

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 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

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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

Vice-Chair

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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

- 26 Sun **Baby Item Collection**
Catholic Schools Week Begins
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
- 06 Thu Sodality Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Chapel
- 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
- 11 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 16 Sun **No Church School**
Sodality Mass and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 17 Mon **Office Closed for President's Day**
- 18 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 22 Sat **Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**
Adult Volunteer Party, 6:00 p.m.,
Founders Hall
- 23 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
- 25 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 26 Wed **Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution**
of Ashes at 6:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.
Collection for Mission in Haiti



Readings for the Week of 26 January 2020

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

CHRISTMAS CRECHE: The Christmas Season in the Roman Catholic Church once extended from 24 December, Christmas Eve, through the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 02 February. The length of the Christmas Season was changed during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Today, the Christmas Season ends on the evening of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (12 January in 2020). Many families and parishes choose to keep cherished Christmas customs according to the old liturgical calendar. Visitation Parish families will be able to visit our beautiful nativity scene until 02 February, the former date to end the Christmas Season.

ORDINARY TIME: Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms 43). Ordinary Time began on Monday 13 January and continues through Tuesday 25 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends on Monday 01 June 2019, the day following Pentecost.

Liturgical Life

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: 02 February 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**

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).

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday 23 February 2020, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$3.00 for a 3-card sheet. Families with last names beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Saturday 22 February 2020, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Enjoy a delicious buffet and beverages. Dance to the music of the DJ. Volunteers from all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation are welcome. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, 19 February** by calling (301) 948-5536.

GETTING READY DAY II: The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2020 is scheduled for **Saturday 08 February 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Church.

ALL MEN OF THE PARISH: The diaconate formation office is holding *Come and See* meetings for men to learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program, which will be conducting interviews for the Ordination Class of 2025. Men of prayer between the ages of 30 to 60 with a heart for service to the Church and the community and who are feeling called to learn more about deacons, are encouraged to attend a meeting at St. John Neumann Parish, Gaithersburg MD on **30 January 2020** from 7 to 9 p.m. and to look at the diaconate formation webpage on the Archdiocese of Washington website. Married men who are inquiring are strongly

encouraged to bring their wives to the meeting. Deacons and wives of deacons will answer questions and share their experiences. Call Deacon Ted (240) 678-3466 for more information.

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.

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 22 February** 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.

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be held on **Tuesday 28 January 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Social Concerns

INTERGENERATIONAL CONVOCATION: Msgr. John Enzler invites all parishioners to the convocation at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville on **Saturday 21 March** from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as the Justice and Advocacy Commission and Catholic Charities welcome you to a discussion of how we can better address the needs of all members of the county, particularly through our parishes, schools, and senior living facilities, to inform parishes about the benefits of engagement across generations. For more information contact leah@empoweringtheages.org or call (301) 476-0186.

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.

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 **today 25-26 January 2020.**



Finance

MORTGAGE DEBT: Currently we owe \$45,052.25 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.

ReServe\$ FUND: To address the ongoing repairs and replacements needed for the church and the rectory, a much needed budget line item has been added. For now and for the future, please make checks payable to OLVP, and please note: “ReServe\$ Fund” on the memo line.

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. Our Church Code is **MD114.**

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family recently joined our parish: Ms. Diane DaCosta.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 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

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.