer service, and a block party in West Baltimore. To register or learn more, contact Sr. Anne Louise Nadeau, anadeau@paxchristiusa.org, (202) 635-2471.

2017 CONFIRMATION DATE: His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will administer the sacrament of Confirmation for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish on Saturday, 20 May 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

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.

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 or email Deacon Bob Fischer (olvpdeacon@gmail.com).

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, contact the parish office at molewack@olvp.org.

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), 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.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office at (301) 948-5536.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on Tuesday, 26 July 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

CATECHISTS NEEDED: As we look ahead to next year’s Faith Formation program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org

FAITH FORMATION: If you would like information about our Faith Formation programs, please email molewack@olvp.org.
ST. ANN’S CENTER FOR CHILDREN: The center, located in Hyattsville, Maryland, is recruiting adult female volunteers age 21 and older to mentor a mother living at St. Ann’s with her children. Volunteer mentors must be able to commit to a once-a-week communication via text or phone conversation and a once-a-month in-person contact. For more information, please contact Colette Saucier at (301) 559-5500, ext. 168.

SHARE MERCY WITH PEOPLE IN NEED: Catholic Charities, the social service arm of the Church, welcomes you, the Church, to share mercy by serving people in need. Come and make a difference in someone’s life—and your own! Sign up for a one-time event, or make a bigger commitment: be a mentor to someone returning from prison, welcome people arriving at a shelter for the night, or help provide 1,000 people with dental care at the Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy (clinical and general volunteers needed for this event 28-30 July 2016 in Waldorf). Get information and get started by visiting www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE! If you have a heart for women and are a good listener, consider becoming a daytime volunteer counselor at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Training consists of 8 classes held on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. on July 28 and on August 01, 04, 08, 11, 15, 18, and 22, 2016. For details, call Jackie Stippich at (301) 963-6223.

2016 RUN FOR VOCATIONS: Run for Vocations registration is open for the Marine Corps 10K on Sunday, 30 October 2016! Register at www.dcpriest.org/promote/run-for-vocations/register-to-run for both the 10K and to run for vocations. It is not necessary to be part of a team to run. You can support seminarians and vocations to the priesthood by registering to run, pledging support to a runner, and/or coming to the race on October 30th to cheer for your runners. Email RFV@adw.org with any questions.

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Danley, Mr. & Mrs. Basil Campbell, and Mr. & Mrs. James Schneider.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The office will close at noon on Monday, 15 August 2016 to celebrate the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please contact the office at parishoffice@olvp.org to report the problem so that we may have it fixed.

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: Are you enjoying your summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: MD114 or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances through the busy (but beautiful) summer months.

ALTERNATE WAYS TO GIVE: One year, a parish family offered to cover the cost of the altar bread and wine that we use at Mass. Another family subsidized our votive candles; yet another family paid for the music books. If you are interested in helping in these or other ways, please contact Father Ray at rfecteau@olvp.org.