

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 February 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

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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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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

FEBRUARY 2020

- 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 Ecumenical Service, 7:30 p.m., Church**
- 28 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Church**

MARCH 2020

- 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
- 04 Wed **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance Confessions, 6:30-7:00 p.m., Church**
- 06 Fri **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Church**
- 07 Sat **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
- 08 Sun **Men's Club, Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**
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
- 10 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 11 Wed **Confessions, 6:30-7:00 p.m., Church**
- 13 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Church**
- 15 Sun **Collection for Church in the Developing World**
Head Start Bags Distributed Sodality Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 18 Wed **Confessions, 6:30-7:00 p.m., Church**
- 20 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Church**
- 22 Sun **Head Start Bags Collected Getting Ready Mass for First Eucharist, Pin and Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Church and Founders Hall**
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall



Liturgical Life

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 01 March 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through 03 April 2019 at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 26 February 2020 begins the season of Lent which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, **09 April 2020.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes
6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Ecumenical Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Visitation Church

LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both prospective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective Catholics, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (**26 February 2020**) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (**09 April 2020**).

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 02 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

Readings for the Week of 23 February 2020

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/ Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on **all Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to **fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, 26 February 2020 and on Good Friday, 10 April 2020**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

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 good will. 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

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Douglas Westbrook Elliott**, father of Erin (Jeffery) Clegg. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joan Gossett** (02 February 2018), **Jerome John Podojil** (04 February 1997), **Julianne Copenhaver** (05 February 1999), **Claudia Hughes** (07 February 1999), **Frederick William Whalen** (09 February 1998), **Joseph E. Gaffney** (13 February 1996), **Daniel Stack O'Connor** (16 February 2015), **Paul Emile Fecteau** (18 February 2016), and **Luco Fierro** (26 February 2015).

SPECIAL MASS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES: All those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2020 are asked to attend a special Mass with their families at 11:00 a.m. on **22 March 2020**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.



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 **savory snacks** to share; **I-P**, please bring **desserts/treats** to share; **Q-Z**, please bring **beverages** to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

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 Lent will be held on **Tuesday 25 February 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP - NEW MONTH THIS YEAR: Please save the dates: Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled during the first week of August - **03 August through 07 August 2020**. Watch future bulletins for more information.

Social Concerns

CHURCH OF WASHINGTON (ARCHDIOCESAN) APPEAL: Thank you to all parishioners who made a gift to the Annual Appeal last weekend. We appreciate your support. If you did not have a chance to make your gift last weekend, or you needed more time to prayerfully consider your gift, pledge envelopes will again be available in the church this weekend, and completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket. You may also make your pledge online at appeal.adw.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to take part in the international *40 Days for Life* effort from **26 February** through **05 April 2020**. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray at the vigil in Bethesda, MD. For more information please visit 40daysforlife.com/Bethesda or contact Jill Gadwood, jill.gadwood@gmail.com.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Sung Baek.

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.

Finance

PARKING LOT LIGHTING UPGRADE: We are upgrading the parking lot lighting for our church. Newer and more efficient lighting (LEDs) replaces the old and non-functioning units. The new fixtures are more cost efficient and enhance security and safety. We hope to replace the stairway lights and the rest of the ground lighting in the Spring when the ground is not frozen. 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.

OLVP LEGACY GIFT: By naming Our Lady of the Visitation Parish as a beneficiary in their wills, some parishioners have remembered our parish in a personal and enduring way. A legacy gift honors the past, serves the present, and invests in the future of Visitation Parish. If you wish to make a bequest, the following language is suggested: "I give and devise to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Darnestown, Maryland, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific purpose)."

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 enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**.