

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 September 2021

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

12 Noon and 6:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am and 12 Noon

Saturday

9:00 am

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

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| 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 | Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11 a.m., 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 a.m., 5 p.m., Church RCIA, 12 Noon, Founders Hall High School Youth Group, 6 p.m., Pavilion |
| 20 Mon | Adoration, 11 a.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church |
| 21 Tue | Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11 a.m., Church |
| 22 Wed | Adoration, 11 a.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church |
| 23 Thu | Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11 a.m., Church |
| 24 Fri | Adoration, 11 a.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church |
| 25 Sat | Weekday Mass: 9 a.m., Church Vigil Mass: 5 p.m., Church |
| 26 Sun | Mass, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Church Faith Formation: Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church Grades 6, 7, 8: 6 p.m. Frdrs. Hall Parish Festival: Noon to 3 p.m., Parish Grounds 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.

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 12 September 2021

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| Monday: | 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 |
| Thursday: | 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/ Lk 7:36-50 |
| Friday: | 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3 |
| Saturday: | 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15 |
| Sunday: | Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 |

Parish Life

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: 29 September, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels - The three archangel windows in the bell tower depict St. Michael, patron of police and pilots (upper); St. Gabriel, patron of mothers (middle); and St. Raphael, patron of medicine and healing (lower).

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Welcome back to all who have been away! I started here as pastor on July 7 and have been thoroughly enjoying it. OLVP parishioners have been so very welcoming to me. We had a large turnout on my 50th birthday for a "Jesus party". Over 100 people came for Adoration, music, and Confession in the church! A few dozen ventured to the Pavilion for an after-party and "open house" in the rectory. I am excited to open up the rectory to you on many occasions this year to watch football, enjoy meals, and take in the beautiful and peaceful scenery of our gorgeous property. You're going to like the changes we made to the "Great room" and patio!

This weekend is the return to pre-COVID Mass times and an addition of a Sunday evening (5 pm) Mass. The new Mass is open to everyone, but it serves as a lead-in to Youth Group (9th-12th grades) and the Faith Formation classes for 6th-8th graders. Both of these will be from 6-7:30 pm on Sundays. Like our Masses, Faith Formation will be in-person with masks. We hope that parents sign up their children for our Faith Formation pre-K through 8th grades (register through our parish website), and that our high school students come up for Youth Group (contact our youth minister, Julia at juliajordan@olvp.org).

We are having a Parish Festival on September 26th from 12-3 pm! At the event, we will have carnival games like surf machine, pony hoops, skeeball, basketball, ring toss, photo booth, a ferris wheel, and many more! There will be live music, free food, adult beverages (and Washington Football Team game live) in the rectory, and bingo in the pavilion. Should be a lot of family fun! RSVP on Flock Note if you haven't already. I have asked a team of volunteers to personally follow up with parishioners about the new Mass times and festival. Please spread the word about OLVP by giving a postcard in the vestibule to a neighbor or two. Spreading the word like this is called evangelization and OLVP parishioners have been doing a lot of it the past several weeks. I am so grateful. Please keep it up!

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

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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS AT 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!



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 (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.

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

2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation sessions will begin on **Sunday 26 September**. Pre-K and Kindergarten sessions will be held from 9 to 10 am. and sessions for Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.. Classes for children in Grades 2 through 5 will begin on **Tuesday September 28** from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration is open. Please 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 Catholic University Collection .

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, September 18 and 19, before and after Masses.** Needed items include: canned soup, pasta sauce, "meals in a can", dry unsweetened cereal, canned fruit, diapers (sizes newborn, 2, & 6), *Similac Blue* Formula, *PediaSure*, *Ensure*, and Baby Wipes. Items may be placed in the alcove in the lower level of the church outside Founders Hall.

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. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

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: 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: As you are crossing things off of your back-to-school list with the arrival of autumn, please consider making the switch to eGiving? Enroll on-line at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**. We sincerely appreciate your support.