

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 July 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 pm 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

#### Pastor

The Rev. Gregory W. Shaffer  
gshaffer@olvp.org

### 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  
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#### Youth Faith Formation

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

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS - Noon, CHAPEL  
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

### *Liturgical Life*

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION:** The obligation to return to full in-person participation in the Sunday Eucharist has been re-instated and is currently in effect. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Weekday Mass is once again being celebrated in the Thomas More Chapel in the Barn. The time of weekday Mass will remain, at present, at 12 noon.

**ORDINARY TIME:** Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains 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 resumed when the Easter Season ended, that is, on Monday, 24 May 2021, the day following Pentecost.

**SALVE REGINA:** The Marian antiphon, *Salve Regina*, is sung from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. It was used as a processional chant at Cluny as early as 1135. The text of the antiphon is the familiar prayer, "Hail Holy Queen." At Visitation Parish we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

**MASS TIMES IN OTHER AREAS:** Vacationers may go to [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org) to find Mass times in other areas.



### Readings for the Week of 18 July 2021

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6  
[1b]/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and  
12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24,  
25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3  
-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn  
6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
[14a]/Mt 13:24-30  
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16,  
17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

### *Parish Life*

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their deaths, please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers: **Christopher Orsborne** (01 July 1997), **Thomas Aaron** (01 July 2003), **Lee Wayne Roe** (04 July 2016), **Carlos Alberto Galliani** (06 July 2018), **Richard Peter Moran** (07 July 2015), **Lauryn Mary Sutton** (09 July 2014), **Angelo Salvatore Puglise** (10 July 2004), **Carole Jean Fitzgerald Kehoe** (18 July 2011), **Janet Bernice Quinn** (19 July 2008), and **Nicolo J. Canzoneri** (19 July 2015).

PASTOR'S PAGE

*“For he is our peace...thus establishing peace...  
He came and preached peace to you who were off  
And peace to those who were near”*

My cell phone is 240-463-9960. Please enter that into your phone for when you need to call or text me. I am here to serve you, and want to be readily available for you and your family. That means 24/7 especially when there is an emergency. Also, in general, I want you to hear the greeting of my voicemail which says “may you know the peace of Christ”. It’s 15 years old because I’ve had it my entire priesthood. That’s one of the best wishes I could give you. And, I will sign off every time I write here with that phrase.

The lines above from today’s second reading (Eph 2:13-18) bring out the importance of the peace of Christ. “He is our peace”. When we come to know Christ, we come to know peace. He is Peace itself. None of us knew what peace was until we encountered Christ. “Thus establishing peace”. The main purpose of his mission was to bring us Grace. Grace is a share in the life of God. It’s a share in the life of the Trinity! Part of that life is peace. So, Christ came to establish peace in us. He didn’t come to establish peace between nations as much as to establish peace in the hearts of men.

“He came and preached peace”. A big part of my job is to continue the preaching of Jesus Christ. If he preached peace, then I need to preach it. And, often. I need to address it and wish it upon you often in writing and in speech. It will hopefully be talked about much here from the pulpit, in counseling and spiritual direction, and in blessings. One of my great desires as your pastor is that you know and receive the peace of Christ deeply in your souls, hearts and minds.

May you know the peace of Christ.

Fr Greg

**BARBECUE AND FAIR:** St. Mary’s in Barnesville cordially invites all to join in their 146th annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament on **Saturday 31 July 2021** from noon to 6:00 p.m. Full course take-out dinners only (No Indoor Dining) are \$16.00. There will also be a snack bar, crafts, baked goods, cake-wheel, country store, white elephant stand, and live music. Mass will be celebrated in the shrine church at 4:00 pm. For information, call (301) 972-8660.

**QUO VADIS:** Quo Vadis Camp for High School Young Men is back after a hiatus last year due to Covid. The camp is open to high-school young men from the Archdiocese and will be held from **25 to 28 July** at Mount St. Mary’s in Emmitsburg. Register at <https://dcprist.org/quo-vadis-camp-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](mailto:cenos@olvp.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 Greg Shaf

fer (gshaffer@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 Greg at gshaffer@olvp.org.

**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*

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:** Information about the 2021-2022 school year will be published in upcoming bulletins. You may also check our website [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org) under the Faith Formation heading for current developments. If you are new to the parish, registration is on-going. If you would like information about our Faith Formation programs, please email Erin Clegg at [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. Click the formed.org link on the [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org) website and follow the prompts.

### *Social Concerns*

**ADVOCACY REQUESTED BY USCCB:** The House Appropriations Committee has drafted its first FY22 appropriations bill that has eliminated provisions designed to prevent taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions in the District of Columbia (Dornan Amendment), through foreign assistance (Helms Amendment), and for federal employee health plans that cover abortions. The expectation now is that, as other appropriations bills are released in the coming weeks, the Hyde Amendment and other pro-life provisions will also be excluded. Archbishop Naumann, as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, is asking grassroots advocates to

sign their petition at <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>. The goal is to get millions of Catholics to sign the petition before the full House considers bills during the last two weeks in July.

**2021 ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL:** Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 ADW Annual Appeal. Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has reached **75.3%** towards our parish goal of \$92,900. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help OLVP meet our goal by visiting [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

**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.

**PARISH RECORD KEEPING:** Have you changed your address, telephone number or email? Are you planning to move out of the area? If so, please advise the parish office, at [cenos@olvp.org](mailto:cenos@olvp.org), so that the records may be updated. Thank you.

**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](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**.