

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 February 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

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Faith Formation For Life Committee

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At-Large Member

Vacant

Principal of Parish School

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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

MARCH 2018

04 Sun Mortgage Collection
Church School, 9:00 a.m., Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Church
High School, 6:30 p.m., Rectory

02 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

FEBRUARY 2018

28 Wed Confessions, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church
27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5, 4:45 p.m., Church

25 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
8th Gr. Confirmands, 11:00 a.m. Mass
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8, 6:30 p.m., Church

24 Sat Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
23 Fri Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

21 Wed Ember Day: Voluntary Day of Penance
Confessions: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church

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

19 Mon **Office Closed, Presidents' Day**
18 Sun **No Church School**
Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
No Faith Formation Classes

16 Fri **Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church**
Lenten Reflection, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall

14 Wed **Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 6:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.**
Ecumenical Service, 8:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

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

11 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
Men's Club, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 8, 6:30 p.m. Founders Hall
7th Gr. Confirmation Study Session II, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

10 Sat **Volunteer Party, 6:00 p.m., Founders Hall**
09 Fri **Family Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall**
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 Mortgage Collection
Church School, 9:00 a.m.
No Faith Formation Classes



Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held on **Tuesday 06 February 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

MARY OF NAZARETH PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION: Visitation Parish families, both new and returning, who are registering to attend Mary of Nazareth School (2018-2019) are asked to **mail their pastoral recommendation forms to the parish office** as soon as possible. Please mail them to: Attn: Pastoral Form, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Be sure to include a family picture. The office will process the forms and deliver them directly to Mary of Nazareth School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Grades 6, 7, and 8 **will not meet tonight**, Sunday 04 February. Sessions will resume at 6:30 p.m. on **Sunday 11 February 2018** in Founders Hall.

Social Concerns

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As in the past, the theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." *Matthew 6:33*. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offer each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal.

MARYLAND CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT: On **Thursday 22 February 2018**, mingle with like-minded Catholics at the 34th annual Catholics in Annapolis event. You will be briefed on the relevant issues considered by the General Assembly and provid-

esd shuttles for visits to your legislators' offices and a reception for all the members of the General Assembly and our Bishops and Church leaders. To register, go to www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight or call (410) 269-1155 or (301) 261-1979.

Liturgical Life

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 10-11 February 2018, PRESIDERS:

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 14 February 2018 begins the season of Lent which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, **29 March 2018.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes
 6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m. in the Church
 Ecumenical Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
 8:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

Readings for the Week of 04 February 2018

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both prospective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective Catholics, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (14 February 2018) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (29 March 2018).

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on **all Fridays of Lent.** This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk

products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to **fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018 and on Good Friday, 30 March 2018.** On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on **Fridays** in Lent through 23 March 2018 at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.

LENTEN REFLECTION: Deacon Ted Dmuchowski will lead a brief Lenten Reflection on the topic of Divine Mercy and will utilize some of the resources available on formed.org on **Fridays** in Lent at **7:30 p.m.** in Founders Hall.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 02 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **John Holdsworth**, husband of Joan Holdsworth. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Jerome John Podojill** (04 February 1997), **Julianne Copenhaver** (05 February 1999), **Claudia Hughes** (07 February 1999), **Frederick William Whalen** (09 February 1998), **Joseph E. Gaffney** (13 February 1996), **Daniel Stack O'Connor** (16 February 2015), **Paul Emile Fecteau** (18 February 2016), and **Luco Fierro** (26 February 2015).

MEN'S CLUB: The OLVP Men's Club will meet after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in Founders Hall on **Sunday 11 February 2018.** All interested parish men are welcome to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served.

ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Saturday 10 February 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Founders Hall. Come and enjoy food, fun, music and friendship. All adult parishioners who have volunteered in any capaci-

ty in the parish are invited. Please **RSVP** by **Thursday 08 February 2018** by calling (301) 948-5536.

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.

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: Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED.org, a digital platform that gives every parishioner 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.** 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.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please email the parish office at parishoffice@olvp.org.

Facilities

DOVE OF PEACE: The classic representation of the Holy Spirit, mounted on the rear wall of the church, is inspired by Bernini's window in St. Peter's Basilica. The top four short starburst rays symbolize the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as well as the four cardinal virtues, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance. The six bottom starburst rays represent the six days of creation as well as the divine attributes of Power, Majesty, Wisdom, Love, Mercy and Justice.

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: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 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.