

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 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.

Pastor

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2021

- 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
- 25 Mon** Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
- 26 Tue** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
 Adoration, 11 am, Church
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 27 Wed** Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
 Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 28 Thu** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
 Adoration, 11 a.m., Church
- 29 Fri** Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6 p.m., Church
 Adoration, 6:30 p.m., Church
- 30 Sat** Weekday Mass, 9:00 a.m.
 Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m., Church
- 31 Sun** Mass, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Church
 5:00 p.m., Church
 Faith Formation:
 Pre K, K : 9:00 a.m. Church



Readings for the Week of 24 October 2021

- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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.**

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Riley James McDonald** and **Thomas James Assili** celebrated **First Eucharist**.

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).

PASTOR'S PAGE

Last weekend began the Synod in Rome which the USCCB website describes as “a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The synodal process will conclude in 2023”. Cardinal Gregory has written the following to you about the Synod:

The Holy Father has asked that bishops, priests and deacons follow Christ's example through this Synod process by engaging with our people, and those who have left our communities, through prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment. I would ask that you join me and the clergy of this Archdiocese in this Synod process. I believe this Synod is an opportunity to re-engage with each other as we emerge from this global pandemic. This Synod offers us the opportunity to be with each other, to invite our family and friends back to the faith, to listen to each other's joys and sorrows, and share our hopes and dreams for our parishes.

It's encouraging that the Church is meeting to discuss how to re-engage Catholics post pandemic. We at OLVP have been re-engaging parishioners and neighbors for the past few months, thanks be to God! The Preparatory Statement of the Vatican concerning the Synod takes our present and future activity of inviting people back to a higher level: “by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission”.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg



DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS: Join us for festive holiday drive-in movies on **Saturday, November 27th** (Home Alone) or **December 18th** (Elf). There will be shows starting at 6 PM and 8:15 PM each night. Pizza, popcorn and treats will be sold from Founders Hall. Stay tuned-tickets are being sold via Eventbrite and are limited to 50 cars for each showing.



SHAWL MINISTRY: Members of the Shawl Ministry and anyone wishing to join the group will meet in Founders Hall on **Tuesday, November 9th** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The group 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 welcomes new members. If you are interested, please call Cindy Kokinda 240-477-7513 or email kokinda@comcast.net.

HEALING MASS: On **Sunday, November 7th**, Fr. Greg will celebrate Mass with Healing Prayers at 2:00 p.m. in the church.

MUSICIANS WANTED: The 5:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy is in need of experienced musicians to form the core of an exciting new contemporary music ministry. We are especially looking for a drummer/percussionist, a bass player, and a keyboard player. If you or someone you know might be interested, contact Ed Becker: ed@edbeckermusic.org (703) 969-2385.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS NEEDED: Men and women are needed to spend time with our Lord! Adoration is available Monday-Friday from 11:00 am to Noon as well as Wednesday and Friday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Text your email address to 240-353-9542 or email John and Diana at hurley05@verizon.net to receive the SignUp Genius link if you are interested in committing to a regular weekly date or just one time on any given date.

CONFIRMATION MEETING: Families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend Mass at **5:00 p.m.** tonight, **Sunday October 24th**. Plan to 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance are parish and family based. Confirmation is a two-year program that begins with registration and preparation for the sacrament in seventh grade with receipt of the sacrament in eighth grade. Throughout this period of preparation, Confirmands are to be participating in a formal religious education program in our parish or in a Catholic school. First Eucharist/Penance is a two-year program that begins with participation in a formal religious education program in our parish or in a Catholic School in first and second grades, with registration and preparation for the sacraments in second grade. Registration in our parish Faith Formation Program is separate from registration in our Sacramental Preparation Programs. To register for the sacramental programs, contact Kathleen Rooney at krooney@olvp.org. To register for our parish Faith Formation program, contact Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

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 messages, 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

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: **Mr. & Mrs. Brian Condon, Ms. Joyce Ann Kral, Mr. Michael Horigan and Ms. Katherine Coffey, and Mr. Peter Geiling.**

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.**