

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Fifth Sunday of Lent

21 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

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.  
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#### Deacon

Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

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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/tvmas>**

***Liturgical Life***

**HOLY WEEK  
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

28 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am
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

**PASCHAL TRIDUUM:** Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Paschal Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Thus the solemnity of Easter has the same kind of preeminence in the liturgical year that Sunday has in the week. The Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with the evening prayer on Easter Sunday (*General Norms*, 18-19).



**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.

**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**).

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**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](http://adw.org/coronavirus).

### Readings for the Week of 21 March 2021

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

### Parish Life

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Carmen Iva Rochester**, mother of Judith Rochester. We commend her and her family in our prayers to God.

**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.

**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*

**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 am**. Our Elementary School 1<sup>st</sup> graders through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 on **Sunday 28 March** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm**. To register, please contact Erin Clegg, [eclegg@olvp.org](mailto: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://respirituality.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](http://formed.org) link on the [www.olvp.org](http://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 [olvpocialconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:olvpocialconcerns@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**.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the **Good Friday, 02 April 2021** Collection. This pontifical collection allows for care of Christianity’s holiest sites and for God’s people living in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support.

**COLLECTION FOR HAITI:** This collection, taken on **Holy Thursday, 01 April 2021**, will be given to our sister parish in Gonaives, Haiti.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those parishioners who donated to the Archdiocesan CRS 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.

**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:** 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](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.**