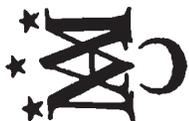


*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08 August 2021

## Sacred Liturgy

Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 10:30 am  
Weekdays - 12 Noon

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

**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.

#### 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

*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](http://Masstimes.org) to find Mass times in other areas.



**Readings for the Week of 08 August 2021**

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15  
Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk

*Parish Life*

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Helen Marie Glynn**, cousin of Cris Carr. We commend her and her family in our prayers to God.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversaries of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Richard A. Weller** (02 August 2013), **Rene D. Zambranna** (03 August 1999), **Samuel Carr** (07 August 1999), **Sister Marcella Marie Missar, SND** (09 August 2019), **Pamela Jean Caell** (11 August 2001), **Cristeta Aquino** (15 August 1999), **Peter H. Plamondon Sr.** (16 August 2020), **Mary Albrano** (18 August 2000), **Patrick Sutton** (18 August 2015), and **Joshua Andrew Kight** (30 August 2004).

## PASTOR'S PAGE

As I've heard from many people here and know now first-hand, August is the main month that OLVP parishioners go away. Good for you! I hope that you find true rest and recreation in your trips to the beach, mountains, and elsewhere. In the Catholic sense, recreation is re-creation which involves rest for the body and soul. The Church would call this "holy rest". Yes, we are supposed to be holy even on vacation! Holy rest is found in prayer, silence, and relaxing time with family and friends. Hopefully, this is what August brings you. But, if you find yourself thinking that you "need a vacation after my vacation", then you might consider incorporating more prayer and silence for the next one. It really helps bring rest to the soul!

Last month in an Angelus address, Pope Francis reflected on holy rest based on the Gospel reading, Mark 6:30-34, in which Jesus invited the Apostles to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Here are some excerpts from the Holy Father's reflection:

"His tender invitation — rest a while — should accompany us. Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the cellphone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God."

He continued: "How many times this happens in the Church: we are busy, we run around, we think that everything depends on us and, in the end, we risk neglecting Jesus and we always make ourselves the center."

"It is not only physical rest, but also rest for the heart. For it is not enough to 'unplug' ourselves, we need to truly rest. And how do we do this? To do so, we must return to the heart of things: to stop, to remain in silence, to pray so as not to go from the frenzy of work to the frenzy of times of relaxation," he said.

"Jesus did not neglect the needs of the crowd, but each day, before anything else, he would withdraw in prayer, in silence, in intimacy with the Father."

"We need — listen to this — we need an 'ecology of the heart,' that is made up of rest, contemplation, and compassion. Let us take advantage of the summertime for this! It will help us quite a bit."

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg

**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. The next class is scheduled for **Saturday 28 August** at 10:00 a.m. in Founders Hall. 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.

**OLVP 9TH—12TH GRADERS:** Flag Football on **Sundays from 3:30 to 4:45 pm** on the



OLVP field below the lower parking lot. This will be a lead-in to our Youth Group which will meet every Sunday from 6 to 7:30 pm starting September 12th. It's a ton of fun and a great way to meet fellow High School students in the parish. Please join us!

**SHAWL MINISTRY:** Did you know that OLVP has a Shawl Ministry? This group of dedicated individuals has worked behind the scenes at our parish for many years — knitting shawls and lap rugs that are distributed to parishioners who become ill or hospitalized. These hand-made items provide a tangible source of comfort to people who may feel isolated by their situation and serve to quietly remind them that OLVP is praying for their recovery. The group is in need of new members to carry on this fine tradition. If you have yarn, some time, and a desire to share compassion with the sick, please call Cindy Kokinda 240-477-7513 or email [kokinda@comcast.net](mailto:kokinda@comcast.net).

**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 Shaffer ([gshaffer@olvp.org](mailto:gshaffer@olvp.org)), or Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([DeaconTed@olvp.org](mailto:DeaconTed@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](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org).

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION IS OPEN!** Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is returning to the “classroom model” with children attending in-person classes with modifications in place to comply with Covid safety protocols. **Pre-K and Kindergarten** will meet on Sunday mornings beginning on **26 September** from 9 to 10 am. **Grades 1-5** will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm. starting on **28 September**; fee is \$175.00. **Grades 6-8** will meet on Sunday nights starting on **26 September** from 6 to 7:30 pm; fee is \$175.00. Scholarships are available. Contact Fr. Greg at [gshaffer@olvp.org](mailto:gshaffer@olvp.org). Register on-line through our website [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org) or you may 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](http://formed.org) link on the [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org) website and follow the prompts.

### *Social Concerns*

**THANK YOU** to all those parishioners who donated to our St. Martin’s Food Pantry Collection taken last weekend.

**SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER:** Do you have a heart for women and babies? Do you have experience in marketing, fundraising and outreach? Would you like to use your talents to forward the pro-life

mission? The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is seeking a full-time Community Outreach Coordinator. This paid position will focus on marketing, advertising, fundraising projects and events, digital and social media communications, website management and community activities that advance our name and services in the community. Interested candidates, please send resume to [execdirector@pregnancy-options.org](mailto:execdirector@pregnancy-options.org)

**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](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.

### *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*

**FAITH DIRECT:** Summer is almost over – have you made the switch to eGiving? Please enroll on-line at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114**. Your gifts help sustain our parish in the “dog days” of summer and throughout the year.

**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.**