

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 January 2021

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

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At-Large Member

William Bouley, (240) 848-0532

At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel, (301) 869-0940

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Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

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Parish Manager

Colleen Enos, (301) 948-5536
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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

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/tvmass>

Liturgical Life

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

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 Sunday 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.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 02 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

Readings for the Week of 31 January 2021

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joan Gossett** (02 February 2018), **Jerome John Podojil** (04 February 1997), **Julianne Copenhaver** (05 February 1999), **Claudia Hughes** (07 February 1999), **Frederick William Whalen** (09 February 1998), **Joseph E. Gaffney** (13 February 1996), **Daniel Stack O'Connor** (16 February 2015), **Paul Emile Fecteau** (18 February 2016), and **Luco Fierro** (26 February 2015).

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.

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,.

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.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE TOURS: Catholic Schools Week runs from 31 January to 06 February 2021. Interested families are invited to join Mary of Nazareth in a virtual tour. Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be presented on Monday **01 February** at 10:00 a.m. and Grades Pre-K through Grade 5 will be presented on Thursday **04 February** at 9:30 a.m. Please use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/mon.announcements/live/>



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 Kindergarten meets virtually on **Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m.** Our Elementary School 1st graders through 5th 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 21 February from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** To register, please contact Erin Clegg, eclegg@olv.org.

Social Concerns

2021 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL: The theme for this year is "Seeking Christ." For 51 years the ADW Annual Appeal has been a blessed expression of our faith, our hope and our mission. 100% of all funds collected through the Appeal goes directly to the charities and programs designated. No money from this program or from any assessments on a parish (Weekly Offertory) will go toward any payments for clergy sexual abuse settlements. Thank you for your generous, sacrificial commitment to our work together. Every dollar counts and is greatly appreciated.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the OLVP Baby Bottle Collection will be virtual this year. Our campaign will run from now to **06 February 2021**, the two week period surrounding the March for Life, held virtually this year on 29 January. To donate, simply click on the link to our Parish's donation page for Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=14862>



SUPPORT LOCAL PREGNANT MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES: During the past 12 months, more than 250 client mothers and their families have been assisted by Gabriel Project Cluster Angel Friend volunteers. More women volunteers are needed, especially bilingual women. The Gabriel Project is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that assists low-income pregnant women and their children. During the pandemic and

economic crisis, the need for the Gabriel Project's services has grown tremendously while typical sources of support are greatly reduced. During this Right to Life Month, you can help provide critically needed material resources by purchasing essential items like baby gear, diapers, and clothing through the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List. For more information about the Gabriel Project, and to support our efforts, please visit the website at www.gpmoco.org and look for the link for the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List at the top of the home page. Thank you for your generous support!

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.

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

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. 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.**