

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



# Fourth Sunday of Lent

27 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**

- 27 Sun** Mass 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., Church  
**CRS Collection**  
 Faith Formation:  
 Pre-K: 9:00 a.m., Church  
 Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:00 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 28 Mon** Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church  
 Mass, 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church
- 29 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
- 30 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
- 31 Thu** Mass, 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Church  
 Adoration, 11:00 a.m., Church

**APRIL 2022**

- 01 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  
 The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen, 1-5 p.m.
- 02 Sat** Weekday Mass, 9:00 am., Church  
**Confirmation Retreat: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fdrs. Hall**  
 Women's Group, 9:30 a.m., Fdrs. Hall

***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



**Readings for the Week of March 27, 2022**

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Ez 37: 12-14/Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8(7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

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.

***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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Here's a parable about Sunday Mass etiquette. A mother invites her (adult) children to her home every Sunday for dinner. It is a lavish feast with several courses of choice food and wine, week after week. She eagerly desires to eat this meal with her children; it is the greatest part of her week. She gets to have quality time with the loves of her life, to speak to them about life, and to listen about their lives. Regarding etiquette, she has three rules: come at 5 pm sharp, dress well, and stay through dessert.

Most of her five children come on time, but some of them come late sometimes. The mother is not that upset if, on occasion, they arrive a few minutes after 5 pm. But, if they arrive so late that they miss the first course, they weren't there for the whole meal which upsets her greatly.

They come dressed well for the most part. When the weather gets warmer, they wear less and dress to be comfortable. Even though the mother has said to dress well every Sunday, they think that she doesn't really care because she is so merciful and forgiving. She is happy that they at least come, but she is hurt that they don't respect her classy celebration by dressing with class.

Almost all of her children stay through dessert and say thank you before leaving. But, one son has made a habit of leaving immediately after finishing his last bite of food and not saying a word.

In this parable, the mother is Mother Church and the weekly dinner is Sunday Mass. God is the provider of the lavish feast, but He has told Mother Church to host it every week ("do this in memory of me"). It's common etiquette to arrive on time and stay through the end of Mass and say thank you before leaving. And, God does care how we dress (see 1 Chr 16:29)! Most of those who attend here honor the rules of etiquette, and I am grateful. We could do a better job with 5 pm (or 9 or 11 am) sharp! But, there are a few who are like the son who left after the last bite without saying a word. We would all agree from the parable that that is very rude. It is the same thing when one leaves Mass after receiving Communion (unless in an emergency) and not saying thank you.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg

(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).

**FARMERS MARKET:** OLVP is getting back to its roots! We are hosting a "pilot" Farmers Market on Tuesdays, April 19 to May 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. The vision is to introduce new friends to the peace of Christ, embrace our beautiful land, support local growers and raise money to build a garden. As with all of our events, we need volunteers. Please email Andrea Lachin if you are able to volunteer: Events!@olvp.org. If you know of a local farmer, artisan or producer who may want to participate, please share the good news.

**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.

**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, April 2nd**, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Founder's Hall following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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

**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. Share time with Our Lord and join this powerful ministry, or just drop by with the family to visit Jesus one evening in Lent. For more information, email John & Diana, [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).

**FISH FRY FRIDAYS:** Come out to St. Mary's in Barnesville to enjoy Friday Lenten Dinners from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Reid Pavilion. The menu includes fish, crab cakes, pasta, salad bar and more. Cost

is \$10 per person and \$40 for a family of over 4. The Crab Cake is an extra charge. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**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 (Deaconated@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*

**CRS:** The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken in our parish **this weekend, March 26-27, 2022.** If you prefer, you may go to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) and login to the Donor Portal. The funds from the collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. Please give generously to this Archdiocesan collection.

**MANY THANKS** to all those parishioners who helped to fill gift bags with personal care items for Dorothy day Place in Montgomery County. The clients are very grateful.

**THANK YOU, ALSO:** to all our thoughtful donors of needed items for the St. Martin's Food Pantry. Without your faithful help, many of our neighbors would not have access to items they need to survive.

**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. Joshua Clute,** and **Ms. Marie Kissel.**

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

**EASTER OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 14 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 19th.

### *Facilities*



**PARISH REPAIR:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5336 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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our Church Code is **MD114**.