

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



First Sunday of Lent

6 March 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

MARCH 2022

06 Sun	Mass 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., Church Healing Mass, 2:00 p.m., Church
07 Mon	Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church
08 Tue	Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church Faith Formation: Grades 1—5: 4:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall Shawl Ministry: 6:45 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
09 Wed	Mass, 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
10 Thu	Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church
11 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
12 Sat	Weekday Mass, 9:00 am., Church Women's Group, 9:30 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).

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**



Readings for the Week of March 6, 2022

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18 -19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36

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.

Parish Life

R.I.P.: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **James Byrne**, uncle of Barbara (Stephen) Crews. 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: Carmen Rochester (02 March 2021), Paul Vincent Stack (03 March 2018), Victoria Ann Parks Martin

PASTOR'S PAGE

The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are listed below at the request of a parishioner. When I preached on the fruits last weekend, I asked you to hone in on one of the fruits this Lent with the help of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit help us all to grow in giving good fruits to God.

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

People should know we are Christian because of our love, joy, and peace.

PATIENCE

We will focus on growing in virtues like this on next weekend's parish retreat.

KINDNESS

In action and in speech. Be kind to people and about them behind their backs.

GOODNESS

GENTLENESS

GENEROSITY

Be generous with your money to God and to the poor, and dig deep into the fullness of your heart to speak generously to and about others (see KINDNESS).

FAITHFULNESS

To God every day, especially Sunday. Mass every Sunday in Lent!

MODESTY

In dress, in what we watch, and in our attitude.

SELF-CONTROL

Lent helps us to control our appetites and passions. If we can say no to small appetites, that helps us to say no to larger, sinful appetites.

CHASTITY

Purity. We are called to live sexual purity.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg



(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).

WOMEN'S GROUP: All women of the parish, ages 20+, are welcome to enrich our faith and socialize. Our next meeting is on Saturday morning, **March 12th**, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Founder's Hall following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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!

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

VOCATIONS: To help create a culture of vocations in our parish we wish to support our future priests with prayer. Cards with each current seminarian have been placed on a tree in the Gathering Space. Please take a card and pray for that seminarian throughout Lent. Anything we can do to highlight the need for a generous response to God's call and for perseverance among those who have already said 'yes' is a wonderful way for us to promote vocations at OLVP.

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 for **Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

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.

Social Concerns

GONZAGA’S NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE: Ryan and Aidan Rafferty, local project captains, will be collecting non-perishable foods with an emphasis on nutrition to benefit Manna Food Center in Montgomery County on **Saturday March 19th from 11 am to 1 pm in the church parking lot.** Foods such as canned tuna, chicken packed in water, fruit canned in its own juices, low-sodium vegetables and soups, brown rice and whole wheat pastas, natural nut butters and dried beans are welcome. They will also have a collection box for cash and will accept checks made out to the Manna Food Center (tax-deductible receipts will be mailed).

NEW: The Social Concerns Committee will be supporting Dorothy Day Place (operated by Catholic Charities) by providing a gift bag filled with personal care items to each of the current clients. **Dorothy Day Place** is a transitional housing program for men and women in Montgomery County functioning as a bridge between homelessness and permanent housing.. Please

look at the SignUpGenius posted on our parish website for needed items (visit OLVP.org—Ministries—Social Concerns). Contact Liesel Flaig (flaig@verizon.net) with any questions. Items can be dropped off in the alcove outside Founder’s Hall by **Sunday, March 13th.**

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, pasta sauce, dry unsweetened cereal, canned soup, canned beans, cookies, crackers, *Ensure* for adults, *Similac Blue*, *Pediasure* and diapers sizes 3, 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.

2022 ARCHDIOCESAN 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 encouraged 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. Mark Deane, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Houle** and **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cwiklinski.**

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.**