

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# First Sunday of Lent

10 March 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—4:30 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.  
rfecteau@olvp.org

### Stewardship Council

#### Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

#### Human Resources Committee

John Feeny, (301) 762-2116

#### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

#### Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

#### Parish Manager

Colleen Enos, (301) 948-5536

#### Director of Faith Formation

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

#### Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

#### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

### Mailing Address

14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874

Phone: (301) 948-5536

Fax: (301) 948-7452

Email: [parishoffice@olvp.org](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org)

Web Site: [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

- 10 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
**Men's Club Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6 and 7: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 12 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5: 4:45p.m., Founders Hall
- 13 Wed **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**  
Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church
- 14 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**  
Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 15 Fri **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**  
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 16 Sat **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**  
**Baptism Prep. Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
- 17 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
**Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Church in Developing World Collection**  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 19 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 20 Wed Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church
- 21 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**  
Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 22 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
- 24 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
**Head Start Bags Distributed**  
Faith Formation:  
**High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory**  
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
- 27 Wed Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church
- 26 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**  
Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 29 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
- 31 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
**Getting Ready Mass for First Eucharist, Pin and Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Church and Founders Hall**  
**Head Start Bags Collected**  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

APRIL 2019

- 02 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
- 03 Wed Confessions, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Church
- 04 Thu **Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Barn**  
Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Barn
- 05 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
- 06 Sat **40 Hours after 5:00 p.m. Liturgy**
- 07 Sun **40 Hours, St. Thomas More Chapel, Barn**  
Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 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*

**2019 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL:** The new theme of the Appeal is, “*Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission.*” Contributions to the Annual Appeal are 100% designated to ministries and mission of the Church. The Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch and affect thousands of lives. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION:** Slips and grocery bags will be distributed after all the Masses on **23-24 March 2019**. Please return filled bags with non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers on **30-31 March 2019**.

**CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD:** On the weekend of **16-17 March 2019**, the second collection will be directed to support the needs of the Church in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Please help these struggling churches by being generous according to your means.

*Liturgical Life*

**LENT:** The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both prospective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective Catholics, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (**06 March 2019**) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (**18 April 2019**).

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION:** The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty hour period of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Solemn Exposition. The focus is on the Holy Eucharist. The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a procession to the Thomas More Chapel **after the 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Saturday 06 April**. The Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar during the next 40 hours for parishioners to gather for personal prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion **will conclude at the 9:15 a.m. liturgy on Monday 08 April**. This devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of our families. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. See the bulletin insert for sign-up opportunities.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: 16-17 March 2019, PRESIDERS:**

**5:00 p.m. Father Raymond Fecteau**

**9:00 a.m. Father Raymond Fecteau**

**11:00 a.m. Dominican Father**

**THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER :** We are now offering Evening Prayer with Communion on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Barn. The Thursday evening prayer will replace the morning service; there will **not** be a morning Mass on Thursday mornings. Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. in the Barn.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on **all Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to **fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday, 19 April 2019**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through 12 April 2019 at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

**HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN:** The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

### Readings for the Week of 10 March 2019

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

### Parish Life

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Paul Vincent Stack** (03 March 2018), **Victoria Ann Parks Martin** (04 March 2011), **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **William Vanderhorst Brumby** (07 March 2011), **Patrick James McGinty** (08 March 2018), **Alex Martin** (16 March 2006), **Mario Marini** (17 March 2002), **Paul DiDuca** (17 March 2006), **Robert Majchrzak** (22 March 2010), **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003), **Mary Louise Mayer** (25 March 2013), **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), and **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996).

**2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS:** The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held on Sunday 23 June 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by **Friday 26 April 2019**.

**SPECIAL MASS FOR FIRST EUCHARISST FAMILIES:** All those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2019 are asked to attend a special Mass with their families at 11:00 a.m. on **31 March 2019**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

**PARISH EMBER DAYS:** Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 13, 15 and 16 March** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.



**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 for **Saturday 16 March 2019** 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.

**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.

**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*

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP:** Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **Monday 24 June through Friday 28 June 2019**. Camp is for children from age 3 1/2 years (by 01 June 2019) to 5th Grade. For more information email Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Second Sunday in Lent will be held on **Tuesday 12 March 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?:** Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help Our Lady of the Visitation Parish by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide the church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **MD114**.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Mario Campuzano, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tolman, and Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Hipschman.**

**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.