

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

25 November 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

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 Feeney, (301) 762-2116

Facilities Committee

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

Parish Manager

Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

Director of Faith Formation

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

Deacons

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

25	Tue	Christmas Day Sacred Liturgy, 11:00 a.m. Office Closed
24	Mon	Christmas Eve Masses: Sacred Liturgy, 4:00p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00p.m.
23	Sun	No Church School No Faith Formation Classes
18	Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45p.m., Founders Hall
16	Sun	Advent Reflection, 7:00 p.m. Founders Hall Church School, 9:00 a.m. Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Head Start Food Bags Collected Christmas Pageant, 6:00 p.m. Grades K-5, 6-8, and H.S.F.F.
11	Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
		Advent Reflection, 7:00 p.m., Founders Hall
09	Sun	Last Day Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to Sold Out Church School, 9:00 a.m. Men's Club, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting Religious Retirement Collection Head Start Food Bags Distributed Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
08	Sat	Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass at 10:00 a.m. Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
07	Fri	Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
06	Thu	Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
05	Wed	Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
04	Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
		Advent Reflection, 7:00 p.m., Founders Hall
03	Mon	Tree Sales, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
02	Sun	Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Church School, 9:00 a.m. Adopted Family Christmas Collection Mortgage Collection Faith Formation: High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
1	Sat	Tree Sales, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
30	Fri	Tree Sales Begin, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
29	Thu	Trees Off Truck, 1:00 p.m., Parking Lot
27	Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
		Advent Reflection, 7:00 p.m., Founders Hall
25	Sun	No Church School No Faith Formation Classes



Faith Formation for Life

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Parents, grandparents, siblings, invited guests and all parishioners are welcome to attend our annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday 16 December 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.** Please email Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org for more information.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the First Sunday of Advent will be held on **Tuesday 27 November 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.**

Social Concerns

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION: Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. This second collection on **Sunday 09 December 2018,** helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous to this national collection.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION FOR HEAD START: Grocery bags for our Head Start program will be distributed on **08-09 December 2018.** Bags are to be returned on the weekend of **15-16 December 2018.** Please be sure to include only non-perishable items in non-breakable containers.

ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS: The Adopted Family Christmas Collection will be held on **01-02 December 2018.** Watch the bulletin for further details on how to contribute.

Liturgical Life

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 08 December is the patronal feast of the United States and is always a Holy Day of Obligation. Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated in the church at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday 08 December 2018** to honor Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

ADVENT: The Advent Season is a four week period of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. It is a “mini-Lent” in the sense that it is a time for us to properly prepare ourselves by praying, by fasting, and by performing works of mercy. St. Bernard of Clairvaux reminds us that in Advent, we celebrate the three-fold coming of Christ: 1) Jesus came to us once in flesh and human frailty (Incarnation); 2) Jesus comes to us now in Sacred Word and Sacramental Mystery (Each Liturgical Year); 3) Jesus will come again in great glory and majesty (Second Coming). St. Bernard also reminds us that Advent is a most appropriate time to honor Mary—patroness of our Country, our Archdiocese and our Parish. Advent begins on **Sunday 02 December 2018**.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 01-02 December 2018, PRESIDERS:

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

Readings for the Week of 25 November 2018

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER: One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermanus Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054) is

believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, the traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

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 good will. 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.

ADVENT WREATH: The season of Advent prepares us not only for Christmas/Epiphany, but also for the whole church year. The revised Roman ritual of 1989 states that four purple or four white candles may be used for the Advent wreath in the church or home. In our parish, we use an evergreen wreath, white candles and purple bows.

CHRISTMAS EVE PASSES are not required for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve liturgy. However please be aware that you need to get here **EARLY**. The Fire Marshall reminds us that we must obey occupancy regulations.

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. A list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died this past year can be found in today’s bulletin.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joseph Parran** (02 November 2002), **Elizabeth Susan Paré** (03 November 2014), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (07 November 2006), **Richard Manfredo** (07 November 2016), **Edna Walters** (08 November 1999), **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005), **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007), **Clara Victoria Nunzio** (15 November 2014), **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004), **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 November 2007), **Stephen Graham Arapian** (20 November 2017), **Alice Huff-Fones** (27 November 2001), **the Rev. Walter L. Lawrence** (28 November 2007), and **Edward William Saunders** (30 November 2017).

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. 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.

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@olv.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@olv.org.

Facilities

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 weath-**

er. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

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

ReServe\$ 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?: Giving Tuesday (**Tuesday 27 November 2018**) provides us with an opportunity to thank God for all our blessings and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering. Enrolling in Faith Direct is a safe and secure way to give to our parish. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **MD114.**

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Eljay Williams.

AVAILABLE AD SPACE: Ryan Smith from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the **week of 03 December 2018**, securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS

TREE SALES: Trees will be unloaded on **Thursday 29 November** at 1:00 p.m.; sales will begin on **Friday 30 November** through **Sunday 09 December.** There are opportunities for everyone. Don't miss out on the parish Christmas fun—plan to sign-up today. Email Matt Baker at swingsft@comcast.net for information and to volunteer, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844ada62ba75-olvps>.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, 22-23 November 2018** to celebrate *Thanksgiving*. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**