

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 January 2019

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • 9:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

M/ T/ W/ F • 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

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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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Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2019

- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 31 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7 p.m., Barn**

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
- 07 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7 p.m., Barn**
Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 09 Sat **Getting Ready Day II, 9:00 a.m., Church**
- 10 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 12 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 14 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
- 17 Sun No Church School
Sodality Mass and Meeting
No Faith Formation
- 18 Mon **Office Closed, President's Day**
- 19 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 21 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
- 24 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 26 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

- 01 Sat **Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica**



Social Concerns

BABY ITEMS COLLECTION: Thank you to all parishioners who donated new baby items to support the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County.

Liturgical Life

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Beginning on **Thursday 31 January 2019**, we will offer an Evening Prayer Service with Communion on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Barn. Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. in the Barn. The Thursday evening service will replace the morning service; there will **not** be a morning Mass on Thursday mornings.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 02-03 February 2019, PRESIDERS:

- 5:00 p.m. **Fr. Raymond Fecteau**
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11:00 a.m. **Dominican Father**

CHRISTMAS CRECHE: The Christmas Season in the Roman Catholic Church once extended from 24 December, Christmas Eve, through the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February. The length of the Christmas Season was changed during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Today, the Christmas Season ends on the evening of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (13 January in 2019). Many families and parishes choose to keep cherished Christmas customs according to the old liturgical calendar. And so, Visitation Parish families will be able to visit our

NEW PRESIDERS: 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.

beautiful Nativity Scene for a few more weeks. In a special prayer on Christmas Day our pastor asked that God bless all who look upon our manger.

Parish Life

Readings for the Week of 27 January 2019

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

ORDINARY TIME: Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms 43). Ordinary Time began on Monday 14 January and continues through Tuesday 05 March, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends on Monday 10 June 2019, the day following Pentecost.

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.

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of William J. Slunt Jr., father of Pamela Zembiec. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

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.

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@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.

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

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 today, **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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 29 January 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Finance

SNOWFALL SHORTFALL: As you can imagine, the Snowstorm on 12-13 January severely affected our weekly collection. Our parish is under budget because of lower attendance. We are extremely grateful to all parishioners who remember to double their contribution when they return.

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.

TAX STATEMENTS: Your 2019 Statements for Income Tax have been mailed. If you have not received your statement, please call the office at (301) 948-5536.

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: 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.