

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# First Sunday of Lent

21 February 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  
cenos@olvp.org

#### Youth Faith Formation

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

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.  
rfecteau@olvp.org

### Deacon

Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

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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](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.



**FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on **all Fridays of Lent**. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to **fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday, 02 April 2020**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through 26 March 2021 at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

**LENT:** The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both prospective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective Catholics, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (**17 February 2021**) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (**01 April 2021**).

**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.

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

**Readings for the Week of 21 February 2021**

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**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).

**PARISH EMBER DAYS:** Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 24, 26, and 27 February 2021** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

**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.

**VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREATS:** Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center continues to provide virtual retreats that allow you to connect with others and feed your soul, all from the safety of wherever you are. Detox from the noise of the media, work demands and Netflix and find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Find more information and more upcoming dates on the OLB website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org).

**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*

**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 tonight, **Sunday 21 February from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** To register, please contact Erin Clegg, [eclegg@olvp.org](mailto:eclegg@olvp.org).

**FORMED.ORG:** OLVP provides this service for free to all parishioners. We strongly urge you to take advantage of this resource, especially during Lent. Click the [formed.org](http://formed.org) link on the [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org) website and follow the prompts.

### *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 COLLECTION:** Our parish donated \$1,036.36 to this collection. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful endeavor.

**THANK YOU** to those parishioners who generously donated to the collection for the Church in the Developing World, taken on Ash Wednesday.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our monthly collection for St. Martin's Food Pantry this weekend, on **Saturday 20 February at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday 21 February 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.** Collection cars will be on the lower level of the parish parking lot.

**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. 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](http://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. Schedule your donation at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 15 February 2021 to celebrate President's Day. 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.**