

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 September 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

Liesel Flaig, (301) 869-2830

#### 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 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

#### Youth Faith Formation

Erin Clegg, (301) 385-4920

#### Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
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#### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

29 Sun Parents-Catechists Meeting, Grades Pre-K, K, 1, 10:00 a.m., Founders Hall  
Parents-Catechists Meeting, Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

OCTOBER 2019

01 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Parents-Catechists Meeting, Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall

02 Wed St. Michael's Mass, Noon, Church

03 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn

05 Sat Blessing of Animals, 9:00 a.m. Lower Church Parking Lot, Rain or Shine

06 Sun Mortgage Collection  
Grades 6, 7: Confirmation Family Mass 11:00 a.m., Refreshments  
Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall  
High School: 6:30 p.m., Rectory

08 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

10 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m. Barn

13 Sun Propagation of the Faith Collection  
Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Registration -First Eucharist, 12:15 p.m., Church  
Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall

14 Mon Mass, 9:15 a.m. Chapel; Office Closes at Noon

15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

17 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn

20 Sun Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
Grades 6, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall  
Confirmation Study Session I, Gr. 7, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

22 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

24 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn

26 Sat 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat, Bus at Founders Hall, 1:00 p.m.

27 Sun 8th Grade Confirmands Attend 11:00 a.m. Mass  
Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
Grades 6, 7: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall

29 Tue Scripture Study: 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall



*Social Concerns*

**RUN FOR VOCATIONS:** Run for Vocations registration is open! The Marine Corps 10K will be held on **Sunday 27 October 2019**, but plan to register soon, as the race fills quickly. Register by contacting [RFV@adw.org](mailto:RFV@adw.org). It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run.

**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 **12-13 October 2019**.

*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 **Wednesday 02 October 2019 at 12 noon** in our church. The Knights of Columbus Fatima Council 6901 will serve a light lunch in Founders Hall after Mass.

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 06 October 2019, PRESIDERS:**

5:00 p.m.	Dominican Priest
9:00 a.m.	Dominican Priest
11:00 a.m.	Father Raymond Fecteau

**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](mailto:hurley05@verizon.net) for details.

**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 resumed when the Easter Season ended on Monday 10 June 2019, the day following Pentecost.

**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.

Readings for the Week of 29 September 2019	
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

**Parish Life**

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **George Douglas Carr** (05 October 2002), **Mary K. Larsen** (05 October 2004), **Henry Poss** (05 October 2004), **Mary Robinson Lambert** (06 October 2012), **Willard Croyle** (15 October 2014), **Gloria M. Wall** (17 October 2014), **David Rector** (18 October 2000), **Maria Carla Barzotti** (20 October 2008), **Michelina Canzoneri** (24 October 2000), **James Cardinal Hickey** (24 October 2004), **Laverne Marie Meckoll** (25 October 2007), **John Kollappillil** (25 October 2013), and **Gerd-Roland Dunkelberg** (31 October 2016).

**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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to take part in the international *40 Days for Life* effort from **25 September** through **03 November 2019**. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray at one of three *40 Days for Life* locations, College Park, MD, Bethesda, MD, and Washington, DC. For more information please visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

**FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION REGISTRATION MEETING** for the parents of those young parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2020 will be on **Sunday 13 October 2019** in the Church at **12:15 p.m.**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** On **Saturday 05 October 2019** 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, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels** - The three archangel windows in the bell tower depict St. Michael, patron of police and pilots (upper); St. Gabriel, patron of mothers (middle); and St. Raphael, patron of medicine and healing (lower).

**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 the Archdiocese of Washington, 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 a 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*

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 01 October 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

**MARY OF NAZARETH:** For information about Mary of Nazareth School, please visit [www.maryofnazareth.org](http://www.maryofnazareth.org) or call (301) 869-0940.

### *Finance*

**OLVP LEGACY GIFT:** By naming Our Lady of the Visitation Parish as a beneficiary in their wills, some parishioners have remembered our parish in a personal and enduring way. A legacy gift honors the past, serves the present, and invests in the future of Visitation Parish. If you wish to make a bequest, the following language is suggested: "I give and devise to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Darnestown, Maryland, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific purpose)."

**WHY FAITH DIRECT?:** Pencils? Notebooks? As you are crossing things off of your back-to-school list with the arrival of autumn, consider joining Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Go online to [faith.direct/MD114](http://faith.direct/MD114) so you can support Our Lady of the Visitation Parish.

### *Human Resources*

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:** The Archdiocese of Washington and our parish are committed to keeping all individuals safe and to bring healing to those harmed. Those parishioners and staff who work with children and vulnerable individuals are required to be fingerprinted and complete a criminal background check, fill out and sign current application forms for volunteer services (or employment if staff), and complete VIRTUS training and become VIRTUS certified prior to beginning service. Those who received training and were certified more than 5 years ago are required to be re-certified. Please watch the parish bulletin for information on training and certification opportunities.

**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*

**EXTERIOR LIGHTING UPGRADE:** We are restoring the exterior lighting for our church. Newer and more efficient lighting replaces the old and non-functioning units. The new fixtures are more cost efficient and enhance security and safety. The light on the bell tower and cross has been repaired. We have replaced the pathway lights. We hope to replace the stairway lights, the front sign lights and the ground lighting. Cost estimates are between \$3,000 and \$5,000, including labor and materials. If you are able to help in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact our pastor or our parish office. **Thank you** to those parishioners who have contributed so far.



**PARISH REPAIR:** 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 get it fixed.