

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 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.
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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

AUGUST 2019

- 04 Sun** **Mortgage Collection**
Catholic Communications and Human Development Collection
School Supplies Collection
- 06 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 11 Sun** **School Supplies Collection**
- 13 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 15 Thu** **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**
12 Noon, Mass and Anointing of the Sick, Church
7:00 p.m., Mass, Church
- 16 Fri** **Fellowship on the Farm, 6:00 p.m.,**
Rocklands Farm Winery
- 20 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 27 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 01 Sun** **Mortgage Collection**
- 02 Mon** Labor Day: Office Closed
- 03 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

Social Concerns

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION: This national collection, scheduled for this weekend, **03-04 August 2019** makes it possible for people worldwide to watch papal programs and view papal documents online. Locally it supports the broadcast of Sunday Mass for the homebound and the website for *The Catholic Standard*. Please be generous.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION: Our parish will donate new school supplies to those in need through the Interfaith Clothing Center. Please place new pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, folders, etc. in the basement of our church this weekend, **03-04** or on the weekend of **10-11 August 2019**.

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies. Volunteers (especially bilingual Spanish-speaking women) are needed to keep in touch with clients via phone or email during their pregnancy, to bring them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and to pray for them. The average time commitment would be 1 to 4 hours (or less) per month. Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Please check out the website at www.gmoco.org. For more information, please call or text Toni Wohleber (240-882-9893).



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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 11 August 2019, PRESIDERS:

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The opportunity to participate in a communal celebration of this Sacrament will be offered during Sacred Liturgy on **Thursday 15 August 2019**, 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated in the church on **Thursday 15 August 2019 at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m.** This feast was celebrated as early as the 5th century in the East and in Rome. The Assumption of Mary is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

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 for Mass times and locations across the country.

Readings for the Week of 04 August 2019

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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.

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last week, **Luke Zhao Waskiewicz** and **Megan Marie Lenzi** celebrated Baptism; **Emily Elizabeth Skufca** celebrated First Eucharist.

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).

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.

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 17 August 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.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND?: If you are planning to attend the University of Maryland in the fall, keep in mind that it is easy to get lost in the chaos. Go to catholicterps.org for information about the Catholic Student Center in College Park, the freshman retreat, free Wednesday night Mass & Dinner, and other ways to get involved.

ORGAN CONCERTS: Since the late 1970s, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, has offered an annual summer organ recital series to showcase its acclaimed pipe organs. Distinguished organists from around the world have performed on Sunday evenings in the months of July and August. The tradition continues in the 2019 season. Tonight and every Sunday evening in August, recitals start at 6:00 PM in the Great Upper Church and admission is free. Prior to each recital, Robert Grogan, Basilica Carillonneur and Organist Emeritus, will perform on the Knights' Tower Carillon at 5:30 pm. We hope that you will find time for a respite from the summer heat to enjoy the opportunity to hear glorious music in an extraordinary sacred space.

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 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

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 06 August 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Finance

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?: Thank you for being a part of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. All that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure, is much appreciated. This summer, it is hoped that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. During these summer months, your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries. Visit faith.direct.com and use our church code: **MD114**.

Human Resources

SEEKING STAFF: Mary of Nazareth School is seeking staff to work in the extended day program for the 2019/2020 school year. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Williams at (301) 869-0940 or awilliams@maryofnazareth.org.

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.