

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 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

- 10 Sun Mass, 9 a.m. (Children)**
 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
- 15 Fri Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church**
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
 Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 16 Sat Weekday Mass, 9:00 a.m.**
 Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m., Church
- 17 Sun Mass, 9 a.m., Fr. Ray Dedicates Statue**
 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Church
Adopted Family Collection
 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



Readings for the Week of 10 October 2021

- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/
 Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk
 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk
 11:42-46
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/
 Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk
 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-
 43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or
 10:42-45

Liturgical Life

CHILDREN’S MASS: On the second Sunday of every month beginning on **Sunday October 10 at the 9:00 a.m.** Mass, we will invite the children present to gather in the sanctuary so as to include them in our celebration in a special way. Over time we hope to encourage our young people to lector, usher and even sing at our liturgies!

FATHER RAY will preside at the **9:00 a.m.** Mass at our parish on Sunday, **October 17.** He will celebrate several First Eucharists and will bless/dedicate the “Notre Dame de Darnestown” statue in the circle.

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.**

Parish Life

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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. A parishioner thanked me for putting pamphlets in the vestibule on how to pray the rosary. We will have additional pamphlets and rosaries in the vestibule this month to encourage you and your families to pray the rosary together. The rosary is a source of power, peace, and patience. First, Mary is such a powerful intercessor for the Church, families, and individuals. Mary actually gave St. Dominic a rosary to be a weapon against heretics in the 1200s. Second, saying 10 Hail Mary's 5 times (if praying the whole 5-decade rosary) and meditating on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary bring us grace, peace and calmness. Third, praying the rosary is an excellent way to grow in patience; I especially recommend this when stuck in traffic(!).

An excellent activity in October is praying the rosary as a family. You can start with one decade together after dinner or pray all five decades (mysteries). What a wonderful tradition to start! Here are more insights on the rosary from catholic-culture.org.

May you know the peace of Christ,
Fr. Greg

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she" 142 (*Mediator Dei*). Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life," (*Ingravescentibus malis*) but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year. Therewith the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ. — *Mariology*, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.

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.)

SAINTS/WINDOWS: 19 October, Isaac Jogues(1607-1646), John de Brebeuf, Charles Garnier, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lallemand, 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).

CONFIRMATION MEETING: Families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend Mass at **5:00 p.m.** on Sunday **October 24th**, come to dinner in Founders Hall afterwards to learn about the Confirmation program and to **register** your child(ren) for Confirmation. 7th Graders and one parent or sponsor will attend our Confirmation **Study Session I** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

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.

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 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.

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.

Social Concerns

THANK YOU to all those parishioners who generously donated to the Archdiocesan Disaster Relief Collection.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 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 the world. 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**.

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, October 23 and 24**. Needed items include: canned soup, crackers, cookies and standard condiments, pasta sauce, canned fruit, adult-size pull-ups, plastic grocery bags and egg cartons. Items may be placed in the alcove in the lower level of the church outside Founders Hall.

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 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, 2021**. This vital parish program will be conducted primarily online.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Long, Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Nash, and Mr. & Mrs. Justin Freer.**

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

EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER UPDATE: If you have changed your email address and/or phone number since you registered, please notify the office or complete the online form at 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: With no added cost to you and great benefit for our parish, please consider enrolling in e-giving. Easier than ever, just text **"Enroll" to 301-701-3032**, or enroll on-line at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**.