

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 January 2021

### Sacred Liturgy

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 12 Noon

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

**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 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  
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##### Youth Faith Formation

Erin Clegg, (301) 385-4920  
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#### Pastor

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.  
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#### Deacon

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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**

If you are not receiving *Flocknotes*,  
please call the parish office.  
301-948-5535

**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/tvmas>

*Liturgical Life*

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

**DRIVE-BY 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 **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).

**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 Sun-



day 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.

**CHRISTMAS CRECHE:** The Christmas Season in the Roman Catholic Church once extended from 24 December, Christmas Eve, through the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February. The length of the Christmas Season was changed during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). Today, the Christmas Season ends on the evening of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (10 January in 2021). Many families and parishes choose to keep cherished Christmas customs according to the old liturgical calendar. And so, Visitation Parish families will be able to visit our beautiful Nativity Scene for a few more weeks. In a special prayer on Christmas Day our pastor asked that God bless all who look upon our manger.

**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 begins on Monday 11 January and continues through Tuesday 16 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends on Monday 24 May 2021, 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](http://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.

**Readings for the Week of 17 January 2021**

Sunday: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19/Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1: 35-42  
Monday: Heb 5: 1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6: 10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2: 23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3: 1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7: 25- 8:6/Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3: 7-12  
Friday: Heb 8: 6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3: 20-21  
Sunday: Jon 3: 1-5, 10/Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7: 29-31/Mk 1: 14-20

**Parish Life**

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Robin Bass**, brother of Richard (Christa) Dommers. 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: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Robert J. Diethrich** (10 January 2020), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000), **Jo-Ellen K. Domalski** (23 January 2013), **Stuart Meister** (28 January 2020), and **Stella Bahry** (31 January 2013).

**DAY OF PRAYER:** All dioceses of the United States will observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on **Friday 22 January 2021**, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973).

**FLOCKNOTE:** As recommended by Wilton Cardinal 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:** In addition to the in-church votive lights, 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.

**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.

**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.

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

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**MARY OF NAZARETH PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION:** Visitation Parish families who are registering to attend Mary of Nazareth School, both new and returning families, are asked to **mail their pastoral recommendation forms to the parish office** as soon as possible. Please mail them to Attn.: Pastoral Form, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Be sure to complete all parts of the form and to include a family picture. The office will process the forms and deliver them directly to Mary of Nazareth School.

**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 virtually on **Sunday 24 January from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** To register, please contact Erin Clegg, [eclegg@olvp.org](mailto:eclegg@olvp.org).

### *Social Concerns*

**ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY:** The Youth Rally and Mass for Life occurs each year in conjunction with the annual National March for Life held on (or near) the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade court decision making abortion legal in this country. The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be an online only event on **29 January 2021**.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our next monthly collection for St. Martin's Food Pantry on **Saturday 23 January at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday 24 January 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Collection cars will be on the lower level of the parish parking lot. The Pantry is in need of canned fruit, dry unsweetened cereal, canned soup, cookies, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, dry soup/ramen, *Ensure* for adults, and baby diapers, especially Numbers 5 and 6. This time we ask that there **not** be any more donations of canned vegetables, mac & cheese, or tuna/canned meat/canned fish. We are told that the Pantry's current supply of these items should last until February.

**RED CROSS NEEDS BLOOD:** The Red Cross is experiencing a critical need for blood. If you donate in January, you will receive a chance to win 2 tickets to the 2022 Super Bowl in LA. Schedule your donation at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 18 January 2021** for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. 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.