

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

03 October 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**

**OCTOBER 2021**

- 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 : 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
- 05 Tue** Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church  
 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  
 Sodality Rosary & Social, 7:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 08 Fri** Adoration, 11 a.m., Church  
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church  
 Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 09 Sat** Weekday Mass, 9:00 a.m.  
 Sodality Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Fdrs. Hall  
 Vigil Mass: 5 p.m., Church
- 10 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  
 High School Youth Group, 6 p.m., Pavilion
- 11 Mon** Adoration, 11 a.m., Church  
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church  
**Office Closed: Columbus Day**
- 12 Tue** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church  
 Adoration, 11 am, Church  
 Faith Formation:  
     Grades 1-6: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 13 Wed** Adoration, 11 a.m., Church  
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church  
 Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 14 Thu** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church  
 Adoration, 11 a.m., Church

**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.**



**Readings for the Week of 03 October 2021**

- Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

**Parish Life**

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Greg Wilkinson** Lynn (Manseur) Aminzadeh. We commend him and his 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).

**NEW STATUE:** OLVP has a new, hand-carved statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The marble statue of Our Lady of Darnestown captures forever a moment in time between the Annunciation by Gabriel to Mary and the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. "During those days Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Major gratitude to our team of volunteers who coordinated last Sunday's parish festival. I gave the vision of the event to a parishioner, Meredith Williams, who assembled an all-star team to see it through. Wow, we have many talented and generous people at OLVP! You and I had such an enjoyable afternoon together because of their incredible efforts and the goodness of God. He blessed us with a perfect day of weather and fellowship.

The festival really helped us to enjoy our property together. What beautiful grounds we have! I know that last Sunday was new for people here, especially the games and rides, a Gospel choir, a walk through the rectory, and a large crowd for an event not in the church. The festival will be once a year, but hopefully enjoying the property together becomes a normal and regular experience.

The main purpose of the festival was to build up our community and to welcome people (back) to the parish. But, people have asked me how we are paying for it. We made it a free event so that many people would come. One of the parking lot attendants estimated that there were over 500 people. God is good! The hope is that those who were at the festival are (back) with us now. Many people on Sunday said they are switching (back) to OLVP. If more people attend Sunday Mass here, then our income from collections and online giving will increase and thus pay the cost of the event (about \$17,000). God will provide.

See you at next year's festival!

May you know the peace of Christ,

*Fr Greg*

haste to a town of Judah." (*Luke 1:39*) Mary's joy, peace and urgency are shown by the look in her eyes, by her hand held to her heart, and by her flowing veil, hair and tunic. An outdoor jewel in the setting of living plants and trees, the placement of the statue makes the image of the Mother of God clearly visible and easily approachable by all. As pilgrims on our way to church, we actually walk along with Mary; as we leave church and prepare our journey home, our eyes are drawn immediately and directly to Our Lady. ("Notre Dame de Darnestown" was sculpted by Angel Ramirez and was designed by Fr. Raymond Fecteau.)

**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. Our next class is scheduled for Saturday, **October 23rd** at 10:00 am 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.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: TODAY, 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, whose feast is celebrated on October 4th.

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

**SAINTS/WINDOWS: 19 October, Isaac Jogues**(1607-1646), John de Brebeuf, Charles Garnier, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lallemant, Noel Chabanel, John de Lalande, and Rene Goupil were French Jesuit missionaries. They preached the gospel to the Hurons and the Iroquois in what is now part of Quebec Province and New York State. Father Jogues suffered torture and mutilation. After escaping from his captors he later returned to minister to the Iroquois. These Jesuits, priests and lay assistants, were martyred by the Iroquois between 1642 and 1649. The official seal of the Society of Jesus contains symbols for Christ crucified (upper panel). Ships that sailed to New France flew flags with a white cross on a blue field (lower panel).

**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!

**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. The group needs

new members. If you are interested, 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 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](mailto: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](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.

**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*

**2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION:** Faith Formation sessions will continue on **Sundays** for Pre-K and Kindergarten from 9 to 10 am. and for Grades 6, 7, and 8 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church. Children in Grades 1 through 5 will continue to meet on **Tuesdays** from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., also in the lower level of the church. Registration is open. Please email Erin Clegg at [eclegg@olvp.org](mailto:eclegg@olvp.org).

### *Social Concerns*

**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. This national collection will be taken on the weekend of **23-24 October 2021**.

**ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION:** If you would like to donate to the Fall Adopted Family Collection, please email or call Marianne Beattie at [olypsocconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:olypsocconcerns@gmail.com) or (301) 869-6898. The Sign-Up Genius link to view and choose new items to give will be sent to you. The donations should be placed in the alcove of the church after Masses on **October 16 and 17**.

**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. In response, OLVP will participate in a special collection **this weekend, 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.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: **Ms. Eliza Freeman, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Opack, and Mr. & Mrs. Paul White.**

**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](http://www.olvp.org)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 11th to celebrate Columbus Day.

### *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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114**. Or text "Enroll" to **301-701-3032**. We sincerely appreciate your support.