

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

09 April 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

April 2023

*Happy Easter!*

- 09 Sun**      **Resurrection of the Lord,**  
**Mass, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm**  
 No Faith Formation  
 No High School Youth Group
- 10 Mon**      Mass, 12 noon, Church  
 Adoration, 11:00 am, Church  
**Office Closed**
- 11 Tue**      Mass, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon  
 Adoration: 11:00 am, Church  
**No Faith Formation**
- 12 Wed**      Mass, 12 Noon and 6 pm, Church  
 Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm, Church  
 Scripture Study, 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 13 Thu**      Mass: 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church  
 No Adoration
- 14 Fri**      Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church  
 Adoration: 11 am and 6:30 pm, Church
- 15 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
- 16 Sun**      **Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church  
**St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection**  
 Faith Formation:  
     CGS: 9 to 10 am, Atrium, Pre-school, K  
     Grades 6-8: 9:45 to 10:45 am, Church  
**Confessions: 12 Noon to 3:00 pm, Church**  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 pm**  
 Youth Group, 5:00 pm, Church

### *Liturgical Life*

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

This week, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 11 am to noon, and on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. There is no Adoration on Thursday.

**EASTER SEASON:** The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "Great Sunday" (Athanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These, above all others, are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter Octave form the "early hours" of this "Great Sunday," with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

**THANK YOU:** Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is grateful to all liturgical ministers, staff, volunteers and parishioners who helped make Holy Week prayerful and memorable.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** Altar Servers assist the Priest in the procession, handling the Roman Missal for the



#### Readings for the Week of April 9, 2023

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

prayers on the altar and assist with setting the chalices and ciborium on the altar. If you have made your First Communion and have not yet graduated from high school, we can use your help. Please contact Deacon Ted to arrange for training. DeaconTed@olvp.org or call the office to leave a message (301) 948-5536.

### *Parish Life*

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Daisy M. Masterson** (01 April 1996), **Ann Marie Majchrzak** (01 April 2019), **Walter Zolkiewicz** (02 April 2004), **Nello Mario Lavorini** (06 April 2022), **Pope St. John Paul II** (02 April 2005), **John G. Gill Jr.** (07 April 2017), **Eugene Pitman** (10 April 1995), **John H. Zobel** (12 April 1996), **Rita Lorraine Carlisi** (16 April 2022), **Gabrielle P. Scanio** (20 April 2013), **Peter Gor-**

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Christ is risen! Happy Easter! I hope that you and your family receive all the joy that the Holy Spirit brings on this Feast and throughout the Easter season. One of my favorite parts of Easter Sunday is renewing our baptismal promises and being showered with holy water. It is a renewal and a cleansing! During the renewal, we answer "I do" to questions about our belief in the Holy Trinity and the Church. We can go more deeply into renewing our faith in Christ and in His Resurrection by answering "I do" to these questions:

Do you believe Christ is truly risen?

Do you believe He is "not God of the dead but of the living" (Mk 12:27)?

Do you believe He lives today in the Church?

Do you believe it is His risen Body and Blood in the Eucharist?

Do you believe He lives in the poor (Mt 25)?

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

**don** (24 April 2017), **Mary F. Vassallo** (26 April 1995), **William Connors** (26 April 2021), and **George C. Vitelli** (29 April 2012).

**OLVP FOR LIFE:** We are blessed to announce that our **Memorial Garden** construction is about to begin! Located near the Stations of the Cross, this memorial garden will be a special place where OLVP parents, family and friends can remember babies who died in the womb or at birth. Polished brass plaques to memorialize a baby may be purchased for \$450. Deadline for spring orders has been extended to **April 30th**. For more information and to order a plaque, go to: <https://olvp.org/olvp-for-life>.

