

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

01 September 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

#### 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

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 Collection**  
**Men's Club (HNS), 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting**
- 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 Prep Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
- 22 Sun **Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**
- 24 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 29 Sun **Parents-Catechists Meeting, Grades**  
**Pre-K, K, 1, 10:00 a.m., Founders Hall**  
**Parents-Catechists Meeting, Grades 6,**  
**7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall**

OCTOBER 2019

- 01 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
**Parents-Catechists Meeting, Grades 2,**  
**3, 4, 5, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall**

*Social Concerns*

**ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION:** If you would like to donate to the Fall Adopted Family Collection, please email or call Marianne Beattie at olvpsocialconcerns@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:** Today, 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 08 September 2019, PRESIDERS:**

- 5:00 p.m. **Monsignor Jack MacFarlane**
- 9:00 a.m. **Father Raymond Fecteau**
- 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.

**Readings for the week of 01 September, 2019**

Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**Parish Life**

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last week, **Amber Bianca Campbell** and **Harper June Roembke** celebrated Baptism and **Cassidy Jolene Campbell** celebrated First Eucharist.

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Sr. Marcella Marie Missar, SND**. We commend her and her family to God in our prayers.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversaries of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Agnes F. Kelly** (2 September 2002), **Richard J. Gordon** (03 September 2012), **Harry T. Lackey, Jr.** (10 September 2002), **Vincent Burns** (10 September 1994), **Andrew Garde** (22 September 1994), and **Mabel Rebecca Offutt** (S30 September 2015).

**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 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.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS: 9 September, Peter Claver** (1581—1654) was born to a poor farming family in Spain. He became a Jesuit missionary (upper panel) and, at his ordination to the priesthood, Peter vowed to become “a slave to the slaves.” As slave ships (lower panel) arrived in Cartagena (Columbia, South America) he boarded the ships with food, drink and medicine. With the help of interpreters, and despite open opposition and ridicule, Peter Claver instructed and baptized almost four hundred thousand people. His feast is listed in the United States liturgical calendar.

**MEN’S CLUB (HNS):** The Men’s Club (HNS) is a diverse community of men who look to be an example to others through the regular practice of their faith and via the service and commitment they show to the parish. The club meets immediately after 9:00 a.m. Mass on the second Sunday of each month from September through April. Meetings are less than an hour and if you need a lift, transportation can be provided. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 08 September**, right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served.

**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), 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](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org).

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**FAITH FORMATION OVERVIEW:** The enclosed Information Sheet outlines the details of our parish Faith Formation programs. The *National Directory for Catechesis* teaches us that God continues to speak to His people today through the authentic teaching of the Church. Our programs are opportunities to grow in our faith through these teachings. Remember that the *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*, 8 stated, “the Church, in her doctrine, life and worship perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes.” Do we know all that she believes?

**CATECHIST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Pope Francis has pointed out, “[E]very Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus ...” As catechists who teach and echo the Gospel, this witness of life should call us “constantly to go forth to others out of love, to bear witness to Jesus and to talk about Jesus, to proclaim Jesus.” If you have an interest in this opportunity, please contact our Parish Coordinator for Youth Faith Formation, Erin Clegg (301) 385-4920.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 03 September 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

### *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:** The Parish Office will close on **Monday 02 September 2019** to celebrate Labor 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*

**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.

