

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

24 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

Betty Foley, (240) 383-9146

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

- 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**
No Morning Mass

DECEMBER

- 01 Sun **Mortgage Collection**
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 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.
- 06 Fri **Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- 07 Sat **Retired Religious Collection**
- 08 Sun **Head Start Food Bags Distributed**
Adopted Family Collection
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.
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 11 Wed **Tree Sale, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
- 12 Thu **Tree Sale, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
Sodality Rosary, 6:00 p.m., Barn
Tree Sale, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Fri **Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- 14 Sat **Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- 15 Sun Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
Head Start Food Bags Collected
Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. to Sold Out
Christmas Pageant I, 10:00 a.m., Church
- 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 18 Wed **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
- 19 Thu **Sodality Rosary, 6:00 p.m., Barn**
- 20 Fri **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
- 21 Sat **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
- 22 Sun **Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**
No Faith Formation
- 24 Tue **Christmas Eve—No Scripture Study**
Parish Office Closes at Noon
No Faith Formation



Social Concerns

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION: Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. This second collection on **Sunday 08 December 2019**, helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous to this national collection.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION FOR HEAD START: Grocery bags for our Head Start program will be distributed on **07-08 December 2019**. Bags are to be returned on the weekend of **14-15 December 2019**. Please be sure to include only non-perishable items in non-breakable containers.

ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS: The Adopted Family Christmas Collection will be held on **07-08 December 2019**. Watch the bulletin for further details on how to contribute.

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.

Liturgical Life

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 08 December is the patronal feast of the United States. Because 08 December falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity will be celebrated on **Monday 09 December 2019**. Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated in the church at **12:00 Noon on Monday 09 December 2019** to honor Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

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 Clairvaux reminds us that in Advent, we celebrate the three-fold coming of

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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**.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 01 December 2019, Presiders:

5:00 p.m. Father Raymond Fecteau

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11:00 a.m. Msgr. Jack MacFarlane

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

Readings for the Week of 24 November 2019

Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER: One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermannus Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, the traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

ADVENT WREATH: The season of Advent prepares us not only for Christmas/Epiphany, but also for the whole church year. The revised Roman ritual of 1989 states that four purple or four white candles may be used for the Advent wreath in the church or home. In our parish, we use an evergreen wreath, white candles and purple bows.

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

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **John Francis Emerson** celebrated First Eucharist.

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).

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the First Sunday of Advent will be held on **Tuesday 26 November 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Finance

MORTGAGE DEBT: Currently we owe \$56,068.21 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.

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 busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in *Faith Direct* today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish are received even if you may be out

of town. Go online to faith.direct/MD114 to support our parish.

Human Resources

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE SALE: 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 or visit the website at www.olvp.org and log onto Sign-Up Genius.

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 be closed on **Thursday and Friday, 28-29 November 2019** to celebrate *Thanksgiving*. 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: The new fixtures are more cost efficient and enhance security and safety. 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.

