

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

05 April 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

### Mailing Address

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE  
Per Archbishop Wilton Gregory



*Liturgical Life*

SUNDAY TV MASS

Antenna Users 10:30 a.m. on CW50

Comcast Users Channel 23

Verizon Users Channel 3

RCN Users: Channel 15

Live Mass Noon on Sunday at Basilica of the  
National Shrine of the Immaculate Concep-  
tion @ <https://www.nationalshrine.org>

View Anytime <https://adw.org/tvmass>

PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

Health of the Sick, we entrust ourselves to you.

At the cross you took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

Salvation of the American People, you know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Mother of Divine Love, help us to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Holy Mother of God, under your protection, we seek refuge. O glorious and blessed Virgin, do not disdain the entreaties of those who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger.

Amen.

**PASCHAL TRIDUUM:** Please go to the **ADW.org** website for a list of live streaming Masses and prayers.

**DRIVE-IN ADORATION:** On Thursday evenings between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting) until further notice, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the well near the Barn (Mary statue). You are asked to remain in your car with the engine turned off.

**DRIVE-IN CONFESSIONS:** On Thursday evenings between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting) until further notice, Father Ray will be available for confessions at the Pavilion adjacent to the Barn. If someone is going to confession, remain in your car with the engine off, and then approach when that penitent has returned to his/her vehicle.

**BLESSED PALMS:** To avoid the transmission of the coronavirus, the Archdiocese of Washington has advised that palms should not be distributed on Palm Sunday, including the practice of leaving palms out for the faithful to pick up.

**COVID-19:** The Archdiocese of Washington's website is being updated regularly with information for the faithful. Please keep abreast of all Archdiocesan resources by checking [adw.org/coronavirus](https://adw.org/coronavirus).

**LENT:** 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).

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:  
 Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21- 22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46] Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Thomas Solomon**, uncle of Father Ray Fecteau. 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: **Daisy M. Masterson** (01 April 1996), **Ann Marie Majchrzak** (01 April 2019), **Walter Zolkiewicz** (02 April 2004), **Pope St. John Paul II** (02 April 2005), **John G. Gill Jr.** (07 April 2017). **Eugene Pitman** (10 April 1995), **John H. Zobel** (12 April 1996), **Gabrielle P. Scanio** (20 April 2013), **Peter Gordon** (24 April 2017), **Mary F. Vassallo** (26 April 1995), **George C. Vitelli** (29 April 2012).

**JUBILARIAN MASS:** Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years are invited to attend the annual Jubilarian Mass on Sunday 28 June 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Call the parish office to register; the deadline is **Friday 22 May 2020**.

**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.

**FIRST EUCHARIST INTERVIEWS:** Before scheduling an interview, the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation must have been celebrated, the parental letter of request must be received, and the books must be completed and dropped off at the Parish Barn.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please email the parish office at parishoffice@olvp.org.

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**ALL FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**FORMED.ORG:** Formed.org is a website that offers the best Catholic content on a variety of subjects to help you learn more about your Catholic Faith. OLVP provides this service for free to all parishioners. We strongly urge you to take advantage of this resource especially now, with schools and Faith Formation classes cancelled. 1) Go [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org) 2) Click the formed.org link on the right side of the page. 3) Enter your name and email address. You are all set – now enjoy and share with your entire family.

**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*

**URGENT NEED:** St. Martin's Food Pantry is in dire need of food. If you are able to help, please go to [www.stmartinsweb.org](http://www.stmartinsweb.org).

### *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*

**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*

**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 **or if Masses are cancelled. Please enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is MD114.** If you are not using Faith Direct please **mail your Offertory Envelopes to the parish office at 14135 Seneca Road in Darnestown, MD 20874.**

**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)."