

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

29 December 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.  
rfecteau@olvp.org

## 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

## Mailing Address

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 29 Sun No Faith Formation  
 30 Mon Mass in Chapel at 9:15 a.m.  
 Office Closes at Noon  
 31 Tue Mass in Chapel at 9:15 a.m.  
 Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 Office Closes at Noon

JANUARY 2020

- 01 Wed Mary, Mother of God  
 Mass: 12:00 Noon, Church  
 Parish Office Closed  
 02 Thu Office Closes at Noon  
 03 Fri Mass in Chapel at 9:15 a.m.  
 Office Closes at Noon  
 05 Sun Epiphany of The Lord  
 Mortgage Collection  
 Collection for the Archdiocese of Military Services  
 Faith Formation:  
 Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church  
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall  
 07 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 Faith Formation:  
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall  
 11 Sat Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 12 Sun Baptism of the Lord  
 Christmas Pageant II, 10:00 a.m., Church  
 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  
 14 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 Faith Formation:  
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall  
 19 Sun Baby Item Collection  
 Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
 Church  
 No Church School  
 No Faith Formation  
 Office Closed, Martin Luther King Jr.  
 20 Mon Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 Faith Formation:  
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall  
 25 Sat First Penance, 9:00 a.m., Church  
 26 Sun Baby Item Collection  
 Faith Formation:  
 Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church  
 Grades 6, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall  
 Grade 7 Confirmation Study Session II,  
 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall  
 28 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 Faith Formation:



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: 05 January 2020, Presiders:

- 5:00 p.m. Father Dominic, O.P.  
 9:00 a.m. Father Dominic, O.P.  
 11:00 a.m. Father Raymond Fecteau

**CHRISTMAS SEASON:** Next to the yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season. The Christmas season extends from Christmas Eve through the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday 12 January 2020.

Readings for the Week of 29 December 2019

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 1[11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Life

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD LITURGY:** The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of opportunity. Mass will be celebrated at Noon on Wednesday 01 January 2020 in the church.

**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, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

*Parish Life*

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000), **Jo-Ellen K. Domalski** (23 January 2013), and **Stella Bahry** (31 January 2013).

**THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN:** Please join other parish volunteers to help prepare and serve dinner for the poor and homeless on the afternoon of **Thursday 30 January 2020**.

Various duties and time slots are available and scheduling is flexible. If you can help, please contact Mike McAllister at mikem141@aol.com or 301-330-2656.



**CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION:** A Group Study Workshop, Session II, will be conducted on **Sunday 26 January 2020** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Founders Hall for 7th grade candidates and their parents/guardians. Contact Fr. Ray at rfecteau@olvp.org with questions concerning Confirmation.

**FIRST PENANCE:** A First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on **Saturday 25 January 2020** from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in the church. A reception for children and their families will follow in Founders Hall. For information, please contact Betty Foley at betty.foley@gmail.com.

**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 11 January 2020** 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.

**WINDOWS:**

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN, 5 January:** St. John Neumann (1811-1860) was born in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States and was ordained a priest in New York City. He joined the Redemptorists (upper panel) and did missionary work in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. Consecrated bishop of Philadelphia (lower panel), he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, invited teaching orders to the diocese, and established parishes for immigrants. John Neumann was also known for his great love for the Eucharist and for the rosary.

**ELIZABETH ANN SETON, 4 January:** Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was born in New York and raised as an Episcopalian. Widowed with five children Elizabeth became a Catholic and was especially devoted to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (upper panel). She founded the American Sisters of Charity in 1809, establishing the foundation for the parochial school system in America. Mary of Nazareth School, a school serving our parish and six other parishes, met in our parish barn (lower panel) until their new school was built in 1996.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, 1 January:** “Mother of God” is the oldest title and feast for Mary. Mary, under this title, is the patroness of the Archdiocese of Washington. The coat of arms for our Archdiocese appears in the upper panel; St. Matthew’s, the Cathedral for our Archdiocese, appears in the 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. 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**

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Children and parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet the talented faculty, and tour the beautiful campus of our regional Catholic Elementary School on **Sunday, 26 January 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** For information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us> or please call (301) 869-0940.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The second part of the pageant will follow the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 12 January 2020** with refreshments afterwards in Founders Hall. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact [parishoffice@olvp.org](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org).

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord will be held on **Tuesday 31 December 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

**Social Concerns**

**ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE:** All are invited to attend the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Capital One Arena in Washington, DC on **Friday 24 January 2020**. Doors will open at 6:15 a.m.; doors will close at 7:15 a.m. Go to [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) to order tickets.

**BABY ITEM COLLECTION:** All parishioners are encouraged to celebrate the gift of life by donating new baby items such as diapers, wipes and all baby clothing (including coats) for newborns up to size 2T, to support the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County. Items may be left in the alcove downstairs in the church after Mass on **18-19 January and 25-26 January 2020**.

**ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES (AMS) COLLECTION:** This collection will be taken on **05 January 2020**. The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments and the reaffirming Word of Christ to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government. To provide these services, they need your help—AMS receives no federal funding.

**Finance**

**2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** To receive tax credit for 2019, your contributions **must** be received in the parish office by **Friday 03 January 2020** to be credited to your contribution statement.

**MORTGAGE DEBT:** Currently we owe \$50,560.23 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.

**WHY FAITH DIRECT?:** *Faith Direct* is a great way to ensure that your gifts of treasure to OLVP are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114**.

**Human Resources**

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>30 Dec.</b>	<b>Office Closes at Noon</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>31 Dec.</b>	<b>Office Closes at Noon</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>01 Jan.</b>	<b>Office Closed All Day</b>
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>02 Jan.</b>	<b>Office Closes at Noon</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>03 Jan.</b>	<b>Office Closes at Noon</b>

**Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Facilities**

**PARKING LOT REPAIRS:** After several years of pot holes and patches, it has finally become necessary to dig up the bedding and properly pave multiple areas in our parking lot. This necessary repair will cost \$10,000. Any help you can provide is especially appreciated.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Parishioners are not obliged to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50. **Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather.** Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.



**PARISH REPAIR:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5536 and report the problem so that we may get it fixed.