

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 February 2023

Sacred Liturgy

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

Monday, 12 Noon

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 3:30-4:30 p.m.
After Weekday and Sunday Masses
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 2023

- 12 Sun** Mass, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church
Gently Used Clothing Collection
Baptism Class: 12:15 pm, Fdrs. Hall
 Faith Formation:
 CGS: 9 to 10 am, Atrium, Pre-school, K
 Grades 6-8: 9:45 to 10:45 am, Church
 No Youth Group Session
Superbowl Party, 6 pm, Founders Hall
- 13 Mon** Mass, 12 Noon
 Adoration, 11:00 am
- 14 Tue** Mass, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon
 Adoration: 11:00 am
 Faith Formation:
 Grades 1-5: 5-6:00 pm, Founders Hall
Shawl Ministry, 6:30 pm Founders Hall
- 15 Wed** Mass, 12 Noon and 6 pm, Church
 Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm
 Scripture Study, 7:30 pm, Fdrs. Hall
- 16 Thu** Mass: 8:30 am and 12 noon, Church
- 17 Fri** Mass: 12 noon and 6:00 pm, Church
 Adoration: 11 am, 6:30 pm, Church
- 18 Sat** Daily Mass, 9:00 am, Church
 Women's Group, 9:30 am, Founders Hall
 AA, 12 Noon, St. Anne's Room
 Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
- 19 Sun** Mass, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church
St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection
No Faith Formation
Family Bingo: 2:00 pm, Founders Hall

Liturgical Life

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on **weekdays**, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11:00 am to Noon and on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays.

MASS SETTING: Since we are now in Ordinary Time, we have returned to singing the Mass of Renewal, found at #875-883 in the *Breaking Bread* hymnal.

Parish Life

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 Copenhaver** (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).



Readings for the Week of February 12, 2023

- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, Emma Lee Donovan celebrated **First Eucharist**.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted*" (Matthew 5:4) Mindful of Christ's Beatitude and aware that the loss of a loved one is one of life's most painful and difficult experiences, Father Greg has initiated plans for a Bereavement Ministry program at OLVP. The purpose of the program is to provide parishioners who have lost a loved one the comfort, support, and help they need to navigate through a difficult time. To learn more about the Bereavement Ministry and how you can help, please contact Father Greg at gshaffer@olvp.org or Elizabeth Verzariu at e.verzariu@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER PARTY: Calling all OLVP volunteers!! If you have helped the parish in any form, the parish would like to thank you for your help at the annual Volunteer Party. This year's party will take place on **Saturday, February 25th** from 6-9 pm in Founders Hall. Come enjoy dinner and dancing with your fellow volunteers. Scroll down to the **News and Events** section at olvp.org to sign up. Contact Tony Glander with any questions: tglander@olvp.org or (301) 460-6404.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Updates and Reminders

1. Annual Appeal

Please be generous with the '23 Appeal as you were with the '22 Appeal. We had a significant increase in total gifts in 2022 for which I am deeply grateful. We came very close to meeting our goal! Our pledges actually exceeded our goal. So, please fulfill your full pledge amount. And, remember: the parish receives half of the money that exceeds our goal. Here is how we have done the past two years in giving to the Appeal:

	'21 Pledges	'21 Gifts	'21 Total
	\$79,553	145	\$78,568
'22 Goal	'22 Pledges	'22 Gifts	'22 Total
\$92,900	\$96,900	210	\$90,605

2. Parish Council and Finance Council

I apologize for not publicizing the members of our councils, and appreciate the parishioner who brought this to my attention. We will have the following published on our website soon:

Parish Council

Deacon Ted Dmuchowski Diana Hurley
Bob McDonald Beth Rorick Tony Glander

Finance Council

Nick Serenyi Carrie McIntyre John Hurley

3. Homily Recordings

Sunday homilies are recorded and are available on our website under our home page.

4. Stations of the Cross

They are currently on our grounds! Thanks to a generous gift from the Archdiocese and careful handling and shipping by a skilled contractor, the Stations arrived sooner and are more magnificent than we ever imagined. We won't be installing them in the area I had originally told you, and with the approval of the Parish Council, will announce the location on the property soon. Please look for info on our website soon for that and how to sponsor a Station.

5. New Walkway

Please use the new walkway from the middle parking lot to the front steps of the church which is a generous gift from a parishioner. Coming soon: an engraved message on the brick at each end of the walk.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg

PANCAKE DINNER: Visitation Parish is having a Pancake Dinner on **Tuesday, February 21st**, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Founders Hall. Come join us for this Shrove Tuesday tradition, and it is free to all! Questions or to sign up to volunteer—contact Tony Glander (301)460-6404 or tglander@olvp.org.



