

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 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

- 17 Sun** Mass, 9 a.m., Fr. Ray Dedicates Statue Refreshments Provided
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
- 18 Mon** Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
- 19 Tue** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
Adoration, 11 am, Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 1-6: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 20 Wed** Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 21 Thu** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
- 22 Fri** Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 23 Sat** Weekday Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Baptism Class, 10:00 am, Fdrs. Hall
Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m., Church
- 24 Sun** **World Mission Sunday**
Mass, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Church
St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection
Mass, 5:00 p.m., Church
Faith Formation:
Pre K, K : 9:00 a.m. Church
Confirmation Registration & Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 8: 6 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
Gr. 7 Confirmation Study Session I, 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
High School Youth Group, 6 p.m., Pavilion

Liturgical Life

CHILDREN'S MASS: Our next Children's Mass will be on **November 14, at 9:00 a.m.** 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!



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 17 October 2021**
- Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Molly Paris and Lisa Weigand**, both Aunts of Erin (Jeffery) Clegg. We commend them and their families 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

PASTOR'S PAGE

In addition to being the Month of the Rosary, October is also Respect Life Month in the Church. Given that it's still the Year of St. Joseph, the reflection below from the USCCB is timely as an inspiration for us to be witnesses to life like St. Joseph. We might think that Respect Life refers only to life in the womb. It is the "preeminent" (USCCB, 2019) social justice issue but not sole issue, of course. The Office of Life Issues of the Archdiocese of Washington develops materials and activities for the following: abortion, assisted suicide, the care of the sick and dying, stem cell research, the death penalty, war and morality, racism, and the dignity of life.

I would love to see our parish develop a Respect Life Committee that is apolitical. What this means is that it wouldn't be conservative or liberal, it would be Catholic. If you have the same approach and a passion for the issues listed above or others (immigration, e.g.), please let me know. Let's work together to respect and defend human life in all stages and situations. With God's help, we can do a lot of good.

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

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (Patris Corde 3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble" (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was "chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother" (PC 5).

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Chloe Kadence McGlone** celebrated **Baptism** and **Ryan Daniel McGlone Jr.** celebrated **First Eucharist**.

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. 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 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 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 Adopted Family 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 this weekend, **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.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mrs. Terese McAllister, Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Ventura, and Mr. & Mrs. Jason Plunkett.**

HOW TO JOIN OUR PARISH: A warm welcome to Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church! Registration forms are available 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.

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**.