

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



## Second Sunday of Advent

06 December 2020

### Sacred Liturgy

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 12 Noon

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**Sacrament of Penance - Thursday 5:00 - 6:00 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

#### Stewardship Council

##### Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

##### Human Resources Committee

John Feeney, (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  
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##### Youth Faith Formation

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##### Deacon

Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

##### Weekend Help

The Dominican Fathers (O.P.) of Nigeria

##### Pastor

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS - Noon, Church  
SATURDAY MASS - 4:30 p.m., Church  
SUNDAY MASS - 10:30 a.m., Church

### December

06	Sun.	Tree Sales, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
07	Mon.	Tree Sales, 4 - 8 p.m.
08	Tue.	Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass at Noon Tree Sales, 4 - 8 p.m.
09	Wed.	Tree Sales, 4 - 8 p.m.
10	Thu.	Tree Sales, 4 - 8 p.m.
11	Fri.	Tree Sales, 4 - 8 p.m.
12	Sat.	Tree Sales, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
13	Sun.	Tree Sales, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Religious Retirement Collection
16	Wed.	Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
18	Fri.	Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
19	Sat.	Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
24	Thu.	Christmas Eve: 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm
25	Fri.	Christmas Day: 11:00am



**DRIVE-UP CONFESSION:** On Thursday evenings between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. until further notice, Father Ray will be available for confessions **inside the Gathering Space with social distancing, wearing masks, and a portable screen.** 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](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org).

**ADVENT:** The Advent Season is a four week period of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. It is a “mini-Lent” in the sense that it is a time for us to properly prepare ourselves by praying, by fasting, and by performing works of mercy. St. Bernard of Clairvaux reminds us that in Advent, we celebrate the three-fold coming of Christ: 1) Jesus came to us once in flesh and human frailty (Incarnation); 2) Jesus comes to us now in Sacred Word and Sacramental Mystery (Each Liturgical Year); 3) Jesus will come again in great glory and majesty (Second Coming). St. Bernard also reminds us that Advent is a most appropriate time to honor Mary, patroness of our Country, our Archdiocese and our Parish. Advent began on **Sunday 29 November 2020.**

**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://www.adw.org/coronavirus).

**LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER:** One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermannus Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, the traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

## 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>

### *Liturgical Life*

**SUNDAY:** Please go to the [ADW.org](https://www.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.

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Tuesday 08 December 2020 is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patronal feast of the United States. Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated in the church at **12:00 Noon** to honor Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

**ADVENT WREATH:** The season of Advent prepares us not only for Christmas/Epiphany, but also for the whole church year. The revised Roman ritual of 1989 states that four purple or four white candles may be used for the Advent wreath in the church or home. In our parish, we use an evergreen wreath, white candles and purple bows.

**Readings for the Week of 06 December 2020**

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Parish Life**

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last week, **Brooklyn Skyler Galdi** and **Casey Sean Emory Jr.** celebrated Baptism.

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Barbara Zolkiewicz**, a parishioner, and **Marlene Gillespie**, wife of Frank Gillespie. We commend them and their families in our prayers to God.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Nicanor Aquino** (3 December 2005), **Winifred Donnellan** (4 December 1991), **Stefano Zanello** (7 December 2010), **Filomena Picciano** (08 December 1993), **Mary Palko** (13 December 2015), **Steven Pindell** (18 December 1994), **Anna Giattino** (20 December 2011), **Nicholas Toran** (27 December 1993), and **Matthew Todd Wolff** (27 December 1997).

**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 December 2020** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS:**

**8 December, Immaculate Conception:** In 1846, during the Sixth Plenary Council of Baltimore, the American Bishops placed the United States (upper panel) under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. The first and mother cathedral of the United States is the Basilica of

the Assumption of Mary in Baltimore, (lower panel).

**12 December, Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Mary appeared as an Aztec Princess to Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico. Castilian roses bloomed miraculously and were used as proof of her appearance (lower panel). Her visitation prevented an impending war between the native peoples and the Spanish military. Mary has been declared patroness of all the Americas (upper panel).

**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](mailto: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.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** 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](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)), or Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto: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 is now in **virtual-only sessions**. Church School for our Pre-K through Kindergarteners meets virtually on **Sundays** from **9 to 10 a.m.** Our Elementary School 1<sup>st</sup> graders through 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet virtually on **Tuesdays** from **5 to 6 p.m.** Our Middle School students meet virtually on **Sundays** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Our High School Students will meet **tonight, 06 December** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** To register, please contact Erin Clegg, eclegg@olvp.org.

### *Social Concerns*

**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION:** Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. The second collection on **Sunday, 13 December 2020**, helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous to this national collection.

**ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS:** The Adopted Family Christmas Collection will be held on **13 December 2019**. Please email olvpsocialconcerns@gmail.com to receive further information on what to donate.

### *Human Resources*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE SALE:** Sales began on **Friday 04 December** and will continue through **Sunday 13 December**. There are opportunities for everyone.

Go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844ADA62BA75-2020](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844ADA62BA75-2020) to see where you can help or email Matt Baker at [swingsft@comcast.net](mailto:swingsft@comcast.net) or Marty Kelly at [martykelly5@msn.com](mailto:martykelly5@msn.com).



**CHRISTMAS KITCHEN:** As in past years, “**Feed the Tree-Sales Crew**” volunteers are needed for the two weekends of the sale. We need: food donations, as well as helping in the kitchen (serving food and cleanup). Please note that Christmas kitchen activities and food donation will be modified to adhere to



COVID-19 safety guidelines. For food donations, go to the Signup Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aafae2aa6f58-food4> and go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AAFAE2AA6F58-kitchen4> for **Kitchen Helpers**. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Moschella at [barbwm18@gmail.com](mailto:barbwm18@gmail.com) or (240) 988-1633.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Jayan Rammoan** and **Mr. & Mrs. James Koutsos**.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** 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*

**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. With Faith Direct there is no cost to you and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. **Please enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://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.**

**OUTDOOR LIGHTING UPGRADE:** Volunteers have completed upgrading the parking lot lighting for our church. Newer and more efficient LED bulbs replace old and/or non-functioning units. We have begun to replace the fluorescent lights with LEDs in the Barn. **Thank you** to those parishioners who have contributed their time, talent or treasure.