

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 January 2018

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

At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Pastor, Ext. 109

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.
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Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

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

MAY 2018

5 Sat NIH Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church

FEBRUARY 2018

21 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance

20 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

19 Mon Office Closed, Presidents' Day

18 Sun No Church School

Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
No Faith Formation Classes

16 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church

14 Wed Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution Of Ashes at 6:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Service, 8:00 p.m., Church
Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

13 Tue Faith Formation:

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Church School, 9:00 a.m.

11 Sun Faith Formation:

Grades 6, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
7th Gr. Confirmation Study Session II,
6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

10 Sat Volunteer Party, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall

09 Fri Family Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

6 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

04 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.

No Faith Formation Classes

03 Sat Getting Ready Day II, 9:00 a.m., Church

Baptism Prep. Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn

JANUARY 2018

30 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Church School, 9:00 a.m.

28 Sun Catholic Schools Week: 9:00 a.m. Mass
Students wear uniform to Mass.

Refreshments in Founders Hall

Faith Formation:

Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory

27 Sat First Penance, 9:00 a.m., Church

23 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Church School, 9:00 a.m.

21 Sun Baby Items Collection

Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
6th & 7th Gr. Confirmands, 11:00 a.m.

Mass and Refreshments

Faith Formation:

Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall



Faith Formation for Life

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Children and parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet the talented faculty, and tour the beautiful campus of our regional Catholic Elementary School on Sunday **28 January 2018** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information and to RSVP, please call (301) 869-0940 or go to <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us>.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 23 January 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Social Concerns

BABY ITEM COLLECTION: All parishioners are encouraged to celebrate the gift of life by donating new baby items such as diapers, wipes and all baby clothing (including coats) for newborns up to size 2T, to support the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County. Items may be left in the alcove downstairs in the church after Mass this weekend, **20-21 January 2018**.

Liturgical Life

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 27-28 January 2018, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil / Deacon Ted

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11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau / Deacon Ted

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 began on Tuesday 09 January and continues through Tuesday 13 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends, on Monday 21 May, the day following Pentecost.

Readings for the Week of 21 January 2018

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Parishioners are not obliged to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50. **Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather.** Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

IN/OUT OF FLU SEASON: No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of goodwill. Also, he or she may wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by mouth. Common sense dictates that you remain at home, if feeling unwell.

CHRISTMAS CRECHE: The Christmas Season in the Roman Catholic Church once extended from 24 December, Christmas Eve, through the Feast of the

Presentation of the Lord, 2 February. The length of the Christmas Season was changed during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Today, the Christmas Season ends on the evening of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (8 January in 2018). Many families and parishes choose to keep cherished Christmas customs according to the old liturgical calendar. And so, Visitation Parish families will be able to visit our beautiful nativity scene for a few more weeks. In a special prayer on Christmas Day our pastor asked that God bless all who look upon our manger.

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Daniel Pennachia**, uncle and Godfather of Liesel Flaig. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), and **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000).

ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Saturday 10 February 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Founders Hall. Come and enjoy food, fun, music and friendship. All adult parishioners who have volunteered in any capacity in the parish are invited. Please **RSVP by Thursday 08 February 2018** by calling (301) 948-5536.

FAMILY BINGO: Friday 09 February 2018, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$3.00 for a 3-card sheet. Families with last names beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

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 on **Saturday 03 February 2018** 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.

GETTING READY DAY II: The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2018 is scheduled for **Saturday 03 February 2018** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

FIRST PENANCE: A First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on **Saturday 27 January 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** in the church. A reception for children and their families will follow in Founders Hall. For information, please contact Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org.

DAY OF PRAYER: All dioceses of the United States will observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on **Monday 22 January 2018**, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973).

FORMED.ORG: Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED.org, a digital platform that gives every parishioner access to feature films, video-based study programs, audio presentations and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters, available in both English and Spanish, **at no cost to you.** All you have to do is register—here's how: 1. Visit formed.org 2. Click on Register (lower right of page). 3. Enter Parish Access Code: **6QJXKX.** 4) Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later). 5.) Make a selection.

MONTHLY TELEPHONE ROSARY: Join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4th of each month at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray as a community by calling 605-468-8016 and inserting access code: 357090#. Questions? Contact Carol Monaco at csmonaco@verizon.net.

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 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), Father Mathew Punchayil (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), 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.

Facilities

DOVE OF PEACE: The classic representation of the Holy Spirit, mounted on the rear wall of the church, is inspired by Bernini's window in St. Peter's Basilica. The top four short starburst rays symbolize the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as well as the four cardinal virtues, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance. The six bottom starburst rays represent the six days of creation as well as the divine attributes of Power, Majesty, Wisdom, Love, Mercy and Justice.

Finance

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: *Faith Direct* is a great way to ensure that your gifts of treasure to OLVP are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114.**

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SNOW POLICY: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Daily liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed there is no daily liturgy.