

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



The Epiphany of the Lord

06 January 2019

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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Principal of Parish School

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Pastor

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2019

- 06 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 08 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 13 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Collection for U.S. Church Missions
Baby Items Collection
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 19 Sat **Baptism Preparation Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
- 20 Sun **No Church School**
Baby Items Collection
No Faith Formation
- 21 Mon **Office Closed, Martin Luther King Jr.**
- 22 Tue **National Day of Prayer for Unborn**
 Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 26 Sat **First Penance, 9:00 a.m., Church**
- 27 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Church
High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

FEBRUARY 2019

- 03 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Collection
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 05 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY

- 04 Sat NIH Concert, 7:00 p.m., Church

JUNE



Social Concerns

BABY ITEMS 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 next weekend, **12-13 January 2019** and on **19-20 January 2019**. These collection dates were chosen to highlight the needs of babies and pregnant mothers during the week-ends before and after the 19 January *March for Life*.

ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: All are invited to attend the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Capital One Arena in Washington, DC on **Friday 18 January 2019**. Doors will open at 6:15 a.m.; doors will close at 7:15 a.m. Go to www.adw.org to order tickets.

U.S. CHURCH MISSIONS: This collection will be taken on **12-13 January 2019**. Mandated by the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, the Missions collection embodies the church's concern for evangelizing black, American Indian, Eskimo and Al-ent peoples in the United States.

Liturgical Life

EASTER SUNDAY 2019: Easter Sunday is a moveable feast; it is an ancient custom to announce the date of Easter on the *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*. Therefore we joyfully announce that this year, **Easter Sunday, the Sunday of Sundays, will be celebrated on 21 April 2019**; the Season of Easter ends on Pentecost Sunday 09 June 2019.

NEW PRESIDER: The Dominican Fathers and Brothers, O.P., Province of Nigeria, have graciously agreed to celebrate Mass with us here at OLVP in 2019 especially in view of the Rev. Mathew Punchayil's retirement to India. When you see them, please take a moment to introduce yourself and to thank them for their help.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: 12-13 January 2019, PRESIDERS:

Parish Life

5:00 p.m. Fr. O.P.
 9:00 a.m. Fr. O.P.
 11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of 06 January 2019

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

CHRISTMAS SEASON: Next to the yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season which extends from Christmas Eve through the Baptism of the Lord, 13 January 2019.

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.

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), **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000), **Jo-Ellen K. Domalski** (23 January 2013, and **Stella Bahry** (31 January 2013).

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: The overnight retreat will be held on **Friday 08 March 2019** through **Saturday 09 March 2019** at the Bishop Claggett Retreat Center. The bus departs from the OLVP church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and returns in time for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday 03 March 2019, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 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.

GETTING READY DAY II: The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2019 is scheduled for **Saturday 09 February 2019** at **9:00 a.m.** in the Church.

FIRST PENANCE: A First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on **Saturday 26 January 2019** from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 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 **Tuesday 22 January 2019**, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973).

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. Class is scheduled on **Saturday 19 January 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.

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), 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.

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, 27 January 2019** from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** For information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us> or please call (301) 869-0940.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be held on **Tuesday 08 January 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

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?: *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 HOURS: The parish office will close on **Monday 21 January 2019** to celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. 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.

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 weather.** 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 fix it.