

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24 December 2017

## 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

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

#### Pastor, Ext. 109

The Rev. Raymond L. Fecteau, S.T.B., D.Min.  
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### Stewardship Council

#### Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

#### Human Resources Committee

John Feeney, (301) 762-2116

#### Facilities Committee

Tony Glander, (301) 460-6404

#### Fiscal Management Committee

Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

#### Parish Manager, Ext. 103

Colleen Enos (301) 948-5536

#### Director of Faith Formation, Ext. 107

Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536

#### Deacons

Robert Fischer, (301) 948-5536  
Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466

#### Parochial Vicar, Ext. 101

The Rev. Mathew PUNCHAYIL, Ph.D.  
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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**

**JANUARY 2018**

**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:

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

Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall  
**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  
**06 Sat Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn**

**02 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  
**01 Mon Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Sacred Liturgy, 12:00 Noon, Church Office Closed**

**DECEMBER 2017**

**31 Sun No Church School; No Faith Formation**

**29 Fri Office Closes at Noon**

**26 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn**  
**No Faith Formation**

**25 Mon Christmas Day, 11:00 a.m., Family Mass**  
**24 Sun Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**No Church School**  
**No Faith Formation Classes**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Sacred Liturgy, 4:00 p.m., Passes Needed**  
**Sacred Liturgy, 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.**



**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 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph will be held on **Tuesday, 26 December 2017**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

**Social Concerns**

**THANK YOU** to all the families who purchased gifts through our Alternative (St. Nicholas) Christmas Catalogue.

**HEAD START THANK YOU:** Thank you to those parishioners who donated to the Head Start Food Collection this year.

**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.



**Liturgical Life**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD LITURGY:** Although this year, the solemnity is not a holy day of obligation, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a **holy day of opportunity**. Mass will be celebrated at Noon on **Monday 01 January 2018** in the church

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Sunday 24 December 2017 Presiders:**

4:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (**Passes Needed**)  
 7:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil  
 10:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

**Monday 25 December 2017 Presiders:**

11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau / Deacon Ted

**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.

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: 30-31 December 2017, PRESIDERS:**

**5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil**  
**9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil**  
**11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau**

**Readings for the Week of 24 December 2017**

Monday:  
 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/  
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or  
 1:18-25  
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk  
 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/  
 Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/  
 Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6  
 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/  
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/  
 Mt 2:13-18  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/  
 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps  
 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf.1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-  
 19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-  
 40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Parish Life**

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **the Rev. Msgr. Thomas Kane**, priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, and the death of **Elizabeth Beattie**, mother of Joseph (Marianne) Beattie. 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: **Nicanor Aquino** (3 December 2005), **Winifred Donnellan** (4 December 1991), **Stefano Zanello** (7 December 2010), **Filomena Picciano** (08 December 1993), **Mary Palko** (13 December 2015), **Steven Pindell** (18 December 1994), **Anna Giattino** (20 December 2011), **Nicholas Toran** (27 December 1993), and **Matthew Todd Wolff** (27 December 1997).

**MASS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DIFFERENCES:** Upcounty Community Resources invites everyone to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 6701 Muncaster Mill Road in Derwood, MD 20855 for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Sunday 07 January 2018** to celebrate the Gift of All God's Children. There will be a reception afterwards in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

**NATIVITIES OF THE WORLD:** A collection of more than 150 mostly-handcrafted crèches from around the globe is on exhibit at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America through **07 January 2018** (daily, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.). Many are created from local materials such as nuts, wood, straw and felt. See the universality of the Catholic faith through the eyes of different cultures. The Monastery is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free parking. For more information go to [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org).

**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. The next class is scheduled for **Saturday 06 January 2018** at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.

**WINDOW: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, 1 January:** "Mother of God" is the oldest title and feast for Mary. Mary, under this title, is the patroness of the Archdiocese of Washington. The coat of arms for our Archdiocese appears in the upper panel; St. Matthew's,

the Cathedral for our Archdiocese, appears in the lower panel.

**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.** We're providing this opportunity in Advent, the start of the liturgical year, as a tool to assist us in preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at Christmas. However, 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](http://formed.org) 2. Click on Register (lower right of page). 3. Enter Parish Access Code: **6QJXKX.** 4) Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later). 5.) Make a selection.

**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](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org)), Father Mathew Punchayil ([matpunchayil@yahoo.com](mailto:matpunchayil@yahoo.com)), Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.dmuchowski@gmail.com)) or Deacon Robert Fischer ([olvpdeacon@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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).

### *Facilities*

**PARISH REPAIRS:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please email [parishoffice@olvp.org](mailto: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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114.**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** We are grateful to parishioners who make extra donations to the parish at Christmas. At Christmas and at Easter two separate collections are taken in order to balance our parish budget.

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** To receive tax credit in 2017, your contributions **must** be received in the parish office by **Friday 05 January 2018** to be credited to your contribution statement.

### *Human Resources*

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed **at noon on Friday, 29 December 2017** to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and will reopen on **Tuesday, 02 January 2018.**

**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.