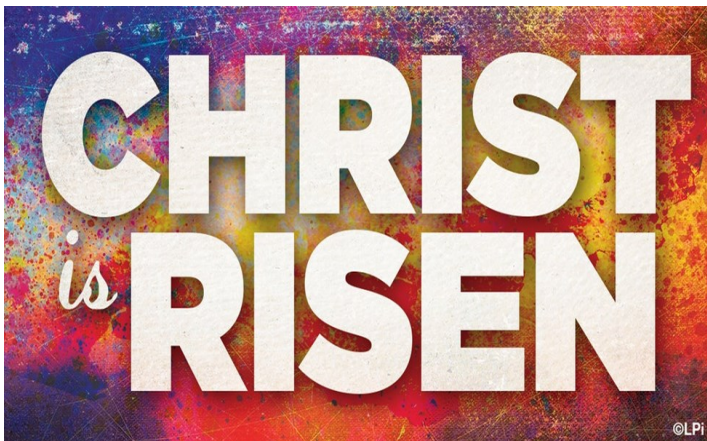
**INFANT BAPTISM:** Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, **April 23rd** at 12:15 pm in Founders Hall. We encourage Sponsors/Godparents, 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 BIBLE STUDY:** Continuing on **Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**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](mailto:gshaffer@olvp.org)), or Deacon Ted Dmuchowski ([Deaconted@olvp.org](mailto: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 office to arrange for visitation and Communion.

**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, Donna, Terry, Elizabeth Bannerman, Antonio, Peterton, Francisca, Ana, Anabel and Angelo Abuzo, Cita Abugaa, Paploy, Samuel, Kristen Conrad, Kate, Sarah, Sandy Sachs, Alexia, Ted, Patricia Rossomondo Bulla, Lolito Plasencia Escarro and Family, Kate Tyrar and Family, Tina, for the friend of Jessica Beckwith, for the repose of the soul of Wilfredo Rebagorda Placencia, for the end of abortion and the abuse of children, and for Shashini Chameli.**





## 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](http://www.olvp.org). Contact Erin Clegg ([eclegg@olvp.org](mailto: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](mailto:chw@olvp.org).**

**2023 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR:** Is your middle schooler considering a Catholic high school? Designed for rising 7th and 8th grade students, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington hosts a High School Fair each year to help families plan for the future. The event features exhibits from all of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. Come and learn more about the admissions process, scholarship opportunities, and financial aid. The fair is on Saturday, **April 22, 2023** from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at The Catholic University of America—Heritage Hall. Visit [www.adwcatholicschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicschools.org) for more information and to reserve your space. Registration is free.

## Social Concerns

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: CHURCH MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES:** The national collection to support the needs of the Catholic Home Missions and Black & Indian Missions in the United States will be taken on **April 22-23**. Please help these struggling Churches by being generous according to your means.

**SPRING ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION:** OLVP's Social Concerns Committee asks you to consider helping us support families in our community by donating a "NEW" item to a child or parent. Donations can be dropped off the weekend of **April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Contact Marianne Beattie at [olvp-socialconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:olvp-socialconcerns@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY:** Hunger doesn't have a season. Our monthly food collection will be held on the weekend of **April 15-16**. 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 noon on Sunday. Donations will be picked up at noon and delivered directly to the Pantry.

## Human Resources

**NEW PARISHIIONERS:** The following family recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. John Kalil**.

**OLVP DIRECTORY:** The new directory is available on-line. To view the directory, go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you will need to use your email address **as listed in our directory** to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download. If you need help or would like to submit your family's picture for the directory, please contact Tony Glander: [tglander@olvp.org](mailto:tglander@olvp.org) or (301) 460-6404.

**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)

**EASTER OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office is closed on **Monday, April 10** and will reopen on Tuesday, April 11th.

**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

**EASTER GIFT:** We are grateful to those parishioners who make an extra donation to the parish at Easter. The contribution is exempt from Archdiocesan assessment and is needed to help balance our parish budget.

**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:** As we approach Easter, we focus our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Sign up today by visiting Faith Direct/MD114, or by texting "**ENROLL**" to **301-701-3032**. You may enroll on-line at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or by calling Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. Our Church Code is **MD114**. **Thank you** for your continued support of our parish family.