

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 April 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

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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

EASTER SEASON: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “Great Sunday” (Athanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These, above all others, are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter Octave form the “early hours” of this “Great Sunday.” with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

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.



QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE: The Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant 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.

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



Readings for the Week of 18 April 2021

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: During the Easter Vigil, **Asra Barack Yambaye** celebrated First Eucharist and **Walter Michael Dommers** celebrated Confirmation.

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Linda Marie Buhl**, sister of Diana (John) Hurley. 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: **Daisy M. Masterson** (01 April 1996), **Ann Marie Majchrzak** (01 April 2019), **Walter Zolkiewicz** (02 April 2004), **Pope St. John Paul II** (02 April 2005), **John G. Gill Jr.** (07 April 2017), **Eugene Pitman** (10 April 1995), **John H. Zobel** (12 April 1996), **Gabrielle P. Scanio** (20 April 2013), **Peter Gordon** (24 April 2017), **Mary F. Vassallo** (26 April 1995), **George C. Vitelli** (29 April 2012).

JUBILARIAN MASS: Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held on **Sunday 27 June** at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the Mass will be live-streamed. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, please contact the parish office before **14 May 2021**.

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 email Father Ray at rfecteau@olvp.org.

ALL HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES have Catholic Chaplains to care for Catholic patients and resi-dents. 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

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 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**. Sessions will **resume today, 18 April 2021**. Our High School Students will meet virtually **tonight, 18 April from 6:30 to 7:30 pm**. To register, please contact Erin Clegg, eclegg@olvp.org.

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

Social Concerns

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those parishioners who donated to the Adopted Family Collection last weekend.

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. If you donated already, we thank you. If not, please consider joining us in supporting the ADW Annual Appeal.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our monthly collection for St. Martin's Food Pantry on **Saturday 24 April at 5:00 pm and on Sunday 25 April 2021 from 11:00 am to 12 Noon**. Needed items include: canned fruit, *Similac Blue* Formula, baby food, PediaSure, Ensure, newborn diapers and adult

diapers size M/L. Brown paper bags are always welcome. Collection cars will be on the lower level of the parish parking lot.

GABRIEL PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: You can help provide critically needed material resources by purchasing 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 these efforts, please visit the website at www.gpmoco.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ST. JUDE PROJECT: People with Huntington's Disease experience progressive breakdown of their physical, mental, and emotional abilities, usually during their prime working years. Catholic Charities is collecting donations to make wellness kits for the patients enrolled in the St. Jude's Project. You can see a list of the most needed items at <http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/care-packages/>.

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

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**. 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 Darne-stown, MD 20874**.