

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



The Epiphany of the Lord

07 January 2018

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • 9:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

Monday - Friday • 9:15 a.m.

Thomas More Chapel • Parish Barn • 14135 Seneca Road

Sacrament of Penance • Saturday • 4:00 p.m. • Or by request

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.

Pastoral Council

Vice-Chair

Deacon Thaddeus Dmuchowski

Liturgical Life Committee

Anita Stiger, (301) 869-8154

Parish Life Committee

Joseph Young, (301) 219-6897

Faith Formation For Life Committee

Robert McDonald, Ph.D. (301) 869-3366

Social Concerns Committee

Kathryn Sutton, (202) 739-5738

At-Large Member

Will Flaig (301) 869-2830

At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

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Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

2 Sat Confirmation, 2:00 p.m., Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

MAY 2018

5 Sat NIH Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church

FEBRUARY 2018

14 Wed Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service, 8:00 p.m., Church

06 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn

04 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m. No Faith Formation Classes

03 Sat Getting Ready Day II, 9:00 a.m., Church

JANUARY 2018

30 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

28 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory

27 Sat First Penance, 9:00 a.m., Church

23 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

21 Sun Baby Items Collection 7th Gr. Confirmation Session, 11:00 a.m. Mass and Refreshments Faith Formation:

16 Tue Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation:

15 Mon Office Closed-Martin Luther King, Jr.

14 Sun No Church School Church Mission Collection Baby Items Collection No Faith Formation Classes

09 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation: Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall

07 Sun Solemnity of the Epiphany Church School, 9:00 a.m. Mortgage Collection Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall



Faith Formation for Life

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Children and parents are welcome to visit the classrooms, meet the talented faculty, and tour the beautiful campus of our regional Catholic Elementary School on Sunday, **28 January 2018** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us> or please call (301) 869-0940.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Solemnity of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday, 09 January 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

Social Concerns

ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE: All are invited to attend the Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life at St. Matthew’s Cathedral on **Friday 19 January 2018**. The rally will begin at 8:30 a.m.; Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. Contact the Department of Life Issues at (301) 853-4555 with any questions.

U.S. CHURCH MISSIONS AND ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES COLLECTION (AMS): This combined collection will be taken on **13-14 January 2018**. Mandated by the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, the Missions collection embodies the church’s concern for evangelizing black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples in the United States. The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments and the re-affirming Word of Christ to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. To provide these services, they need your help—the AMS receives no federal funding.

BABY ITEM COLLECTION: All parishioners are encouraged to celebrate the gift of life by donating new baby items such as diapers, wipes and all baby clothing (including coats) for newborns up to size 2T, to support the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Montgomery County. Items may be left in the alcove downstairs in the church after Mass next weekend, **13-14 January 2018** and on **20-21 January 2018**. These collection dates were cho -

sen to highlight the needs of babies and pregnant mothers during the weekends before and after the 19 January *March for Life*.

Liturgical Life

EASTER SUNDAY 2015: Easter Sunday is a moveable feast; it is an ancient custom to announce the date of Easter on the *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*. Therefore we joyfully announce that this year, **Easter Sunday, the Sunday of Sundays, will be celebrated on 01 April 2018**; the Season of Easter ends on Pentecost Sunday, 20 May 2018.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 13-14 January 2018, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Puchayil

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11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

CHRISTMAS SEASON: Next to the yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season. The Christmas season extends from Christmas Eve through the Baptism of the Lord, **08 January 2018**.

Readings for the Week of 07 January 2018

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER: One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermanus Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, the traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Parishioners are not obliged to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50. **Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather.** Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), and **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000).

FAMILY BINGO: Friday 09 February 2018, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$3.00 for a 3-card sheet. Families with last names beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society, the Sodality and the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP.

GETTING READY DAY II: The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, 03 February 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

FIRST PENANCE: A First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on **Saturday, 27 January 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** in the church. A reception for children and their families will follow in Founders Hall. For information, please contact Michele Olewack at molewack@olvp.org.



SPECIAL MASS FOR 6th and 7th GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND FAMILIES: Confirmation candidates in the 6th and 7th grades who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020 and 2019 respectively, are expected to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass with their families on **Sunday 21 January 2018**. Light refreshments will be served in Founders Hall after Mass.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASS: 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.

FORMED.ORG: We have a gift for you! Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED.org. What is FORMED? It is a digital platform that gives each and every parishioner unprecedented access to feature films, video-based study programs, audio presentations and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters, available in both English and Spanish, **at no cost to you.** FORMED can help us grow deeper in our faith all year long! OLVP is investing in this resource because there are so many wonderful offerings available for people of ALL ages. All you have to do is register—here's how: 1. Visit formed.org 2. Click on Register (lower right of page). 3. Enter Parish Access Code: **6QJXX**. 4) Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later). 5.) Make a selection.

MONTHLY TELEPHONE ROSARY: Join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4th of each month at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to pray as a community by calling 605-468-8016 and inserting access code: 357090#. Questions? Contact Carol Monaco at csmonaco@verizon.net.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Following the policy of Donald Cardinal Wuerl, 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, ext. 107.

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 the Priest/Deacon.** Please email Father Raymond Fecteau (rfecteau@olvp.org), Father Mathew

Punchayil (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski (thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com) or Deacon Robert Fischer (olvpdeacon@gmail.com).

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.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? If you have heard the call of God to become a Catholic, please call the parish office (301)948-5536.

Facilities



PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please email parishoffice@olvp.org to report the problem so that we may have it fixed.

Finance

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: *Faith Direct* is a great way to ensure that your gifts of treasure to OLVP are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed on **Monday 15 January 2018** to honor the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SNOW POLICY: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Daily liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed there is no daily liturgy.