

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 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
Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

26 Sun Mass, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Church
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K: 9:00 a.m. Church
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
Parish Festival: Noon to 3 p.m., Parish Grounds
 High School Youth Group, 6 p.m., Pavilion

27 Mon Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church

28 Tue Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
 Adoration, 11 am, Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 1-6: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

29 Wed Mass, 12 Noon, Church

30 Thu Mass, 12 Noon, Church

OCTOBER 2021

01 Fri Mass, 12 Noon, Church

02 Sat Vigil Mass: 5 p.m., Church

03 Sun Mass, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Church
Blessing of the Animals, 12:15 p.m., Church Parking Lot
Healing Mass, 2:00 p.m., Church
Faith Formation:
 Pre K, K, 1: 9:00 a.m. Church
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
 High School Youth Group, 6 p.m., Pavilion

04 Mon Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church

05 Tue Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
 Adoration, 11 am, Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 1-6: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall

06 Wed Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
 Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church

07 Thu Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
 Adoration, 11 a.m., Church

08 Fri Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
 Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church



Readings for the Week of 26 September 2021

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, Emerson Scarlet McCarron and Jack Benicio Colton Stuart celebrated Baptism.

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of Heidi Jane Titus (Frank), parishioner and mother of Abigail and Margaret Titus and daughter of Lee Frey. We commend her and her family in our prayers to God.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: George Douglas Carr (05 October 2002), Mary K. Larsen (05 October 2004), Henry Poss (05 October 2004), Mary Robinson Lambert (06 October 2012), Willard Croyle (15 October 2014), Gloria M. Wall (17 October 2014), David Rector (18 October 2000), Maria Carla Barzotti (20 October 2008), Michelina Canzoneri (24 October 2000), James Cardinal Hickey (24 October 2004), Laverne Marie Meckoll (25 October 2007), John Kollappillil (25 October 2013), Susan Moran (25 October 2020), and Gerd-Roland Dunkelberg (31 October 2016).

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 and on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



PASTOR'S PAGE

These are busy days at OLVP. It's all good! Below are the upcoming events and schedule. The schedule for daily Mass, Adoration, and Confession will change this week because I will be away at an ordination in Rome from Tuesday evening through Saturday afternoon. I am very excited to announce our first Healing Mass here on Sun., October 3 @ 2 pm! We might think that a healing service is only for those who are super spiritual or for those who have physical diseases or handicaps. Yes, there is a charismatic quality to a Healing Mass because people are specifically open to the Holy Spirit. And, there are many who have been miraculously healed physically at these Masses. But, a healing Mass is a normal Mass with prayers for healing at the end. There are many types of healing – physical, emotional, personal, and even spiritual. We will have a healing Mass the first Sunday of every month. Come and check it out at least once!

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

This week's Schedule (Sept 27-Oct 2)

Monday	11-12 Exposition, 12 pm Mass, 6 pm Mass, Confession 6:30–7:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am Mass, 11-12 Exposition, 12 Mass
Wednesday	12 pm Mass only (NO Exposition) (NO 6 pm Mass/Exposition/Confessions)
Thursday	12 pm Mass only (NO 8:30 Mass) (NO Exposition)
Friday	12 pm Mass only (NO 6 pm Mass/Exposition/Confessions)
Saturday	Confessions 4:30-5 pm, 5 pm Mass (NO 9 am Mass)

Healing Mass, Sun, Oct 3, 2 pm

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On Sunday, Oct 3, 2021 please bring your pets to the lower church parking lot after the noon Mass at **12:15 p.m.** so they may receive a 'Blessing of the Animals,' in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. His feast is celebrated on 04 October.

HEALING MASS: On Sunday, October 3, Fr. Greg will celebrate Mass with Healing Prayers at 2:00 p.m. in the church.

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. 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: The OLVP Youth Group meets every Sunday from 6 to 7:30 pm starting in the Pavilion next to the barn. It is proving 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 be-

gins 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.

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 today, **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 1 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.

Social Concerns

THANK YOU to all those parishioners who donated to our monthly St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection. It is inspiring to see all the bags stuffed with needed items and the pantry is extremely grateful.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH: Reminding us of Our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel to all nations, this second collection supports Church missions in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests and religious in desperate need, to bring the light of Christ to families and children living in the darkest of circumstances. This national collection will be taken on the weekend of **23-24 October 2021**.

NATURAL DISASTER SPECIAL COLLECTION Oct 2-3, 2021: As you know, in recent months there have been several natural disasters, such as the earthquake in Haiti, the flash floods in Middle Tennessee, and most recently, Hurricane Ida, which caused devastation in Louisiana, Mississippi and the East Coast of the United States. These, and many other areas, suffered great loss of life and the work of rebuilding communities will last years. In response, OLVP will participate in a special collection the weekend of **October 2 and 3**, to send to the Archdiocese to directly help affected dioceses and to Catholic Relief Services. Please make checks out to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Disaster Relief. Thank you for your generosity.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Saba, Mr. Jonathan DeCarlo and Dr. and Mrs. John Kelly.**

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 8:00 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.