

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

01 March 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

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Faith Formation For Life Committee

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At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

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Pastor

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.
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Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
- 24 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Sodality Installation Mass, 7:00 p.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 27 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
Sodality Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Church
- 28 Sat 40 Hours after 5:00 p.m. Liturgy**
- 29 Sun 40 Hours, Chapel, Barn**
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m., Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 30 Mon 40 Hours Concludes, 9:15 a.m., Chapel**
- 31 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades 2,3,4,5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

APRIL 2020

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



Liturgical Life

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: 08 March 2020, Presiders:

- 5:00 p.m. Father Raymond Fecteau**
9:00 a.m. Father Raumont Fecteau
11:00 a.m. Father Raymond Fecteau

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through 03 April 2020 at **7:00 p.m.** in the 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.

WINDOWS: Katharine Drexel Feast Day, 03 March: Katharine Drexel (1858 - 1955) was born in Philadelphia. An heiress to a large fortune, she sought to help educate Native and African Americans. In 1891 she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Their logo appears in the upper panel. These sisters staffed missions and schools throughout the United States. She founded the only Catholic University for African Americans, Xavier University, in New Orleans. Its insignia appears in the lower panel.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the Week of 01 March 2020

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18 -19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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 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

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Paul Vincent Stack** (03 March 2018), **Victoria Ann Parks Martin** (04 March 2011), **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **William Vanderhorst Brumby** (07 March 2011), **Patrick James McGinty**

(08 March 2018), **Alex Martin** (16 March 2006), **Mario Marini** (17 March 2002), **Paul DiDuca** (17 March 2006), **Robert Majchrzak** (22 March 2010), **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003), **Mary Louise Mayer** (25 March 2013), **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), and **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996).

SPECIAL MASS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES:



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

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 04, 06, and 07 March 2020** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

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.

ion 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 Second Sunday of Lent will be held on **Tuesday 03 March 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: If you did not have a chance to make your gift yet, your completed envelope can be placed in the offertory basket, or you may 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 now 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.

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Slips and grocery bags will be distributed after all the Masses on **14-15 March 2020**. Please return filled bags with non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers on **21-22 March 2020**.



CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: On the weekend of **14-15 March 2020**, the second collection will be directed to support the needs of the Church in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Please help these struggling churches by being generous according to your means.

Human Resources

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**.