

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

03 November 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

NOVEMBER

- 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
- 16 Sat**      **Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
- 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**

DECEMBER

- 01 Sun**      **Mortgage Collection**  
 Faith Formation:  
     Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church  
     Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
- 03 Tue**      Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 Faith Formation:  
     Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 05 Thu**      **Trees Delivered, 1:00 p.m., Church Parking Lot**
- 06 Fri**      **Tree Sale, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- 07 Sat**      **Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



*Social Concerns*

**FALL COLLECTION FOR ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY:** Empty bags will be distributed today, **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 today, **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.

*Liturgical Life*

**ADVENT:** The Advent Season is a four week period of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. It is a "mini-Lent" in the sense that it is a time for us to properly prepare ourselves by praying, by fasting, and by performing works of mercy. St. Bernard of Clair-vaux reminds us that in Advent, we celebrate the three-fold coming of Christ: 1) Jesus came to us once in flesh and human frailty (Incarnation); 2) Jesus comes to us now in Sacred Word and Sacramental Mystery (Each Liturgical Year); 3) Jesus will come again in great glory and majesty (Second Coming). St. Bernard also reminds us that Advent is a most appropriate time to honor Mary—patroness of our Country, our Archdiocese and our Parish. Advent begins on **Sunday 01 December 2019**.

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THANKSGIVING LITURGY** will be celebrated on **Wednesday 27 November 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Church.

**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 10 November 2019, PRESIDERS:**

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

### Readings for the Week of 03 November 2019

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a] /Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38

**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 goodwill. 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.

### Parish Life

**THANK YOU** to all those parishioners who donated rosaries during the month of October.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. A list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died this past year can be found in today's bulletin.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joseph Parran** (02 November 2002), **Elizabeth Susan Paré** (03 November 2014), **Roberta Lucille Connors** (03 November 2018), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (07 November 2006), **Richard Manfredo** (07 November

2016), **Edna Walters** (08 November 1999), **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005), **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007), **Clara Victoria Nunzio** (15 November 2014), **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004), **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 November 2007), **Stephen Graham Arapi-an** (20 November 2017), **Alice Huff-Fones** (27 November 2001), **the Rev. Walter L. Lawrence** (28 November 2007), and **Edward William Saunders** (30 November 2017).

**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 Caf  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.

**MEN'S CLUB (Holy Name Society):** All interested OLVP men are invited to come to our meeting right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 10 November** in Founders Hall. We are putting the final touches on our annual Christmas tree sale. Remember to check out our SignUp Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844ada62ba75-olvps> and pick your favorite times to volunteer. Our meetings are no more than 45 minutes. Coffee and donuts will be served.

**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. Through out 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

**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.

*Faith Formation for Life*

**MARY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL FULL DAY PRE K-8 OPEN HOUSE:** We invite you to attend the Open House on **Tuesday 12 November** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Visit the new STREAM lab, meet the teachers, and talk to current parents and students. Mary of Nazareth is a Blue Ribbon School and financial aid is available. Visit the website at [www.maryofnazareth.org](http://www.maryofnazareth.org) or contact Mary Ellen Wray at 301-869-0940.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 05 November 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

*Finance*

**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](http://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 15 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](mailto: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:** 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*

**UPDATE ON EXTERIOR LIGHTING:** 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.

