

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Third Sunday on Ordinary Time

05 September 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

SEPTEMBER 2021

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 Weekday Mass, 9 a.m., Church
 Vigil Mass: 5 p.m., Church
Sodality Mtg. & Social, 9:45 a.m., Fdrs.Hall
 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
 16 Thu Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
 17 Fri **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
 Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
 18 Sat **Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance**
 Weekday Mass: 9 a.m., Church
 Vigil Mass: 5 p.m., Church
 19 Sun Mass, 9 a.m., 11 am, 5 p.m., Church
RCIA, 12 Noon, Founders Hall
 High School Youth Group, 6 p.m., Pavilion

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."

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, September 15, 17 and 18 2021** as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.



Readings for the Week of 05 September 2021

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Ian Paul Hipschman** and **Noah Patricio Hipschman** celebrated Baptism.

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Gail Moran** (Mike). 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: **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).

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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Hopefully, it's been a good and enjoyable summer for all of us filled with long-awaited trips away as families. This week takes us in another direction which is basically "back to work". We start the week with Labor Day (which is ironically a day OFF from work haha). Then, it's back to school and back to work fully. While this may be unfortunate for some, it is exciting and rewarding to others. As a Church, we celebrate work. It starts in the beginning when God worked – and worked very hard – during the six days of creation. Please don't forget that God rested on the seventh day! We need to follow His lead in working hard and well for six days, and resting on the seventh day. Work is very important but it is just what we do. It is not who we are. Think about the essence or identity of God: we don't define Him as "hard worker". He is that, but He is so much more. It's the same with us.

Please enjoy the following reflections courtesy of the USCCB. For its full statement on the dignity of work, please go to USCCB.org.

Work is, as has been said, an obligation, that is to say, a duty, on the part of man. Man must work, both because the Creator has commanded it and because of his own humanity, which requires work in order to be maintained and developed. Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him in the succession of history. (St. John Paul II, On Human Work [[Laborem Exercens](#)], no. 16)

Work is a good thing for man—a good thing for his humanity—because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes "more a human being." (St. John Paul II, On Human Work [[Laborem Exercens](#)], no. 9).

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



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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS - ALL SOULS CEMETERY: Since the earliest days of the Church, believers have found consolation and hope in the companionship of Our Lady in prayer at the cemetery. Gather with us at All Souls Cemetery on Wednesday, **September 15**, at 5:00 pm. For more information, please contact All Souls Cemetery at 301-428-1995.

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!



SODALITY: Encouraging all women of the Parish, age 18 and over, to come and check out Sodality at our first meeting of the year! With Mary as our role model, we strive to grow with one another in faith, friendship, and generosity. We are here to serve you and the Parish; we have new ideas to share, and we would love to hear yours! We will meet in Founder's Hall on Saturday, **September 11th**, at 9:45am, following Saturday morning Mass. We hope to see you there! Barb Moschella, Diana Hurley, Liesel Flaig - Sodality Co-prefects

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? 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 parishioners who donated to the St. Martin’s Food Pantry Collection. Hunger does not take a vacation.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: This Archdiocesan collection will be taken this weekend, **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. Please give according to your means.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help.

Human Resources

HOW TO JOIN OUR PARISH: A warm welcome to Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church! Registration forms are available in the blue folders on the shelf in the vestibule of the church or you may register online at: www.olvp.org.

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 just about 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.