

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Second Sunday on Ordinary Time

29 August 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.

Starting on the Weekend of September 11th and 12th, 2021

Holy Mass will be celebrated on
Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm
Weekday Mass Schedule:
Mon, Wed, Fri at 12 Noon and 6:00 pm
Tue, Thurs at 8:30 am and 12 Noon
Saturday at 9:00 am

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

AUGUST 2021

- 29 Sun Mass, 10:30 a.m., Church
Collection for St. Martin's Food Pantry
- 30 Mon Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
- 31 Tues Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 01 Wed Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
World Day of Prayer - Care for Creation
- 02 Thu Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
- 03 Fri Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
- 04 Sat Mass, 12 Noon & 4:30 p.m., Church
- 05 Sun Mass, 10:30 a.m., Church
Catholic University Collection
- 06 Mon Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
Labor Day: Office Closed
- 07 Tue Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
Liturgical Minister Training, 7 p.m., Church
- 08 Wed Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
Liturgical Minister Training, 7 p.m., Church
- 09 Thu Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church
- 10 Fri Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, Church

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

- 11 Sat Mass, 9 a.m., 5 p.m., Church
- 12 Sun Mass, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Church
High School Youth Group, 6 p.m., Pavilion
- 13 Mon Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
- 14 Tue Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
- 15 Wed Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance

Liturgical Life

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.

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."



Readings for the Week of 29 August 2021

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-3

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Roman Ander Young** celebrated Baptism.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversaries of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Agnes F. Kelly** (2 September 2002), **Richard J. Gordon** (03 September 2012), **Harry T. Lackey, Jr.** (10 September 2002), **Vincent Burns** (10 September 1994), **Andrew Garde** (22 September 1994), and **Mabel Rebecca Offutt** (30 September 2015).

SAINTS/WINDOWS: **9 September, Peter Claver** (1581—1654) was born to a poor farming family in Spain. He became a Jesuit missionary (upper panel) and, at his ordination to the priesthood, Peter vowed to become "a slave to the slaves." As slave ships (lower panel) arrived in Cartagena (Columbia, South America) he boarded the ships with food, drink and medicine. With the help of interpreters, and despite open opposition and ridicule, Peter Claver instructed and baptized almost four hundred thousand people. His feast is listed in the United States liturgical calendar.

PASTOR'S PAGE

As a supplement to my homily today on chastity, the "Freedom of Chastity" card written by Rev. T. G. Morrow is available in our vestibule. I love the title and the fact that it doesn't say the "perfection of chastity". The perfection of chastity is not possible for us in this life, but the freedom of chastity is. I want to include the text from the first side of Fr. Morrow's card and explain it briefly. He writes:

The Freedom of Chastity

"Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas taught that the sexual appetite seems to have a life of its own. And, since it listens not only to reason, but to the senses and imagination as well, you cannot deal with it "despotically," that is command it authoritatively, and expect it to obey. It won't. If you repress it in this way, it will go down to the subconscious, where it will wait for a moment of weakness, and will explode in a spree of sexual activity.

You must rather treat the appetite "politically," that is, you must convince it to not go after wrong activity, by repeatedly presenting the values to be gained by chastity. You must, in a sense, graft reason onto the appetite.

In other words, you must "convert the heart". Only then, when the heart is converted does the will become free of any resentment over refusing illicit sexual activity. By repeating to oneself several times a day the arguments on the reverse side of this card, you can find the peace of true chastity. You don't avoid thinking about the issue, or wait for it to come up, but daily confront your will with these values. Eventually it will surrender to the truth.

Of course, as a fruit of the Holy Spirit, chastity requires much prayer."

This works. Reason can control our desires. What normally happens when we give in to temptation is that we aren't thinking. So, this is saying we need to be thinking when we are tempted. Think of stuff like "this doesn't make me happy" or "get real" or "it's a little bit of pleasure and a whole lot more pain". Pick a saying that works for you and repeat it a few times a day even when you're not tempted. It will be there when temptation hits and it will be your defense. I have known many, many people who have used this and have experienced the freedom of chastity. It takes a lot of work and a lot of Grace, but, I promise you, if you do this for a year, you will move away from "slavery to sin" and experience "the freedom of chastity".

May you know the peace of Christ, *Fr. Greg*

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 25 September** 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:

Are you or someone you know, thinking about becoming Catholic? Is there a restlessness that you would like to understand? OLVP will be offering the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (**RCIA**) this fall. There will be an initial coffee and donut reception after the 11:00am Mass on **Sunday 19 September 2021** in the church hall. Please bring your questions, or call Deacon Ted at (240) 678-3466.

OLVP 9TH—12TH GRADERS:



The OLVP Youth Group will meet every Sunday from 6 to 7:30 pm starting **September 12th** in the Pavilion next to the barn. It promises to be a ton of fun and a great way to meet fellow High School students in the parish. Please join us!

CARE PACKAGES FOR OLVP COLLEGE STUDENTS:

The parish would like to send a box of goodies to each of our college students so that they have OLVP love with them. Parents, send the name and school address of your son or daughter to cenos@olvp.org.

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.

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 Pro-

gram is separate from registration in our Sacramental Preparation Program. For information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.

FLOCKNOTE: Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is using *Flocknote* to communicate quickly and efficiently with the parish membership. 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.

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), 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.

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

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. Register on-line through our website www.olvp.org or you may email Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

MARY OF NAZARETH COTILLION PROGRAM: The Mary of Nazareth School Cotillion Program offers an introduction to ballroom dancing and social grace training for eighth grade boys and girls. The program consists of five Saturday sessions from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. that include 18 and 25 September, and 02, 09 and 16 October. Sessions are held at the School. The fee for

the series is \$160 for Mary of Nazareth students and \$210 for non-students. Appropriate attire is required. To register, please visit www.maryofnazareth.org/student-life/cotillion/ Note: current health protocols will be followed.

Social Concerns

THANK YOU to all those parishioners who contributed to this year’s School Supply Collection. Many children benefited from your generous donations.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: This Archdiocesan collection will be taken on the weekend of **September 4 and 5, 2021**. CUA provides an academically rigorous education, guided by Catholic intellectual tradition, to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students receive scholarship aid directly from this collection, including many from our archdiocese. Please give according to your means.

ST. MARTIN’S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our monthly collection for St. Martin’s Food Pantry on **Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, before and after Masses.** Needed items include: canned soup, pasta sauce, “meals in a can”, dry unsweetened cereal, diapers (sizes newborn, 2, 3, 5 & 6), *Similac Blue* Formula, *PediaSure*, and *Ensure*. Items may be placed in the alcove in the lower level of the church outside Founders Hall.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Antonelli.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, to celebrate Labor Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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. Our Church Code is **MD114**. Your gifts help sustain our parish in the “dog days” of summer and throughout the year.