

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fourth Sunday of Lent

14 March 2021

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 10:30 am
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

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Social Concerns Committee

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At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel, (301) 869-0940

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Vice-Chair

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Human Resources Committee

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Facilities Committee

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Parish Manager

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Pastor

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS - Noon, Church
SATURDAY MASS - 4:30 pm, Church
SUNDAY MASS - 10:30 am., 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

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

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| 01 April | Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper | 6:00 pm |
| | Collection for our Sister Parish in Haiti | |
| 02 April | Friday of the Passion of the Lord | 7:00 pm |
| | Collection for the Holy Land | |
| 03 April | The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night | 8:00 pm |
| 04 April | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of The Lord | 8:30 am & 10:30 am |

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.

Readings for the Week of 14 March 2021

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8[7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Paul Vincent Stack** (03 March 2018), **Victoria Ann Parks Martin** (04 March 2011), **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **William Vanderhorst Brumby** (07 March 2011), **Patrick James McGinty** (08 March 2018), **Alex Martin** (16 March 2006), **Mario Marini** (17 March 2002), **Paul DiDuca** (17 March 2006), **Robert Majchrzak** (22 March 2010), **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003), **Mary Louise Mayer** (25 March 2013), **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), and **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996).

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT: The morning retreat will be held on **Saturday 27 March 2021** from 8:30 am to noon in the church. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION REGISTRATION MEETING for the parents of those young parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2021 will be on **Saturday 20 March 2021** in the Church at **10:00 am**.

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, (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.

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

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 am**. Our Elementary School 1st graders through 5th graders meet virtually on **Tuesdays** from **5 to 6 pm**. Our Middle School students meet virtually on **Sundays** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm**. Our High School Students will meet virtually **tonight, Sunday 14 March** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm**. To register, please contact Erin Clegg, eclegg@olvp.org.

LENTEN REFLECTION “40 Days to Peace & Union with God”: On Saturday mornings through Saturday 27 March, Deacon Ted will lead a Zoom Discussion and Reflection Program from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. To participate, go to <https://rcspirituality.org/lent-2021-40-days-to-peace-and-union-with-god/>. Then enter your name and e-mail address on the website. You will immediately receive a confirmation e-mail that includes the free downloadable PDF of readings, reflections & responses for each day of Lent. **At the bottom of this e-mail is the Zoom link to join the meeting.** Deacon Ted will lead us in discussion and reflection on the weekly material.

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 link on the www.olvp.org website and follow the prompts.

Social Concerns

ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION: If you would like to donate necessities to our Adopted Families, please contact Marianne Beattie at olvpsocialconcerns@gmail.com. Sign-up Genius will send you a link to view and choose the items you would like to purchase. Donations may be placed in the alcove by Founders Hall after the Masses on **10-11 April 2021**.

CRS: The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken in our parish **this weekend, 13-14 March 2021**. If you prefer, you may go to www.crs.org and login to the Donor Portal. The funds from the collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. Please give generously to this Archdiocesan collection.

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 March at 5:00 pm and on Sunday 21 March 2021 from 11:00 am to 12 Noon**. Collection cars will be on the lower level of the parish parking lot.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers for ongoing roles with a weekly commitment to service. Share your talents and time as a mentor, pro bono professional, or in special project support. During Covid-19, most volunteering is done remotely via video chat, phone calls, etc. Go to <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer> and Spring Into Volunteering.

RED CROSS NEEDS BLOOD: The Red Cross is experiencing a critical need for blood. Schedule your donation at redcrossblood.org.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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

EASTER GIFT: We are grateful to those parishioners who make an extra donation to the parish at Easter. The contribution is exempt from Archdiocesan assessment and is needed to help balance our parish budget.

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**. If you are not already doing so, now is a great time to make the switch to eGiving. Recurring gifts help sustain our parish as we continue to confront the challenges and turmoil sparked by COVID-19. With Faith Direct there is no cost to you and you enable our parish to pay the bills as we work to reopen more of our programs for our church families.. **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.**