

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

29 April 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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### 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

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

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Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

#### Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

#### Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JUNE 2018

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

### MAY 2018

28 Mon Office Closed, Memorial Day  
26 Sat Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance  
25 Fri Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance  
23 Wed Ember Day, Voluntary Day of Penance  
22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
**21 Mon Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Church**  
**20 Sun Pentecost Sunday**  
Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
**13 Sun Ascension Sunday-Mothers' Day Catholic Relief Services Collection**  
**12 Sat Baptism Prep Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**  
08 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation Final Session:  
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall  
**06 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m. Final Session**  
**Mortgage Collection**  
**Men's Club Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**  
Faith Formation Final Session:  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall  
**05 Sat NIH Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church**  
01 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

### APRIL 2018

**29 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.**  
**St. Martin Food Bags Collected**  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**FALL 2018 CYO SOCCER REGISTRATION AND ASSESSMENT DATES:** CYO Fall soccer registration is now open to form competitive and non-competitive teams for U10-U14 youth from the following parishes: Our Lady of the Visitation, St. Mary's Barnesville, St. Paul's Damascus, St. John Neumann, St. Rose of Lima, Mother Seton and Our Lady of the Presentation. Assessments and practices will be held at **Mary of Nazareth School** in Darnestown. To Register go to: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/104443>.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP:** Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **Monday 18 June 2018** through **Friday 22 June 2018**. Camp is for children from ages 3 1/2 (by 01 June 2018) to 6th Grade.



Watch upcoming bulletins for more information or email Michele Olewack, [molewack@olvp.org](mailto:molewack@olvp.org).

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter will be held on **Tuesday 01 May 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

### *Social Concerns*

**THANK YOU** to all those parishioners who donated items to our Adopted Family Collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN:** Please join us in preparing and serving dinner for the poor and homeless on **Thursday 31 May 2018** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please email Mike McAllister at [mikem141@aol.com](mailto:mikem141@aol.com).

**2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL:** Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is 72.9% towards our parish goal of \$133,785. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help OLVP meet our goal by visiting [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

**CRS:** The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken in our parish on **12-13 May 2018**. It supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. Please give generously to this Archdiocesan collection.



**SPRING ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** Please help with this important collection of non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers. Bags should be returned today, **28-29 April 2018**.

*Liturgical Life*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 06 May 2018, PRESIDERS:**

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

**Readings for the Week of 29 April 2018**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
 St. Joseph the Worker:  
 Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**EASTER SEASON:** The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "Great Sunday" (Athanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These, above all others, are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter Octave form the "early hours" of this "Great Sunday," with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His Resurrection.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE:** The Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

*Parish Life*

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last weekend, **Alexander Theodore Merkle** celebrated First Eucharist.

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **The Most Rev. David Foley**, retired Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama and former priest of the Archdiocese of Washington. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their deaths, please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers: **William M. (John) Jarboe** (04 May 2009), **Austin Joseph Cohen** (05 May 2017), **Carol Anne Puglise** (06 May 2013), **Helene Walker** (21 May 2006), **G. Alan Hellowell** (22 May 2006), **Carter Michael Olewack** (28 May 2011), and **Roberto R. Martin** (31 May 1997).

**CONFIRMATION:** The Regional Confirmation at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be on **Saturday, 02 June 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** Mandatory **rehearsal** for our 8th grade confirmands will take place on **Monday, 21 May 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in our church.**

**PARISH EMBER DAYS:** Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 23, 25, and 26 May 2018** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS: Isidore the Farmer, 15 May.** Isidore the Farmer (1070 - 1130) was born a peasant in Madrid, Spain. Isidore spent his life laboring in the fields. He was noted for his love of the poor and for his concern for the proper treatment of animals. Isidore began every day by attending Mass. When other workers complained, the owner is reported to have seen Isidore behind the plow early in the morning. According to local tradition, angels plowed his field while Isidore was at church (lower panel). Isidore is the patron of farmers and rural communities (upper panel).

**Damien de Veuster, 10 May.** Damien de Veuster (1840—1889) was a Belgian priest and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (upper panel). He volunteered to serve as a missionary to Hawaii where he ministered to lepers quarantined on Molokai. The official flower of the island of Molokai is the kukui blossom (lower panel). He himself died of leprosy, 15 April 1889. Hawaii selected a statue of him to be placed in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

**SPRING CONCERT:** Don't miss the chance to enjoy the NIH Community Chorus (and some of our parishioners) in "A Concert of Contrasts" on **Saturday 05 May 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the church.



**REMEMBERING BLACK SLAVES:** All are welcome to attend the installation of a blessed plaque honoring the sacred memory of the Enslaved Men and Women buried throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. Fr. Joseph Rogers will preside over the plaque installation ceremony at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Road, Germantown, MD on **Friday 04 May 2018** at 11:00 a.m. Although there are no burials of enslaved persons at All Souls, the plaque invites cemetery visitors to remember and pray for those who await their resurrection in Christ in unknown graves anywhere within the boundaries of the Archdiocese.

**ROSARIES:** During the month of May, blessed rosaries will be available in a basket placed at the statue of the Blessed Mother. If you are in need of a rosary, please feel free to take one. If you have extra rosaries at home, you may place them in the basket for others to use.

**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. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, including parishioners who will be Sponsors/Godparents elsewhere, to attend this Baptism Preparation Class. The next class is scheduled for **Saturday 12 May 2018** at 10:00 a.m. in the parish Barn. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.

**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.

**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 Parish Barn.

**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*

**WHY FAITH DIRECT?:** Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of the Visitation Parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114**.

### *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**CARDINAL WUERL'S PASTORAL PLAN:** The Cardinal's detailed plan for how parishes and individual Catholics can expand and strengthen the Catholic Church's marriage and family outreach is available for all parishioners downstairs in the church on the "Please Take One" table.