

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 September 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

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Social Concerns Committee

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At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

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Pastor, Ext. 109

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.
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Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

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Facilities Committee

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2018

- 16 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 14 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Men's Club, Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
World Missions/Propagation of the Faith Collection
First Eucharist Registration Parent Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Church
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
 11 Thu **Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
 09 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
 08 Mon **Columbus Day: Office Closes at Noon**
 07 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
Grades 6 & 7, 11:00 a.m. Mass-Church Refreshments in Founders Hall
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
 06 Sat **Blessing of the Animals, 9:00 a.m. Lower Church Parking Lot, Rain or Shine**
 04 Thu **Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
 02 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 30 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
 29 Sat **Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
 25 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
Parent K-5 Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
 23 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Adopted Family Collection
 Faith Formation:
High School F.F., 6:30 p.m., Rectory
 Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
 22 Sat Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
Washington Nationals Game, 4:00 p.m.
Car Pool from Parking Lot at 2:00 p.m.
 21 Fri Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
 19 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
Parents-Confirmation Meeting,
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Church
 18 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
 16 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
 Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall



Faith Formation for Life

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION: Youth in grades 9 through 12 will meet in the rectory at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday 23 September 2018 for *Scripture and Snacks*. For more information and to enroll, please email Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org.

2018-2019 FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation sessions will begin today, Sunday 16 September 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Grades 6, 7, and 8. Sessions for Grades Kindergarten (you must be 5 years of age by 01 September 2018) through Grade 5 will begin on Tuesday 18 September 2018 from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration is open. Contact Michele Olewack for information and to register (molewack@olvp.org).

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on Tuesday 18 September 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Social Concerns

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$1,179.00 to this Archdiocesan collection.

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 13-14 October 2018. Please be generous according to your means.

DOROTHY DAY WOMEN'S SHELTER: The Dorothy Day Women's Shelter in Rockville is part of



Catholic Charities. The Visitation Parish Sodality provides dinner for the shelter once a month: main course, sides, and dessert. Thank you to those who helped this month; help is always needed! For more information, please contact Diana Hurley at (301) 216-0870 or at hurley05@verizon.net.

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 **22-23 September 2018**. This vital parish program will be conducted primarily online. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Liturgical Life

ST. MICHAEL'S MASS: All parishioners and all available police officers are invited to pray for our local law enforcement personnel by attending our annual St. Michael's Mass on **Tuesday 25 September 2018** at **12 noon** in our church. The Knights of Columbus Fatima Council #6901 will serve a light lunch in Founders Hall after Mass.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 22 – 23 September 2018, PRESIDERS:

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

Readings for the Week of 16 September 2018

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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.

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).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On **Saturday, 06 October 2018** 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.



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.

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 29 September 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.

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 19, 21, and 22 September 2018** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

5TH ANNUAL OLVP DAY AT THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS! Please join us on **Saturday 22 September 2018** for a fun-filled afternoon at the ballpark. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. and car pool to the game. Game time is at 4:00 p.m. All seats are \$30.00. For tickets and information contact John Theis (301) 908-5315 or Jotheis@verizon.net. by today, **Sunday 16 September 2018**.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION & INFORMATION MEETING: Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders will have a **mandatory** meeting on **Wednesday 19 September 2018 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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES OF GREATER WASHINGTON (CSGW): Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Ages 21 to 65-plus; most members are 45 and older. To learn more about the organization, go to <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Tricia at (301) 460-9195.

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.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please email the parish office at parishoffice@olvp.org.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5536 and report the problem so that we may have it fixed.

Finance

Re\$erve\$ FUND: To address the ongoing repairs and replacements needed for the church (e.g. update security), the barn (e.g. new phone system), and the rectory (e.g. update heat/AC system), a much needed budget line item has been added. For now and for the future, please make checks payable to OLVP, and please note: "Re\$erve\$ Fund" on the memo line.

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: As you prepare for the start of a busy autumn, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **MD114**.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Mitchell, and Ms. Maegan Sigrin-Olivos.

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.