FAMILY BINGO: Sunday, February 19th, 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.



PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on **Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

SUPER BOWL ITALIAN SUBS: Pre-ordered subs may be picked up after Saturday/Sunday Masses **today, February 11th/12th**.

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 **today, Sunday, February 12th at 12:15pm** 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.

PARISH DIRECTORY: OLVP is compiling an updated Parish Directory. It will be available to parishioners on-line, by password, and contain family pictures and names only. No personal information will be listed. Emails have been sent out with more information requesting family pictures. You may submit your family picture at any time to tglander@olvp.org to be included in the directory. Pictures can be from vacations, holidays or families being creative! You will also have the opportunity to have your picture taken at the church at no cost. If you have any questions, please contact **Tony Glander, 301-460-6404** or tglander@olvp.org.



MATRIMONY POLICY: 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you would like to have our community pray for yourself or for someone else, please enter your request on our website: <http://www.olvp.org/prayer-request>. Please pray for: **Ted Bany, Jack, Sang Sang & Family, Viola Bradshaw, Sabah, Sandy, Kate and Donna.**

Faith Formation for Life

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: OLVP will launch our Stellar VBS June 19 thru 23, from 9 am to noon, with youth from 4 years old to rising 5th graders. Middle/High School youth and adults are needed to help as well. Register on-line at www.olvp.org. Contact Erin Clegg (eclegg@olvp.org) to volunteer.

SMALL BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: As part of our Adult Faith Formation, we invite you to join a men's or women's small group for Bible Study led by pairs of OLVP parishioners. **If you have not already been invited and are interested in joining a group, please submit your name to Cheryl at chw@olvp.org.**

MARY OF NAZARETH FAMILIES: Please submit Pastoral Recommendation forms to the Parish Office no later than Monday, **February 20th**. Forms can be emailed to chw@olvp.org or mailed to the parish office. Be sure to include your family photo. Signed forms will be returned directly to the school; the school will notify you when your form has been received.

Social Concerns

2023 ADW ANNUAL APPEAL: This year's theme is "Many Ministries, One Church," a reminder that each of us is an essential member of the Body of Christ that is our Church. Please make as generous a pledge as you can to help with the many needs of our archdiocese.

THE LORD'S TABLE (TLT) SOUP KITCHEN: TLT serves hot meals (soup, main dish, salad, bread, dessert) every Monday through Friday at 3:30 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church at 9008 Rosemont Avenue in Gaithersburg. OLVP and many other groups provide volunteers for this important ministry. Volunteers may work in two shifts. From 1-3pm, a team prepares the meal. From 3-5pm, a team serves and cleans the kitchen. The Lord's Table staff of kitchen coordinators sets the menu and provides guidance/instruction to volunteers. TLT is an approved MCPS volunteer organization. High school students may help serve, and middle schoolers may help serve provided that they have an adult with them. Students can receive SSL hours for serving and clean-up. **Interested in becoming part of this ministry either as a substitute or a monthly crew member?** Please email parishioner Sue Rambo at smmahn@aol.com.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Our monthly food collection will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **February 18-19**. Most needed items include: dry unsweetened cereal, mac & cheese, dry rice/beans, canned fruit, "meals in a can", pasta, pasta sauce, canned beans, canned soup, *Ensure* for adults, *Pediasure*, diapers (all sizes) & baby wipes. The pantry could also use paper & plastic grocery bags as well as egg cartons (12 egg size). Items may be placed in the alcove in the lower level of the church outside Founders Hall by 12 noon on Sunday. Donations will be picked up at noon to be delivered directly to the Food Pantry. **The Pantry needs our help so that they can help those in need!**

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ripley, Mr. & Mrs. Tuan Pham, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Condon Jr, and Mr. & Mrs. Colin Lewis.**

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

CHOIR NEEDS: Are you a tenor, baritone or bass singer?

Please consider joining the 11 am choir! The choir is open to experienced singers in ninth grade and above. Contact Jyoti Hensch at jhensch@olvp.org or fill out the form at www.olvp.org/music for more information.



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

2022 STATEMENTS: All 2022 statements have been mailed to parishioners. If you have not received your statement or if you notice an error on your statement, please notify the office (301) 948-5536.

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 grandchildren!

FAITH DIRECT: Please consider setting up recurring donations or a one-time gift through Faith Direct. Just text "Enroll" to 301-701-3032, or enroll on-line at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is MD114.