

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 August 2020

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 12 Noon

Weekdays - 12 Noon

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Sacrament of Penance - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 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

Until Further Notice:

WEEKDAY MASS - Noon, Church
SATURDAY MASS - 6:00 p.m., Church
SUNDAY MASS - Noon, Church

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2020 -
CANCELLED**



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>**

PRAYERS 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. Amen.

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.

Liturgical Life

SUNDAY: Please go to the [ADW.org](https://adw.org) website for a list of live streaming Masses and prayers.

DRIVE-IN ADORATION: There is now Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at our **Church, 24/7**. The monstrance is placed in the window of the apse of the church (south side of the church). Park on the lower level of the church. You are asked to remain in your car with the engine turned off.

DRIVE-UP CONFESSION: On **Thursday** evenings between **6:00 and 7:00 p.m.** until further notice, Father Ray will be available for confessions **inside the Gathering Space with social distancing and wearing masks**. Park on the upper level of the church. 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. If you wish to schedule confession another day or time, contact Fr. Ray directly: rfecteau@olvp.org.

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 resumed when the Easter Season ended, on Monday 01 June 2020, the day following Pentecost.

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.

SALVE REGINA: The Marian antiphon, *Salve Regina*, is sung from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. It was used as a processional chant at Cluny as early as 1135. The text of the antiphon is the familiar prayer, "Hail Holy Queen." At Visitation Parish we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

Readings for the Week of 23 August 2020

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversaries of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Richard A. Weller** (02 August 2013), **Rene D. Zambranna** (03 August 1999), **Samuel Carr** (07 August 1999), **Sister Marcella Marie Missar, SND** (09 August 2019), **Pamela Jean Caell** (11 August 2001), **Cristeta Aquino** (15 August 1999), **Mary Albrano** (18 August 2000), **Patrick Sutton** (18 August 2015), and **Joshua Andrew Kight** (30 August 2004).

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Lola Andrakakos, Hollan Farago and Caleb Lachin** celebrated First Eucharist.

FLOCKNOTE: As recommended by Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is using *Flocknote* to communicate quickly and efficiently with the parish membership. This application is paid for by the Archdiocese of Washington and nearly all parishes are using it during the pandemic restrictions. To function as intended, *Flocknote* is based on the Parish Office having up-to-date email addresses for the members. To receive a copy, please email cenos@olvp.org

LIGHT A VOTIVE CANDLE: While the Social Distancing Restrictions are in place, we invite parishioners to mail in requests for a **three-day votive candle** to be lit by Father Ray and placed in the St. Michael Chapel in his residence. Father Ray will pray for your intentions. A donation of \$5.00 per candle is asked. Your request should include your name, the intention, and a check (\$5.00) made out to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish.

JUBILARIAN MASS: The annual Jubilarian Mass has been postponed to Sunday 22 November 2020. Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years are invited to attend the Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Call the parish office to register; the deadline is 30 September 2020.

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 16, 18, and 19 September 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 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

FORMED.ORG: 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. Click the formed.org link on the www.olvp.org website and follow the prompts.

Social Concerns

 **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION:** This Archdiocesan collection will be taken on this weekend, **05-06 September 2020**. CUA, guided by Catholic intellectual tradition, provides an academically rigorous education to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students, including many from our Archdiocese, receive scholarship aid directly from this collection. Please give according to your means.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: On Tuesday **01 September 2020** we are to “reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of the world in which we live” (Pope Francis, 06 August 2015).

GABRIEL PROJECT: The Gabriel Project assists women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. The project is in need of girls’ size 5 clothing (fall and summer), newborn (0-3) girls’ and boys’ clothing, newborn socks and boys’ size 12– month summer and winter clothing. They also need receiving blankets, newborn caps, diaper bags, and baby soap, lotion, and diaper cream. Please contact the project at www.gpmoco.org or email Diane at Isabelle49@aol.com

DONATE HAND SANITIZERS & WIPES: OLVP welcomes donations of hand sanitizers and wipes as we begin to offer public Masses in the church. Please bring your donations with you when you attend Mass and place them in the box on one of the outside benches as you enter the church.

Human Resources

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

THANK YOU: We wish to extend our very sincere **thanks** to all those parishioners who faithfully mail their Offertory Contributions as well as to those who are using Faith Direct. By doing so, you enable our parish to pay the bills during this crisis.

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: Although we are beginning to reopen, Our Lady of the Visitation parish still depends on online donations. Join parishioners who use *Faith Direct* for automated giving. *Faith Direct* offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. **Please enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is MD114.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 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 continue to upgrade 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 replaced the stairway lights and the rest of the ground lighting. 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 OLVP 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).”