

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 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

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Parish Life Committee

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Faith Formation For Life Committee

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2018

- 23 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 21 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
- 18 Thu **Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
- 16 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 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
- 23 Sun **Parent K-5 Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall**
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



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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 25 September 2018**, 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 **13-14 October 2018**. Please be generous according to your means.

DOROTHY DAY PLACE: The Dorothy Day Place 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 use the Sign-Up Genius link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545abac23a2fa7-2018>, or contact Diana Hurley at hurley05@verizon.net.



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 29 – 30 September 2018, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau / Deacon Bob

9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil / Deacon Ted

Readings for the Week of 23 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

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Marilyn Jeane Brown**, mother of James (Anne-Marie) Brown. We commend her and her family in our prayers to God.

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).

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 part of this project, you may place your rosary in the basket for others to use.

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 2019 will be on **Sunday 14 October 2018** in the Church at **12:15 p.m.** For more information, please e-mail Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.oprg.

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.

MONTHLY MINI-RETREATS FOR WOMEN: Consider participating at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center for the "Made in God's Image: Made for Relationships" Mini-Retreats. Cost is \$20.00 per person (includes retreat materials, Mass, confession, Gospel meditation and a meal). Advance registration is appreciated. Please register at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call (301) 365-0612. The topic for **26-27 September 2018** is: *Made in God's Image: Made for Relationships*. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

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. Christopher Dickhoff, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lukpetris.

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.**

VENDORS NEEDED: St. Francis of Assisi Annual Holiday Bazaar & Flea Market, 6701 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood on **Saturday 10 November 2018** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in having a booth at the bazaar, please contact the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407 or e-mail dzezzo@sfdaw.org.

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.