

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 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
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.

Pastor

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2022

- 27 Sun** Mass 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.,
Church—Donuts & Coffee after 9 a.m. and
11 a.m. Masses
Family Bingo, 2 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
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
- 28 Mon** Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church

MARCH 2022

- 01 Tue** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
Sodality Rosary, 9:00 a.m., Church
Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 1—5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 02 Wed** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Church in Developing World Collection
Mass, **7:00 a.m., 12 Noon , 6:00 p.m.**,
Church
Adoration, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church
Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 03 Thu** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church
Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
- 04 Fri** Mass, Noon and 6:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m., Church
Adoration, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Church
- 05 Sat** Weekday Mass, 9:00 am., Church
Women's Group, 9:30 a.m., Fdrs. Hall
Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Fdrs. Hall
Vigil Mass, 5:00 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 at 6:30 p.m.** and on **Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** during Lent.

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 (02 March 2022) until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (14 April 2022).



Readings for the Week of February 27, 2022

- Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/
Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,
14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6,
16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk
9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk
5:27-32
- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,
14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-
13

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, 02 March 2022 and on Good Friday, 15 April 2022**. 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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Just like the old hide-and-seek game, 'Ready or Not,' here comes Lent! It begins this week, so we'll see you at Ash Wednesday Mass at either 7 am, 12 noon, or 6 pm. In the Ash Wednesday Gospel, we always hear the Lord's Lenten guidelines to pray, fast, and give alms. This applies to all of us. So, we have four days to figure out how we will fast and give alms which we usually refer to as giving up one thing (e.g., social media) and doing one thing (e.g., visiting the sick). If you're looking for one prayer or devotion to add in Lent, here are my top suggestions:

Daily Mass – the best way for Catholics to grow spiritually

Adoration - quiet time with Jesus

Confession – “be reconciled to God” (2nd reading, Ash Wed.)

Stations of the Cross – His Passion + ours

Holy Rosary – walk these 40 days with Jesus and Mary

Chaplet of Divine Mercy – take your biggest intentions to the Cross

Sacred Scripture – read a chapter of the Gospel and / or one Psalm every day

May you know the peace of Christ, *Fr Greg*



Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Carmen Rochester (02 March 2021), Paul Vincent Stack (03 March 2018), Victoria Ann Parks Martin (04 March 2011), Elizabeth Bonfils (05 March 2008), William Vanderhorst Brumby (07 March 2011), Patrick James McGinty (08 March 2018), Alex Martin (16 March 2006), Mario Marini (17 March 2002), Paul DiDuca (17 March 2006), Robert Majchrzak (22 March 2010), Sue Ann Baluta (23 March 2003), Mary Louise Mayer (25 March 2013), Eugenio Cantero (25 March 2021), Richard J. Marcinko (29 March 1992), and Alfred Alex Soltesz (29 March 1996).

PARISH RETREAT: Please join us for our 1st Annual Lenten Parish Retreat with Fr. Greg at the Priest Field Retreat Center in Charles Town, WV from **Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13**. Cost is \$225 per person and includes meals and accommodations with single and double beds available. Transportation to and from the retreat center is on your own. Please contact Colleen Enos at cenos@olvp.org with any questions or visit the website to register. We hope to see you there!

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.

NEW! Women's Group Begins at OLVP! All women of the parish, ages 20+, are welcome to enrich our faith and socialize. We will meet on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Founder's Hall following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, beginning on **Saturday, March 5th**.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on Wednesday, **March 2nd at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer a weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

FAMILY BINGO-TODAY: 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS SIGN-UP: An easy sign up link can be found on the parish website, www.olvp.org, under the "Ministries" tab. Share time with Our Lord and join this powerful ministry. For more information, email John & Diana, 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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: We will be offering a fun and exciting Vacation Bible Camp from **Monday, June 20th** through and including **Friday, June 24th** from 9 am to noon at OLVP this year! It's going to be a quest to find God's great light on Adventure Island! More details on registration will be published in future bulletins. Interested volunteers can reach out to Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

MARY OF NAZARETH COTILLION PROGRAM: The Mary of Nazareth School Cotillion Program offers an introduction to ballroom dancing and social grace training for eighth grade boys and girls. The program consists of five Saturday sessions from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. that include March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 7th and Graduation dance on May 7th. Sessions are held at the School. The fee for the series is \$220 for Mary of Nazareth students and \$280 for non-students. Appropriate attire is required. To register, please visit www.maryofnazareth.org/student-life/cotillion/. Note: current health protocols will be followed.

Social Concerns

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our monthly collection for St. Martin's Food Pantry on **March 19 and 20**. Most needed items include: pasta sauce, dry unsweetened cereal, canned soup, Ensure for adults, Similac Blue, Pediasure and diapers sizes 5 & 6. Items may be placed in the alcove in the lower level of the church outside Founders Hall by 12:00 on Sunday. Donations will be picked up at noon to be delivered directly to the Food Pantry.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: On **Ash Wednesday, March 2nd**, we will take up this collection to support the needs of the Church in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Please help these struggling churches by being generous according to your means.

SUPPORT THE 2022 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Last Sunday, all parishioners were invited to donate to the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal supports critical services and ministries of the Church in an effective and meaningful way and supports ministries larger than any parish or agency. Parishioners are invited to contribute by check, credit card, phone, through Faith Direct or other forms of payment. Please read more at <https://adw.org/ways-to-give/annual-appeal/> and thank you for your support.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Darren Manning**, and **Mr. & Mrs. Luke Heselden**.

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

BEQUESTS AND WILLS: Please consider OLVP in your estate planning. A meeting with an estate planning attorney and one sentence in your will can help our parish ministries be there for your children and your grandchildren!

FAITH DIRECT: Easier than ever, just text "Enroll" to **301-701-3032**, or enroll on-line at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is **MD114**.