

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



PENTECOST SUNDAY

28 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

- 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
- 30 Tue** Mass, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon
Adoration: 11:00 am, Church
- 31 Wed** **Feast: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Mass, 12 Noon and 6 pm, Church
Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm, Church
Refreshments after Noon Mass
Scripture Study, 7:30 pm, Founders Hall

June 2023

- 01 Thu** Mass: 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church
No Adoration
- 02 Fri** Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church
Adoration: 11 am and 6:30 pm, Church
- 03 Sat** 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
Confirmation, 2:00 pm, Basilica
Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
St. Joseph Prayer Service, 5:30 pm,
Church, Reception in Founders Hall
- 04 Sun** Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church
Healing Mass, 2:00 pm, Church
Youth Group, Party, 5 pm, Church

Liturgical Life

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

This week, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on 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 Monday or on Thursday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus Council for OLVP, Our Lady of the Presentation (Poolesville), and St. Mary's (Barnesville) invites all parishioners, families, and guests to a prayer service honoring St. Joseph following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, **June 3rd** followed by a reception in Founders Hall. Please join us!

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**.



Readings for the Week of May 28, 2023

- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52
- Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **John Phoenix Plotnikoff** celebrated **Baptism**.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Carter Michael Olewack** (28 May 2011), and **Roberto R. Martin** (31 May 1997), **Gladys Gryncel** (02 June 2002), **Janet Diethrich** (02 June 2013), **Mary Kathleen Jarboe** (03 June 2009), **Ava Michelle Mychajliw** (04 June 2007), **Addison Marie Mychajliw** (04 June 2007), **Nicholas Stephen Nunzio Sr** (06 June 1996), **Emma Rose Glander** (06 June 1999), **John Paul Yagesh** (08 June 2012), **James Keane** (10 June 2005), **Lori J. Mychajliw** (14 June 2008), **Roy Allen O'Dwyer** (14 June 2019), **William J. Lamir Sr.** (15 June 2014), **James Joseph Spates** (17 June 2017), **Mary Elizabeth McManus** (18 June 2002), **Martin S. Nee** (18 June 1998), **Brian Christopher Tauber** (20 June 2014) **John Chester White** (23 June 2003), **Gerard Foley** (23 June 2010), **Karen Duncan** (26 June 2015), and **Thresia John Kollapallil** (29 June 2008).

QUO VADIS CAMP: High school age young men are invited to attend the ADW Quo Vadis Camp at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD on **July 23 to July 26**. The camp includes Mass, great talks, sports, Eucharistic Adoration, games, food, and time to relax. Register at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-quo-vadis-camp>.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Happy Feast of Pentecost! Today concludes the Easter season. On this feast of the birthday of the Catholic Church, Dr. Scott Hahn reflects on Pentecost and today's readings with excerpts from his article on stpaul-center.com.

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

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries pre-figured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.



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!

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS: Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "Holy Hour for those to be ordained priests" and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on **Friday, June 16** at 11:00 am. Unite with parishes around the ADW as we anticipate the ordination of six future priests on Saturday, June 17.

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.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on **Wednesday, May 31st at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS: Wilton Cardinal Gregory will celebrate Mass at All Souls Cemetery on Monday, **May 29th** at 10:00 a.m. Mass will be held under a tent at the cemetery in the event of rain.

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!

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

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: Information about the 2023-2024 school year will be published in upcoming bulletins. You may also check our website www.olvp.org under the Faith Formation heading for current developments. If you are new to the parish, registration is ongoing. If you would like information about our Faith Formation programs, please email Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

Social Concerns

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION: This national collection, scheduled for this weekend, **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: Thank you to all those parishioners who faithfully donated to our monthly collection.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: If you are interested in sharing your time from one hour to several hours per month or possibly one time a year. Please visit our parish website at olvp.org then click on Ministries followed by Social Concerns. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to send us your contact information and to see some current opportunities to minister to others. Or you can email Liesel Flaig, flaig@verizon.net.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Ms. Julia Jordan and Mr. & Mrs. Furia Masawe.**

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: The parish office will be closed on **Monday, May 29th** to celebrate Memorial Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 8

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.