

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Epiphany of the Lord

05 January 2020

## 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

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2020

- 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  
**21 Tue** 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**  
**Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass**  
 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:  
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 30 Thu** The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

FEBRUARY 2020

- 02 Sun** **Presentation of the Lord**  
**Mortgage Collection**  
 Faith Formation:  
 Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church  
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 04 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
 Faith Formation:  
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 08 Sat** **Getting Ready Day II, 9:00 a.m., Church**  
**09 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**



*Liturgical Life*

**EASTER SUNDAY 2020:** Easter Sunday is a moveable feast; it is an ancient custom to announce the date of Easter on the *Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*. Therefore, we joyfully announce that this year ***Easter Sunday, The Sunday of Sundays, will be celebrated on 12 April 2020;*** the Season of Easter ends on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2020.

**Readings for the Week of 05 January 2020**

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf11]/ Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: 12 January 2020, Presiders:**

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

**CHRISTMAS SEASON:** Next to the yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifesta-

tions. 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com)) or Deacon Robert Fischer ([olvpdeacon@gmail.com](mailto: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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be held on **Tuesday 07 January 2020** 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**

**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**

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Cremin and Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Crim.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 20 January 2020** for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 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**

**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.