

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

08 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

08 Sun Catholic University of America Collection
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
02 Wed St. Michael's Mass, Noon, Church
03 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn
05 Sat Blessing of Animals, 9:00 a.m. Lower
Church Parking Lot, Rain or Shine
06 Sun Mortgage Collection
Grades 7, 8: Confirmation Family Mass
11:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
High School: 6:30 p.m., Rectory
08 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

Social Concerns

RUN FOR VOCATIONS: Run for Vocations registration is open! The Marine Corps 10K will be held on **Sunday 27 October 2019**, but plan to register soon, as the race fills quickly. Register by contacting RFV@adw.org. It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run.

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 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 this weekend, **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.

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 15 September 2019, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m.	Father Raymond Fecteau
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11:00 a.m.	Father Raymond Fecteau

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 08 September 2019

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Parish Life

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** (30 September 2015).

SODALITY: All Women of the Parish Welcome! Sodality is beginning its 16th year at OLVP. Join us for coffee, fellowship and our first meeting of the year on **Sunday 22 September** following the 9:00 a.m. Mass downstairs in Founder's Hall. Questions? Call Barb Moschella at 240-988-1633 or email Diana Hurley at hurley05@verizon.net.

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.

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 start on **11 September** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. To register contact Deacon Kevin Byrne at kevin_byrne@verizon.net.

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.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation sessions will begin on **Sunday 06 October 2019** from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for **Grades 6, 7, and 8**. Sessions for **Grades Pre-K (3 ½ by 01 June 2019), Kindergarten and 1** will begin at the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 06 October 2019** and sessions for **Grades 2 through 5** will begin on **Tuesday 08 October 2019** from **4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Registration is open. Please see the bulletin inserts for details about how to register.

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. Registration deadline is **07 September 2019**.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 10 September 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?: 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 and use our church code: **MD114** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today.

Human Resources

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED: If you are looking to share your musical talent, the 9:00 a.m. Sunday choir would be happy to hear from you. Contact Diana Hurley at hurley05@verizon.net for details.

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.