

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 May 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

**May 2023**

<b>14 Sun</b>	Mass: <b>9:00 am - Children's Mass</b> , 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>Used Clothing Collection</b>
<b>15 Mon</b>	Mass, 12 noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 am, Church RCIA: 4 to 5 pm, Founders Hall
<b>16 Tue</b>	Mass, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon Adoration: 11:00 am, Church
<b>17 Wed</b>	Mass, 12 Noon and 6 pm, Church Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm, Church Scripture Study, 7:30 pm, Founders Hall
<b>18 Thu</b>	Mass: 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church No Adoration
<b>19 Fri</b>	Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church Adoration: 11 am and 6:30 pm, Church
<b>20 Sat</b>	Men's Group, 7:30 am, Founders Hall Daily Mass, 9:00 am, Church Sodality, 9:30 am, Founders Hall AA, 12 Noon, St. Cecelia's Room RCIA, 1:00 pm, Founders Hall Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church <b>NIH Chorus, 7:30 pm, Church</b>
<b>21 Sun</b>	Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church <b>St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection</b> <b>Baptism Class, 12:15 pm, Founders Hall</b>

### *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.

#### **FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish will celebrate liturgy on **Wednesday, 31 May 2023 at 8:30 a.m. and noon**, in the church to celebrate the Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All parishioners are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be offered **after the noon Mass**.

**EMHC TRAINING:** Father Greg has scheduled a mandatory re-training/training session for all Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion on **Tuesday, May 23rd**, at 6:00 pm in the Church. We are hoping to offer the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both species, bread and wine, once again. Protocol and logistics will be discussed. As you may remember, the practice was discontinued during Covid. More Eucharistic Ministers are needed to commit to serving in order for our parish to bring back this sacred opportunity. Please call the office to confirm your attendance (301) 948-5536.



### Readings for the Week of May 14, 2023

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Ascension:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

### *Parish Life*

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last week, Arya Jane Matani celebrated Baptism.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **William M. (John) Jarboe** (04 May 2009), **Austin Joseph Cohen** (05 May 2017), **Carol Anne Puglise** (06 May 2013), **Helene Walker** (21 May 2006), **G. Alan Hellawell** (22 May 2006), **Carter Michael Olewack** (28 May 2011), and **Roberto R. Martin** (31 May 1997).

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:** May God bless all our grandmothers, mothers and mothers-to-be and may they each know how much they are appreciated!

**CONFIRMATION DATE:** Confirmation for 2023 will be on **Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. Please pray for our Confirmands.

**YOUTH GROUP:** OLVP's High School Youth Group will be hosting parties over the summer! Once a month (June 4, July 9, and August 6) following the 5 pm Mass and lasting until 7 pm in Founder's Hall, dinner from restaurants such as Chipotle, Five Guys, Mission BBQ, and Cugini's will be served, along with a variety of desserts. Activities—soccer, 9 Square, volleyball, Just-Dance, and more will be held. All high schoolers (including rising 9th graders) are welcome to join in these nights of fun!

PASTOR'S PAGE

**Happy Mother's Day** to all of our mothers! Here are some Catholic quotes on the beauty of motherhood from catholicnewagency.com.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."

József Cardinal Mindszenty: "The Most Important Person on earth is a mother..."

Pope St. John Paul II: "Thank you, women who are mothers!..."

St. Teresa Benedicta, also known as Edith Stein: "To be a mother is to nourish and protect true humanity and bring it to development."

The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen: "Motherhood then becomes a kind of priesthood... she brings man to God in offering the child back again to the Creator..."

St. Teresa of Calcutta: "That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!"

St. Gianna Beretta Molla: "Look at the mothers who truly love their children: how many sacrifices they make for them..."

Pope Francis: "A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength..."

Our Lady of Guadalupe, to St. Juan Diego: "Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"

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



**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, **May 21st 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.

**FREE CHORAL CONCERT:** Enjoy a free Choral Concert by the NIH Community Chorus on Saturday, **May 20th at 7:30 pm** in the church featuring *Fern Hill* with music by John Corigliano. The NIH Community Chorus is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides free choral concerts throughout the year in benefit of NIH Charities. Goodwill offerings are accepted. <https://nihcommchorus.wordpress.com/>

**POST CANA:** Post Cana for Widows and Widowers group is hosting a Spring Fling on Wednesday, **May 17th** from 11 am until 2 pm at Our Lady of Grace in Leisure World, Silver Spring. Contact Mary Dugan (301) 873-3902 or marydugan12@yahoo.com to make a reservation. Entertainment will be provided by Captain David Wilbar and a choice of boxed lunch will be provided by Sisters Sandwiches in Olney. Cost is \$20.00 cash.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY:** Continuing on **Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**RCIA:** If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you want to learn more about your Catholic faith, please contact Father at [gshaffer@olvp.org](mailto:gshaffer@olvp.org).

**UPPER ROOM MEN'S GROUP:** The Upper room Men's Group invites all parish men to join us this year in "A Call to Faith and Fellowship." Over the next six weeks, the group will be exploring who we are as people, the basics of faith, and why we have a Church. This is the first part of our annual program to engage men of the parish in building men's fellowship throughout the parish. Each topic stands on its own allowing men to attend as their busy schedule allows. The Upper Room Men's Group meets every Saturday morning between 7:30 am and 8:50 am in Founder's Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

**THE CHOSEN AT OLVP!** Gather in Founder's Hall "Theater" on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm to watch this wonderfully engaging production that so many are talking about! **Mondays** in May will be Season 3—showing 2 episodes per evening. Join for some or all episodes. Plenty of seating is available or bring your sports chair if you'd like. Bring friends, family or neighbors! Free evening & popcorn provided!

**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 (gshaffer@olvp.org)/Deacon Ted (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: **Linda**, for the **friend of Jessica Beckwith, Shashini Chameli, Yatague Soro, Lorraine, Margaret and Joe Di Dio Sr, Lynn Meister, Josephin, Nino, and Olga.**

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Hurry!!** Registration closes on May 30th! 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) to volunteer. We still need a few adults who may be free that week.

### *Social Concerns*

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION:** This national collection, scheduled for the weekend of **May 27-28**, makes it possible for people worldwide to watch papal programs and view papal documents online. Locally it supports the broadcast of Sunday Mass for the homebound and the website for *The Catholic Standard*. Please be generous.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** Our monthly food collection will be held on Saturday, **May 20th** and Sunday, **May 21st**. Most needed items include: pasta sauce, pasta, dry unsweetened cereal, mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned soup, *Ensure* for adults, *Pediasure*, diapers (all sizes) & baby wipes. The pantry could also use paper and 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. **Please consider donating—an average of 287 families are visiting the pantry weekly. The pantry needs our help so that they can help those in need.**

**GENTLY USED CLOTHING COLLECTION** to be delivered to Interfaith Works' Clothing Center! Drop off your donations in bags **TODAY**, to the alcove in the lower level of the church. Donations do not need to be sorted in any way. Men's, women's & children's clothing needed! Let's "donate with dignity" - no stains or torn clothing. The Interfaith Works Clothing Center provides families here in Montgomery County with limited income, access to clothing at no charge.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mrs. Rachel Matani.**

**OLVP DIRECTORY:** The new directory is available online. 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)

**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*

**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 summer approaches, we recognize that many families in our parish will be traveling for vacations and other reasons. During this time, we encourage you to consider eGiving to ensure that your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away. By setting up eGiving through our parish's online platform, Faith Direct, you can make a meaningful impact on the ministries you care about most, even while you're away. We ask that you 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.