

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 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

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

Kathryn Sutton, (202) 739-5738

#### At-Large Member

Will Flaig (301) 869-2830

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Timothy J. Hahn, (301) 926-7980

#### Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

### Stewardship Council

#### Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

#### Human Resources Committee

John Feeney, (301) 762-2116

#### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

#### Fiscal Management Committee

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Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

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Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
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#### Pastor, Ext. 109

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

02 Sat Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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, 9:00 a.m., Church  
Lower Parking Lot, Rain or Shine

8 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church  
Men's Club/Holy Name Society Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Church  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

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

15 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church  
World Mission/Propagation of the Faith Collection  
Tootsie Roll Drive, Knights of Columbus Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Church  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

SEPTEMBER

17 Sun Second Collection: Hurricane Harvey Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting, Church  
Police Food Drive  
Church School Begins, 9:00 a.m., Church  
Ages 3, 4, and Pre-K 5 year old children

Confirmation Registration: Parent Meeting, 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



Liturgical Life

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME: 23-24 September: PRESIDERS:

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

Readings for the Week of 17 September 2017

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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).

ROSARIES: During the month of October, blessed rosaries will be available in a basket in the rear of the church, near the statues of the Holy Family. Please feel free to take a rosary, if you need one. If you have

an extra rosary at home and would like to be a part of this project, you may place your rosary in the basket for others to use.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:**

The Knights of Columbus Council 6901 will conduct the annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all the Masses on the weekend of **14-15 October 2017**. The nickname is due to the nature of the fundraiser, in which Knights distribute candy bars, very often specially marked Tootsie Rolls, in exchange for donations used to support programs geared to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** On **Saturday, 07 October 2017** please bring your pets to the lower church parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** so they may receive a 'Blessing of the Animals,' in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. His feast is celebrated on 04 October. Voluntary donations of checks made out to K-9 Lifesavers will be accepted.

**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.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS:** **29 September**, The three archangel windows in the bell tower depict **St. Michael**, patron of police and pilots; **St. Gabriel**, patron of mothers; and **St. Raphael**, patron of medicine and healing.

**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 today, **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.

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

### *Faith Formation for Life*



### *Religious Education*

**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](mailto:molewack@olvp.org)).

**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 today, **Sunday 17 September 2017.** For more information and to register, email [molewack@olvp.org](mailto:molewack@olvp.org).

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 19 September 2017,** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

### *Social Concerns*

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH:** Reminding us of Our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel to all nations, this second collection supports Church missions in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests and religious in desperate need, to bring the light of Christ to families and children living in the darkest of circumstances. This national collection will be taken on the weekend of **14-15 October 2017.** Please be generous according to your means.

**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](mailto: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 do-

nations 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 the Gulf Coast regions in Texas and Louisiana continuing to recover from Hurricane Harvey, 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 this weekend, **16-17 September 2017.** Please make checks payable to the parish and note 'Harvey' in the memo portion of your check.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION:** Our parish donated \$ 1,222.00 to this national collection.

### *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](mailto: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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **MD114** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office.