

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 September 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

Deacon

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



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 Conception @ <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 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 27 September 2020

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversaries of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Agnes F. Kelly** (2 September 2002), **Richard J. Gordon** (03 September 2012), **Harry T. Lackey, Jr.** (10 September 2002), **Vincent Burns** (10 September 1994), **Andrew Garde** (22 September 1994), and **Mabel Rebecca Offutt** (30 September 2015).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On **Saturday 03 October 2020** please bring your pets to the lower church parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** so they may receive a 'Blessing of the Animals' in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. His feast is celebrated on 04 October.



SAINTS/WINDOWS: 29 September, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels - The three archangel windows in the bell tower depict St. Michael, patron of police and pilots (upper); St. Gabriel, patron of mothers (middle); and St. Raphael, patron of medicine and healing (lower).

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 cancelled** due to Covid-19 restrictions. Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years and who wish to receive a certificate should contact the parish office by **30 September 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.

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), or Deacon Ted Dmuchowski (thaddeus.dmuchowski@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

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: The OLVP Youth Faith Formation Program for the coming fall session will be **virtual-only sessions**. Church School for our Pre-K through Kindergarteners will begin virtually on **Sunday 04 October 2020** from 9-10 a.m. Our Elementary School 1st graders through 5th graders will begin virtually on **Tuesday 06 October 2020** from 5-6 p.m. Our Middle and High School students will begin virtually on **Sunday 04 October 2020** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. To register, please contact Erin Clegg, eclegg@olvp.org.

FORMED.ORG: OLVP provides this service for free to all parishioners. We strongly urge you to take advantage of this resource. Click the formed.org link on the www.olvp.org website and follow the prompts.

Social Concerns

PETER'S PENCE: Next weekend, **04 October 2020**, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH: Reminding us of Our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel to all nations, this second collection supports Church missions in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests and religious in desperate need, to bring the light of Christ to families and children living in the darkest of circumstances. This national collection will be taken on the weekend of **17-18 October 2020**.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: The Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring monthly donations to St. Martin's Food Pantry beginning today, **Sunday 27 September 2020** from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Collection cars will be on the lower level of the parish parking lot. The Pantry is in need of dry unsweetened cereal, canned soup, cookies, crackers, mac & cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, dry soup/ramen, canned vegetables, meals in a can, *Ensure* for adults, and *PediaSure* for children.

DONATE HAND SANITIZERS & WIPES: OLVP welcomes donations of hand sanitizers and wipes. Please bring your donations with you when you attend

Mass and place them in the box as you enter the church.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONER: The following family recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maley.

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

REFINANCED MORTGAGE/LOANS: We have received a 5 year-2% loan through *Forward in Faith* to pay off our mortgage, the church sprinkler repairs and the HVAC chiller upgrade at the barn. Our monthly loan payment is \$1,251.93.

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 the pandemic.

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.