

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

21 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.

Pastor

Fr. Greg Shaffer
gshaffer@olvp.org
(240) 463-9960

Deacon

Thaddeus Dmuchowski, (240) 678-3466
Deaconted@olvp.org

Principal of Parish School

Michael Friel, (301) 869-0940

Director of Music

Dr. Jyoti Hench, (301) 969-4963
jhench@olvp.org

Director of Religious Education

Erin Clegg, (240) 240-2114
eclegg@olvp.org

Parish Manager

Colleen Enos, (301) 948-5536
cenos@olvp.org

Mailing Address

14139 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874

Phone: (301) 948-5536
Fax: (240) 780-5134

Email: parishoffice@olvp.org
Web Site: www.olvp.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2023

21 Sun	Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection Baptism Class, 12:15 pm, Founders Hall
22 Mon	Mass, 12 noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 am, Church RCIA: 4 to 5 pm, Founders Hall
23 Tue	Mass, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon Adoration: 11:00 am, Church EMHC Re-Training, 6:00 pm, Church
24 Wed	Mass, 12 Noon and 6 pm, Church Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm, Church Scripture Study, 7:30 pm, Founders Hall
25 Thu	Mass: 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church No Adoration
26 Fri	Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church Adoration: 11 am and 6:30 pm, Church
27 Sat	Men's Group, 7:30 am, Founders Hall Daily Mass, 9:00 am, Church Women's Group, 9:30 am, Founders Hall AA, 12 Noon, St. Cecelia's Room Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
28 Sun	Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church Catholic Communications Campaign and Human Development Collection
29 Mon	Memorial Day—Office Closed Mass, 12 Noon No Adoration No RCIA

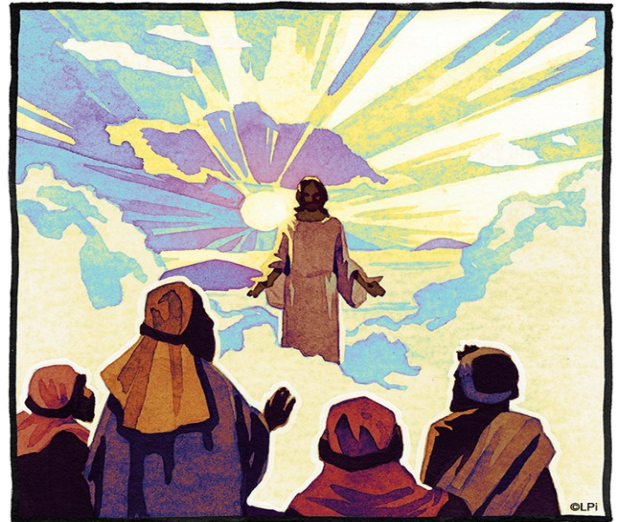
Liturgical Life

SUMMER SEMINARIAN: Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is happy to announce that we will be hosting a seminarian for eight weeks this summer. When you see him, please welcome **Joseph Heisey**, who is finishing his third year at the Theological College (Seminary) in DC.

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: All Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend a re-training session on **Tuesday, May 23rd**, at 6:00 pm in the Church. In order to be able to offer Holy Communion under both species, bread and wine, once again, protocol and logistics need to be discussed and **more Eucharistic Ministers are needed** to commit to serving. Please call the office to confirm your attendance (301) 948-5536.



Readings for the Week of May 21, 2023

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Yesterday, **Lila Vivienne Plotnikoff** 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).

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

While the temperatures have been dramatically inconsistent this year, they seem to be coming closer to normal and, thus, warmer in May. With that, I am seeing some people here break out their shorts when coming to Mass. The overwhelming majority of Mass goers have followed the following guidelines that I laid out last year. As I wrote then, I truly appreciate those who dress well and modestly for Mass.

...God does care how we dress for Church and Mass:

1. *"Worship the Lord in holy attire"* (Psalms 96 and 29, 1 Chr 16).
2. "Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest – Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1387

The last part of the Catechism's statement is the main point for us as Catholics. When we come to Church, we enter God's House and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. And, in Holy Communion, "Christ becomes our guest". Just like we show reverence and respect when we genuflect upon entering and leaving His Presence and bow before receiving Holy Communion, our clothing should show respect and reverence for Him.

This isn't just between each of us and God. There are other people to consider, namely our children. If we worship the Lord in holy attire, we convey to them that God's House is holy and that what happens at Mass is sacred. This will complement what we are teaching them in general and that what happens in Church is different and special. Also, it will help our children in their behavior at Mass.

So many people here come dressed well and modestly for Mass and I appreciate it very much. Similarly, it is inspiring to see our parishioners and guests show respect during Holy Communion. Let us all give honor to Jesus by worshipping the Lord in holy and modest attire:

Men – **Modest suits, button down or polo shirts; dress pants; dress shoes.**

Women – **Modest tops, dresses, or skirts; dress pants; dress shoes.**

May you know the peace of 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, **June 18th 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.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS: On **Sunday, June 4th**, at 1 p.m., the Post Cana Group for widows and widowers will gather at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington, MD for the annual Memorial Mass, celebrated by Fr. Mark Hughes. Appetizers and refreshments will be served after Mass. Attendance spans the Archdiocese of Washington with more than 20 parishes represented. To make a reservation or to learn more, contact Mary Dugan, (301) 873-3902 or marydugan12@yahoo.com.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on **Wednesday, May 24th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Come support your local Council by dining in or out at the Hornets Nest Grille (Damascus) on **Wednesday, May 24th** (all day)! Just mention "Knights of Columbus" when ordering and 20% of your check will be donated to our local Assembly supporting local activities and families in need.

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.

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, May 22** at 7:00 pm to watch the final episodes of Season 3. Plenty of seating is available or bring your sports chair if you'd like. Bring friends, family or neighbors! Free movie 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. Please email Father Greg (gshaffer@olvp.org)/Deacon Ted (DeaconTed@olvp.org).

ANOIDTING 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, Olga, Laura, and Annie.**

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. Contact Erin Clegg (eclegg@olvp.org) to volunteer. We still need a few adults who may be free that week.

THANK YOU TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS: Thank you to our catechists and volunteers who have helped to make this a successful year for our Faith Formation Program. This parish is blessed to have so many wonderful catechists who volunteer their time each week to teach and share the faith. We pray that God will continue to bless each of them with his gifts of joy and peace! As we look ahead to next year's Faith Formation program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

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 this weekend, 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. Your help is desperately needed.**

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mrs. Justyna Hazzard, Mrs. Andrea Martinez, and Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hettich.**

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 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

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 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.