

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Third Sunday of Easter

15 April 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

Michael Friel (301) 869-0940

Pastor, Ext. 109

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Stewardship Council

Vice-Chair

Stephen Staton, CPA, (240) 988-7818

Human Resources Committee

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Nick Serenyi, (301) 556-2320

Parish Manager, Ext. 103

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

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

MAY 2018

15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
13 Sun Ascension Sunday-Mothers' Day Catholic Relief Services Collection
 08 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation Final Session:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
06 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m. Final Session Mortgage Collection Men's Club Mass & Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 Faith Formation Final Session:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
05 Sat NIH Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church
 01 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

APRIL 2018

29 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m. St. Martin Food Bags Collected
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
28 Sat Sodality Luncheon, Noon to 2:00 p.m., Founders Hall
 24 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
22 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m. Adopted Family Collection St. Martin Food Bags Distributed Knights of Columbus Hershey Park Family Fun Day, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
21 Sat Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
 Faith Formation:
 Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
 15 Sun Church School, 9:00 a.m.
 Sodality, 9:00 a.m. Mass and Meeting
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall



Faith Formation for Life

FALL 2018 CYO SOCCER REGISTRATION AND ASSESSMENT DATES: CYO Fall soccer registration is now open to form competitive and non-competitive teams for U10-U14 youth from the following parishes: Our Lady of the Visitation, St. Mary's Barnesville, St Paul's Damascus, St. John Neumann, St. Rose of Lima, Mother Seton and Our Lady of the Presentation. Assessments and practices will be held at **Mary of Nazareth School** in Darnestown. To Register go to: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/104443>.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Our summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **Monday 18 June 2018** through **Friday 22 June 2018**. Camp is for children from ages 3 1/2 (by 01 June 2018) to 6th Grade. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information or email Michele Olewack, molewack@olvp.org.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter will be held on **Tuesday 17 April 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

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.



SPRING ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Bags will be distributed after all Masses on the weekend of **21-22 April 2018**. Please help with this important collection of non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers. Bags should be returned on **28-29 April 2018**.

ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION: If you would like to donate necessities to our Adopted Family, please contact Marianne Beattie at olvpsocialconcerns@gmail.com. Sign-up Genius will send you a link to view and choose the items you would like to purchase. Donations may be placed in the alcove by Founders Hall after the Masses on **21-22 April 2018**.

Liturgical Life

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 22 April 2018, PRESIDERS:

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

Readings for the Week of 15 April 2018

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

EASTER SEASON: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "Great Sunday" (Athanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These, above all others, are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter Octave form the "early hours" of this "Great Sunday," with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His Resurrection.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE: The Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: During the Easter Vigil, **Asra Barack Yambaye** celebrated Baptism. **Lynn Estrella Tariam Yambaye** and **Rheta N'Dade Yambaye** celebrated Baptism and First Eucharist. **Rheta N'Dade Yambaye** and **Thomas Matthew Borda** celebrated Confirmation. Last weekend, **Sally Claire Mueller** celebrated Baptism and **Nathan Riyan Leitman** celebrated First Eucharist.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Daisy M. Masterson** (01 April 1996), **Walter Zolkiewicz** (02 April 2004), **Pope St. John Paul II** (02 April 2005), **John G. Gill Jr.** (07 April 2017), **Eugene Pitman** (10 April 1995), **John H. Zobel** (12 April 1996), **Gabrielle P. Scanio** (20 April 2013), **Peter Gordon** (24 April 2017), **Mary F. Vassallo** (26 April 1995), **George C. Vitelli** (29 April 2012).

SPRING CONCERT: Don't miss the chance to enjoy the NIH Community Chorus (and some of our parishioners) in "*A Concert of Contrasts*" on **Saturday 05 May 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the church. Light refreshments will be offered afterwards in Founders Hall.



LADIES OF THE PARISH: All women of the parish are invited to the annual Spring Sodality Luncheon scheduled on **Saturday 28 April 2018** from Noon to 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP by **Saturday 21 April 2018** to **Debbie Waechter** at 240-393-0414.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The church throughout the world prays for vocations on **Sunday 22 April 2018**. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for priests who have ministered to you, both living and dead; encourage your children or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest, or religious brother or sister; pray one rosary for more vocations.

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 on **Saturday 21 April 2018** at 10:00 a.m., in the Parish Barn. Attendance during pregnancy is advised. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.

2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday 17 June 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by **Monday 16 April 2018**.

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST INTERVIEWS: Before scheduling an interview, the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation must have been celebrated, the parental letter of request must be received, and the books must be completed and dropped off at the Parish Barn.

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



PARISH REPAIRS: 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 have it fixed.

Finance

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: The Lord is risen! Our parish's many ministries are examples of how we spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Our Lady of the Visitation Parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Falco-Herman.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CARDINAL WUERL'S PASTORAL PLAN: The Cardinal's detailed plan for how parishes and individual Catholics can expand and strengthen the Catholic Church's marriage and family outreach is available for all parishioners downstairs in the church on the "Please Take One" table.

