

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 September 2017

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

Vice-Chair

Deacon Thaddeus Dmuchowski

Liturgical Life Committee

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Parish Life Committee

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Liturgical Life

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Sun Catholic University Collection**
HNS/Men's Club Mass and Meeting,
9:00 a.m., Church
- 12 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 17 Sun Second Collection: Hurricane Harvey**
Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting, Church
Police Food Drive
Church School Begins, 9:00 am, Church
Ages 3, 4, and Pre-K 5 year old children
Confirmation Registration: Parent Meet-
ing, Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 19 Tue** Scripture Study, 10 a.m., Barn
- 20 Wed** Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
- 22 Fri** Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
- 23 Sat** Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
- 24 Sun Police Food Drive**
Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church
First Eucharist Registration, 12:15 p.m
Church
Faith Formation Begins:
Grades 6,7,8, 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory
- 26 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
St. Michael's Mass, Noon, Church
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 30 Sat Baptism Prep. Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**

OCTOBER

- 01 Sun Mortgage Collection**
Adopted Family Collection
Church School, 9:00 am, Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
- 03 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn
- 07 Sat Blessing of the Animals, 9:00am, Church**
Lower Parking Lot, Rain or Shine
- 09 Mon** Columbus Day - Office Closes at Noon
- 10 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 16-17 September: PRESIDERS:

- 5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau**
9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau
11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of 10 September 2017

- Monday:** Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary 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 Offut** (30 September 2015).

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. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. The next class will be held on **Saturday 30 September 2017** at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Barn. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.



FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION MEETING for the parents of those young parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2018 will be on **Sunday, 24 September 2017** in the Church at **12:15 p.m.** For more information, please e-mail Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org.

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 20, 22, and 23 September 2017** 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 **Sunday, 17 September 2017** 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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS AT ALL SOULS CEMETERY: Since the earliest days of the Church, believers have found consolation and hope in the companionship of Our Lady in prayer at the cemetery. Gather at All Souls Cemetery on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on **Friday 15 September 2017** at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact All Souls Cemetery at 301-428-1995.

MEN'S CLUB (HOLY NAME SOCIETY): We invite all interested OLVP men to join. We are the driving force behind the annual Christmas tree sale, and we work behind the scenes on many other OLVP events. This year we want to expand activities to include youth and families. Come help us make it an exciting year. Young and 'old', each of you have a special gift to contribute to our parish. Join us for our September 2017 meeting right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass **today, Sunday 10 September 2017** in Founders Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served.

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.

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.

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, ext. 107.

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), Deacon Ted Dmuchowskii (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 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 e-mail the parish office at 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 five Saturday sessions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **09, 23, and 30 September, 14 and 21 October**. The sessions are held at the school; the fee for the series is \$200 and a standard of dress is required. For additional information, please contact the Development Office at (301) 869-0940 ext. 6, or cotillion@maryofnazareth.org.

2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation sessions will begin on **Sunday 24 September 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for **Grades 6, 7, and 8 through High School**. Sessions for **Grades Kindergarten** (you must be 5 years of age by 01 September 2017) through **Grade 5** will begin on **Tuesday 26 September 2017 from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Registration is open. Contact Michele Olewack for information and to register (molewack@olvp.org).



Religious Education

CHURCH SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER: This year, we welcome our 3 year olds, 4 year olds and Pre-K children to Sunday Church School during the 9:00 a.m. Mass beginning on **Sunday 17 September 2017**. For more information and to register, email molewack@olvp.org.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 12 September 2017**, at 10:00 a.m. in the 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 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 **30 September—01 October 2017**. This vital parish program will be conducted primarily online. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FOOD DRIVE: The Maryland State Police Rockville Barrack has asked Our Lady of the Visitation Parish to collect food for the Montgomery County Food Bank. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers in the lower church alcove on the weekends of **16-17 and 23-24 September 2016**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



SPECIAL HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION: With Hurricane Harvey continuing to batter the Gulf Coast regions in Texas and Louisiana, we invite you to join us in prayer and support of those suffering from the storm and its aftermath. A special second collection will be taken on **16-17 September 2017**. Please make checks payable to the parish and note 'Harvey' in the memo portion of your check.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: This Archdiocesan collection will be taken this weekend, **09/10 September 2017**. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students receive scholarship aid directly from this collection, including many from our archdiocese. Please give according to your means.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will close at noon on Monday 09 October for Columbus Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Facilities

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

Finance

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: As you prepare for the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **MD114** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office.