

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 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

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  
Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

#### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**

- 27 Sun **8th Grade Confirmands & Families**  
Attend 11:00a.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 **Retired Priests' Collection**  
**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**
- 05 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 07 Thu **Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Barn**
- 10 Sun **Men's Club/HNS: 9:00 a.m. Mass & Mtg.**  
**Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
**St. Martin's Food Bags Collected**  
Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
- 11 Mon **Mass, 9:15 a.m. Chapel; Office Closes at Noon**
- 12 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 17 Sun Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
- 19 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 23 Sat **Christmas Tree Set Up, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Church Parking Lot**
- 24 Sun Faith Formation:  
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall  
**Family Bingo, 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall**
- 26 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
**No Faith Formation Sessions**
- 27 Wed **Thanksgiving Mass, 6:00 p.m. Church**  
**Haiti Collection**
- 28 Thu **Office Closed, Thanksgiving**
- 29 Fri **Office Closed, Thanksgiving**



**Social Concerns**

**FALL COLLECTION FOR ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY:** Empty bags will be distributed on **02-03 November 2019**. Bags filled with non-perishable food items in cans or plastic containers will be collected on **09-10 November 2019**. Grocery store gift cards are accepted but no cash or checks.

**COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:** The collection for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington will be on **02-03 November 2019**. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. The priests of the archdiocese have been there for all of us. Please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service.

**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](mailto:mikem141@aol.com) or 301-330-2656.

**Liturgical Life**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY:** *All Saints' Day* is a holyday of obligation. Our Lady of the Visitation Parish will celebrate the *Feast of All Saints* with sacred liturgy on **Friday 01 November at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.** in the Church.

**THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** 03 November 2019, **PRESIDERS:**

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

**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 27 October 2019**

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/Lk 13:31-35  
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
 Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40  
 Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk

*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.

**FAMILY BINGO:** **Sunday 24 November 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Bring the entire family to play Bingo. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Bingo is sponsored by the Men's Club, the Sodality and by Mary of Nazareth families.



**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 November 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.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be holding their Annual Holiday Bazaar and Flea Market on **Saturday 09 November** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The bazaar will feature Holiday Crafts & Gifts, Specialty Vendors, Lunch at Cafè Assisi, Millie's Bake Shop, Vintage Jewelry, Shabby Chic Gift Shop, Silent Auction, Holiday Raffle, and a Flea Market. St. Francis is located at 6701 Muncaster Mill Road. For additional information, please call 301-840-1407.

**FIRST EUCHARIST GETTING READY DAY I:** The first Getting Ready Day for second graders preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held on **Saturday 02 November 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Church.** One parent must accompany each child.

**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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 29 October 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

### *Finance*

**MORTGAGE DEBT:** Currently we owe \$61,576.19 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.

**UNBUDGETED DAMAGES:** In early September 2019, the parish office suffered \$5,401.00 in damages to our heating and air conditioning unit from a random Pepco event. Obviously we had not budgeted for this. We welcome donations to help defray this expense. If you are able, please send a check made out to OLVP with the words, "Pepco Damages" on the notation line. Any amount you can donate is greatly appreciated.

**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*

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS**



**TREE SALE:** Set-up of the lot will be on **Saturday 23 November** at 8:00 a.m.; trees will be delivered and unloaded on **Thursday 05 December** at 1:00 p.m.; sales will begin on **Friday 06 December** through **Sunday 09 December.**

There are opportunities for everyone. Don't miss out on the parish Christmas fun; plan to sign-up today. Email Matt Baker at swingsft@comcast.net for more information.

#### **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:** The parish office will close at noon on **Friday 01 November 2019** for the Solemnity of All Saints. 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, and we have replaced the pathway lights and signage. We hope to replace the stairway lights and the rest of 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.