

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

06 February 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 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.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2022

06 Sun	Mass, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Healing Mass, 2:00 p.m., Church 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
07 Mon	Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church
08 Tue	Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church Faith Formation: Grades 1—5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall Shawl Ministry , 6:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
09 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
10 Thu	Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
11 Fri	Adoration, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church Mass, Noon and 6:00 p.m.
12 Sat	Weekday Mass, 9:00 am., Church Sodality Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Founders Hall Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m. Church
13 Sun	Children's Mass, 9:00 a.m. , Mass , 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Church SUPER BOWL SUNDAY No Faith Formation

Liturgical Life

CHILDREN'S MASS: Our next **Children's Mass** will be on **February 13th, at 9:00 a.m.** We will invite the children present to gather in the sanctuary so as to include them in our celebration in a special way.

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 February 6, 2022

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39- 40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10- 11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6- 7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last week, **Ella Grace Plunkett** celebrated **Baptism**.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joan Gossett** (02 February 2018), **Jerome John Podojil** (04 February 1997), **Julianne Copenhagen** (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).

PASTOR'S PAGE

For the latter part of my six years as pastor at Assumption in southeast DC, at the end of Sunday Masses, we recited a prayer to end racism. The USCCB website doesn't have that prayer anymore, but it does present the following prayer to overcome racism. Like any evil, overcoming racism comes from within hearts. As we begin Black History Month, let us pray that hearts will be changed to see that all men are created equal by God, have dignity as children of God, and are to be treated justly.

Mary, friend and mother to all,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people, sisters and brothers
to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect one
another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son the grace we need to overcome the
evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love that respects
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son
Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr Greg

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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. The next class is scheduled on Saturday, **March 5th**, at 10 am in Founders Hall. 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.

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday, February 27th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 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 savory snacks to share; I-P, please bring desserts to share; Q-Z, please bring beverages to share.

ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Saturday, February 26th, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Enjoy a delicious buffet and beverages. Dance to the music of the DJ. Volunteers from all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation are welcome. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, February 23rd** by calling (301) 948-5536.

SUPER BOWL ITALIAN SUBS: Remember to pick up your previously ordered subs from the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, February 13th.**

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on Wednesday, **February 9th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer a weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

SHAWL MINISTRY: The next Shawl Ministry Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **February 8th** at 6:45 pm in Founders Hall. Please email kokinda@comcast.net. if you have questions or you know of someone who could use a shawl or lapghan.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance are parish and family based. Confirmation is a two-year program that begins in seventh grade. Throughout this period, Confirmands are to be participating in a formal religious education program in our parish or in a Catholic school. First Eucharist/Penance is a two-year program that begins with participation in a formal religious education program in our parish or in a Catholic school in first and second grades, with registration for the sacraments in second grade. Registration in our parish Faith Formation Program is separate from registration in our Sacramental Preparation Programs. To register for the sacramental programs, contact Kathleen Rooney at krooney@olvp.org. To register for our parish Faith Formation program, contact Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS SIGN-UP: An easy sign up link can be found on the parish website, 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.

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.

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 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: Faith Formation sessions will be held today, **Sunday, February 6th** for Pre-K, Kindergarten at 9:00 a.m., and for Grades 6, 7, and 8 at 6:00 p.m. Children in Grades 1 through 5 will meet on **Tuesday, February 8th**, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

Social Concerns

ADW ANNUAL APPEAL: This is the 53rd Anniversary of the Appeal and the new theme is “From God’s Abundance, Our Gifts of Charity.” We invite you to join in the mission of the Annual Appeal. By supporting the charitable works of our local Church, you strengthen our one Body of Christ to care for all those in need throughout our Archdiocese. 100% of your gift is restricted to the ministries and programs that are a part of the Annual Appeal. Not a penny will go into another fund, nor to legal or settlement fees, nor to the costs to conduct the Annual Appeal, which are provided from separate revenue sources.



Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Delarosa, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Daniel and Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Monroe Rose III.**

PARISH SYNOD MEETING: Pope Francis has asked the entire world-wide Catholic Church for our input on “...Communion, Participation and Mission” of our church. Please join Father Greg and Deacon Ted for a parish listening session from **9 am to noon on Saturday, February 26** in the St. Cecelia Room in the lower level of the Church. Invite everyone to participate. To RSVP, please email: DeaconTed@olvp.org.



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Facilities

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. Our Church Code is MD114.