

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 July 2021

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 10:30 am

Weekdays - 12 Noon

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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
After Weekday and Sunday Masses

Anointing of the Sick / Emergencies

In case of an emergency and immediate need of a priest,
please call 240-463-9960.

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.

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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

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.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on **weekdays**, Monday through Friday, from 11:00 am to 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 to find Mass times in other areas.



Readings for the Week of 25 July 2021

- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Ruth Duvall** (Charles), parishioner. We commend her and her family in our prayers to God.

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

Heartfelt thanks to the many people who came to the "Jesus party" last Monday. What a night! When I told my mother about pitching the idea of a birthday party consisting of Adoration, music, and confessions, she said, "that's exactly what you want. You are a priest after all!" So true, Mom. I wasn't planning on even mentioning my 50th birthday to anyone here. But then, in prayer, days before the 19th, the Lord gave me the idea of using my 50th to bring you to Him. Cool with me! More than anything else right now, I want to bring you to Him. The party in the church and the after-party in the pavilion and rectory was the best 50th celebration I can imagine.

The focus last Monday night was on the Eucharist. For an hour and a half, we adored our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We should do that often. We need to see Jesus! And we need to be in His presence. As we learned all too well through the pandemic, being in someone's presence is so much better than being with someone virtually. It really makes all the difference in the world. It's the same thing with being in the Real Presence of Jesus. It makes all the difference in the world for us spiritually and personally. Over 100 parishioners and guests experienced the difference Monday night. Awesome.

Today's Gospel about the multiplication of the loaves and fish is Eucharistic. Many (70+%) Catholics don't believe in the Eucharist. I think it's because they don't really know the teaching. There are some who know the teaching and don't believe. They are like St. Thomas the Apostle who needed proof in order to believe in the risen Christ. So, they are in good company! If you are one of them or if you know one of them, please check out this story about a Eucharistic miracle: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miracle_of_Lanciano.

The miracle of Lanciano, Italy, involved a priest (!) who didn't believe. It's one of my favorite miracles of the Eucharist. Part of the reason Jesus worked miracles in the Gospel was to help people's faith. He's still doing it.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: Pope Francis established the first annual World day for Grandparents and the Elderly inviting Catholics around the world to honor the older generations in our families. Please take a moment to say a prayer for the grandparents in your life today, **Sunday 25 July**.

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.

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.

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 (Deaconed@olvp.org).

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. Feel free to call Fr. Greg (240) 463-9960, as well.

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 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.

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 website and follow the prompts.

Social Concerns

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our monthly collection for St. Martin's Food Pantry on **Saturday 31 July 2021 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass** and on **Sunday 01 June 2021 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass**. Needed items include: meals in a can, cereal, canned soup, Similac Blue Formula, baby wipes, baby diapers sizes 2, 5 and 6 and adult diapers. Please place your bags of donations **in the church, downstairs in the alcove outside of Founders Hall**.

GABRIEL PROJECT: During the pandemic and economic crisis, the need for services to needy wom-

en facing crisis pregnancies 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. For more information and to support our efforts, please visit the website at www.gpmoco.org and look for the link for the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List at the top of the home page.

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 **76.0%** 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 to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

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, 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**. 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**.