

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 August 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

Liesel Flaig, (301) 869-2830

#### 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.  
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

#### Youth Faith Formation

Erin Clegg, (301) 385-4920

#### Deacons

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

#### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

### Mailing Address

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**AUGUST 2019**

27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

**01 Sun Mortgage Collection  
World Day of Prayer for the Care of  
Creation**

02 Mon Labor Day: Office Closed

03 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

**08 Sun Catholic University of America Collec-  
tion**

10 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

12 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn

**15 Sun Adopted Family Collection  
Catechist Orientation: 10:00 a.m.  
Founders Hall**

17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

**18 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance  
Confirmation Registration Meeting:  
6:30 p.m., Church**

**20 Fri Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**

**21 Sat Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance  
Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**

24 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

***Social Concerns***

**ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION:** If you would like to donate to the Fall Adopted Family Collection, please email or call Marianne Beattie at [olypsosocialconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:olypsosocialconcerns@gmail.com) or (301) 869-6898. The Sign-Up Genius link to view and choose new items to give will be sent to you. The donations should be placed in the alcove of the church after the Masses on **14-15 September 2019**. This vital parish program will be conducted primarily online. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION:** This Archdiocesan collection will be taken on the weekend of **07-08 September 2019**. CUA, guided by Catholic intellectual tradition, provides an academically rigorous education to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students, including many from our Archdiocese, receive scholarship aid directly from this collection. Please give according to your means.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION:** On Sunday **01 September 2019** we are to “reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of the world in which we live” (Pope Francis, 06 August 2015).



***Liturgical Life***

**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 10 June 2019, the day following Pentecost.

**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 01 September 2019, PRESIDERS:**

**5:00 p.m. Father Raymond Fecteau**  
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**11:00 a.m. Monsignor Jack MacFarlane**

**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.

**SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES:** While traveling this summer, don’t forget to visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass times and locations across the country.

**Readings for the Week of 25 August 2019**

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

*Parish Life*

**WHY STAY CATHOLIC WITH SO MUCH SCANDAL?** Bishop Robert Barron has written a book for Catholics who feel demoralized, scandalized, angry and ready to quit their life in the Church. He urges us to stay and fight—on behalf of self, family and especially, for those who have suffered so grievously over the years. A gift from a friend of the parish, copies of the book are available for parishioners and their friends on a table in the Gathering Space.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversaries of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Richard A. Weller** (02 August 2013), **Rene D. Zambranna** (03 August 1999), **Samuel Carr** (07 August 1999), **Pamela Jean Caell** (11 August 2001), **Cristeta Aquino** (15 August 1999), **Mary Albrano** (18 August 2000), **Patrick Sutton** (18 August 2015), and **Joshua Andrew Kight** (30 August 2004).

**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 21 September 2019 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.

**PARISH EMBER DAYS:** Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday**,

**Friday and Saturday, 18, 20, and 21 September 2019** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION & INFORMATION MEETING:**

Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders will have a **mandatory** meeting on **Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church to discuss the Confirmation Preparation Program for each grade and to provide an opportunity to register for the sacrament.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry (917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852) will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The 8 consecutive Wednesday evenings starting **11 September through 30 October 2019, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** There is no fee but Registration Is Required. To register contact Deacon Kevin Byrne at [kevin\\_byrne@verizon.net](mailto:kevin_byrne@verizon.net) or Claudia McAuliffe at 301-881-1457.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Following the policy of the Archdiocese of Washington, 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 a Priest/Deacon.** Please email Father Raymond Fecteau ([rfecteau@olvp.org](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com)) or Deacon Robert Fischer ([olvpdeacon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org).

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL COTILLION PROGRAM:** This introduction to ballroom dancing and social grace training for eighth grade boys and girls consists of four instructional sessions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **14, 21, 28 September, and 05 October**, and concludes with a formal dinner and dance on **12 October** from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The sessions are held at the school; the fee for the series is \$150 for Mary of Nazareth 8th grade students; \$200 for non-Mary of Nazareth 8th grade students. A standard of dress is required. For more information, please contact Karen Woolery at [karendillonwoolery@yahoo.com](mailto:karendillonwoolery@yahoo.com). Registration deadline is **07 September 2019**.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 27 August 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS:** Pope Francis has reminded us, "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." Watch future bulletins for what activities there will be in our 2019-2020 Faith Formation program for adults, families, and youth to better understand and grow in their faith.



### *Finance*

**MORTGAGE DEBT:** Currently we owe **\$72,592.15** 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.

**OLVP LEGACY GIFT:** By naming Our Lady of the Visitation Parish as a beneficiary in their wills, some parishioners have remembered our parish in a personal and enduring way. A legacy gift honors the past, serves the present, and invests in the future of Visitation Parish. If you wish to make a bequest, the following language is suggested: "I give and devise to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Darnestown, Maryland, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific purpose)."

**WHY FAITH DIRECT?:** Have you missed a weekly offering while on Summer vacation? eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping the parish reduce expenses. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **MD114** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today.

### *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*

**EXTERIOR LIGHTING UPGRADE:** We would like to restore all the exterior lighting for our church. Newer and more efficient lighting will replace the old and non-functioning units. The new fixtures will be more cost efficient and will enhance security and safety. The light on the bell tower and cross has been repaired. Next, we will replace the pathway and walkway lights, and then, the ground lighting. Cost estimates are between \$3,000 and \$5,000, including labor and materials. If you are able to help in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact our pastor or our parish office.

