

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 January 2022

### 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  
corporate 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.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2022

16 Sun	Mass, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection <b>No Faith Formation Sessions</b>
17 Mon	Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church <b>Office Closed</b>
18 Tue	Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Sodality Rosary, 9 a.m., Church Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church Faith Formation: Grades 1—5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
19 Wed	Adoration, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
20 Thu	Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
21 Fri	<b>Mass, 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>March for Life, 10 am to 5:00 pm</b>
22 Sat	<b>World Day of Prayer for Legal Protection Of Unborn Children</b> Weekday Mass, 9:00 a.m., Church Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m. Church
23 Sun	Mass, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Faith Formation: Pre-K, K: 9:00 a.m., Church Grades 6, 7, 8: 6 p.m., Fdrs. Hall H.S. Youth Group: 6 p.m., Pavilion
24 Mon	Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church

### *Liturgical Life*

#### 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.

**ORDINARY TIME:** Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms 43). Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 10, and continues through Tuesday, March 1, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends, that is, on Monday, June 6, the day following Pentecost.



### Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

### *Parish Life*

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Egidio Ienzi**, brother of Lina (Ronald) Ganassa. 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: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Robert J. Diethrich** (10 January 2020), **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), **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000), **Jo-Ellen K. Domalski** (23 January 2013), **Stuart Meister** (28 January 2020), and **Stella Bahry** (31 January 2013).

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Today's Gospel of the wedding feast at Cana (Jn 2:1-11) ties in with the feasts of the past two Sundays which closed out the Christmas season. At Cana, Jesus performed his first miracle which was turning water into wine. This reveals his divine power. It relates to the Baptism of the Lord which is when the Father spoke from Heaven, "this is my beloved son". And, it corresponds to the manifestation given to the Magi through the star that the baby Jesus is of divine origin at the Epiphany of the Lord. So, we see the emphasis the Church is making immediately after the celebration of the Birth of Christ: that this child is the Son of God.

During a pilgrimage to the Holy Land eight years ago, my group went to Cana. We saw replicas of the stone water jars that contained the water. They are huge! The Gospel says that there were six of them, each "holding twenty to thirty gallons". I believe it. So, there were between 120-180 gallons of water turned into wine. That would be between 15,000-23,000 ounces. A typical bottle of wine has 25 ounces. That means it would have been between 600-920 bottles of wine! And, "good wine", too. Party on, Jesus!

Cana is also about salvation. When his mother brings the request to him, Jesus addresses her as "woman" and says, "my hour has not yet come". His 'hour' refers to the Cross where he will bring about salvation for the world and atone for Original Sin. And, it is from the Cross that he will address Mary again as "woman" which we understand is a reference to the woman of Genesis 3:15. So, Cana is a preview that as sin entered the world through a woman, so salvation will come about through a woman.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg



**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last weekend, Charles Anthonis Humphries celebrated **Baptism**.

**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS:** As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on **February 18-20, 2022**. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-wayretreat/>. To register email [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

**DAY OF PRAYER:** All dioceses of the United States will observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on **Saturday, January 22, 2022**, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973).

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** On **Friday, January 21st**, parishioners are invited to attend Mass at 9:00 a.m., board a bus we have chartered to go to the March for Life on the Mall in Washington, DC, and return around 5:00 pm. A box lunch will be provided. Let's **Fill Up the Bus!** Please call the office to confirm your seat (301) 948-5536.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY:** Continuing on Wednesday, **January 19th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer a weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS SIGN-UP:** An easy sign up link can be found on the parish website, [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org), under the "Ministries" tab. Come share time with Our Lord and join this powerful ministry. For more information, email John and Diana at [hurley05@verizon.net](mailto:hurley05@verizon.net).

**FLOCKNOTE:** Sign-up today for Flocknote, an easy way to keep up with dates and changes at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. Flocknote is a tool for OLVP to communicate important information quickly, parish-wide, to our "Flock." You can sign-up for Flocknote by emailing Colleen Enos at [cenos@olvp.org](mailto: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*

**MARY OF NAZARETH FAMILIES:** Please submit Pastoral Recommendation forms to the Parish Office no later than Monday, **February 14.** Forms can be emailed to [krooney@olvp.org](mailto:krooney@olvp.org) or mailed to the parish office. Be sure to include your family photo. Signed forms will be returned directly to the school; and the school will notify you when your form has been received. *Thank you, in advance, for submitting your form on time!*



**2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION:** No Faith Formation sessions will be held today, **Sunday, January 16** for Pre-K, Kindergarten, or for Grades 6, 7, and 8 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Children in Grades 1 through 5 **will meet** on **Tuesday, January 18** from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., also in the lower level of the church.

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL:** The school is hosting coffee and donuts on **Sunday, 30 January 2022**, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, to honor Catholic Schools Week. Current parents and teachers will be present to greet parishioners, and answer any questions you might have about the school.

### *Social Concerns*

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our monthly collection for St. Martin's Food Pantry this weekend, **January 15 and 16.** Needed items include: pasta sauce, meals in a can (stew/canned pasta/chili etc.), dry unsweetened cereal, Ensure, Similac Blue, Pediasure, diapers sizes 3,4, 5 and 6 and baby wipes. Items may be placed in the alcove in the lower level of the church outside Founders Hall by 12:00 noon on Sunday. Donations will be picked up at noon to be delivered directly to the Food Pantry.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Brian Gallant, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Matthews, Ms. Rosemarie Acuff, and Mrs. Teresa Sanwo.**

**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](http://www.olvp.org)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, 17 January 2022 to honor the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

**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](http://www.olvp.org).

### *Facilities*

**DOOR REPAIR:** As many parishioners have noticed, we have recently begun some much needed repairs to the main doors into the lower level of the church. Wind and weather have taken quite a toll on the doors. We are grateful to be able to re-finish and complete the necessary repairs.

**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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114.**