

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

06 October 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

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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
Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 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**
Men's Club/HNS: 9:00 a.m. Mass & Mtg.
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
- 31 Thu The Lord's Table, 1:00 p.m., Soup Kitchen**

NOVEMBER

- 01 Fri All Saints Day, Masses Noon and 7:00 p.m, Church**
Office Closes at Noon
- 02 Sat Getting Ready Day I, 9:00 a.m., Church**
- 03 Sun Mortgage Collection**
St. Martin's Food Bags Distributed
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



Social Concerns

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Please join fellow parishioners in preparing and serving dinner for the poor and homeless on the afternoon of **Thursday 31 October**. Various duties and time slots are available. If you can help, please contact Mike McAllister at mikem141@aol.com or 301-330-2656.

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

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 13 October 2019, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m.	Father Raymond Fecteau
9:00 a.m.	Father Raymond Fecteau
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jack MacFarlane

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 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 06 October 2019	
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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 which began on 25 September and continues 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 [40 daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

MEN'S CLUB/HNS: The second meeting of the 2019 season is scheduled for **Sunday 13 October** immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Winter is getting close and we are gearing up for the Christmas tree sale. We welcome new ideas and we need new blood, especially in the form of men with families, to support the needs of our parish. Meetings are brief and will provide many rewards. Please consider joining.

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.**

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

OPEN HOUSE: We invite you to attend Mary of Nazareth Catholic School's Open House (Full Day Pre-K to Grade 8) on **Wednesday 09 October** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Visit the new STREAM lab, meet the teachers and talk to current parents. Mary of Nazareth is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and financial aid is available. Visit the website at www.maryofnazareth.org or contact MaryEllen Wray at 301-869-0940.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 08 October 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Finance

MORTGAGE DEBT: Currently we owe \$67,084.17 to the bank for our mortgage. Once a month we ask parishioners to designate a donation to help reduce our debt. Please be as generous as your means permit.

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?: With the arrival of autumn, consider joining Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. 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 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.