

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 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

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Social Concerns Committee

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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

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Human Resources Committee

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Facilities Committee

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

Parish Manager

Colleen Enos, (301) 948-5536

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Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 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**
Sodality Rosary, 6:00 p.m., Barn
Tree Sale, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 06 Fri** **Retired Religious Collection**
- 07 Sat** **Head Start Food Bags Distributed**
- 08 Sun** 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
Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 09 Mon** **Immaculate Conception of Mary, Noon Mass, Church**
Tree Sale, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Tree Sale, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Social Concerns

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION: A collection will be taken on **Wednesday 27 November 2019** at the 6:00 p.m. Mass to benefit our sister parish in Gonaives, Haiti.

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

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**.

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

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 17 November 2019, PRESIDERS:

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

Readings for the Week of 10 November 2019

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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

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.



SAINTS/WINDOWS: 18 November, Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852): Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France in 1769 and entered the Visitation Order at nineteen. After the community was dispersed by the French Revolution, Rose joined St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in her newly founded Society of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). She led a pioneer band of nuns to Missouri, opened schools and also worked in Sugar Creek, Kansas. The Potawatomi Indians called her, "woman who prays always." One night the children placed small feathers on her veil as she knelt in prayer. In the morning, the feathers had not moved (lower panel). She died in 1852 and was canonized in 1988. In the United States her feast day is 18 November.

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.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: 13 November, Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917): Frances Xavier Cabrini was born in San Angelo, Italy. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and established dozens of schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout the United States and South America. While on a picnic in Colorado with orphaned children, she had them gather rocks and construct a large image of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). Mother Cabrini believed that each of us is called to carry the gospel message to others, and that Mary, Star of the Sea, guides us to where we are most needed (lower panel).

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 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.

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 or contact Mary Ellen Wray at 301-869-0940.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 12 November 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Finance

GROW THE NEXT STEP: We are beginning a new Offertory Program. All parishioners are asked to reflect on the amount that they give to sustain parish operations. If you currently give 2%, please consider growing one step to 2.5% or even 3%. All parishioners will receive a letter and materials in the mail explaining this new program. The work of God at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish depends on your support.

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 en-

velopes 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 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 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 office will close at noon on Monday 11 November 2019 to celebrate Veteran's Day. 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.

