

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 July 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

July 2023

23 Sun	Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church Fresh Produce Collection, 9:00 am to Noon
24 Mon	Mass, 12:00 Noon, Church No Adoration
25 Tue	Mass, 12:00 Noon, Church No Adoration
26 Wed	Mass, 12 Noon, Church No Adoration No Scripture Study
27 Thu	Mass, 12 Noon, Church No Adoration
28 Fri	Mass: 12 Noon, Church No Adoration
29 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. Anne's Room Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
30 Sun	Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church Fresh Produce Collection, 9:00 am to Noon

Liturgical Life

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE: Mass will be celebrated at noon only on Monday, July 24th through Friday, July 28th.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended for this week. Adoration will resume on Monday, July 31 at 11:00 am in the church.

ORDINARY TIME: Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms, 43). Ordinary Time resumed when the Easter Season ended, on Monday, May 29th, the day following Pentecost.

MASSTIMES.ORG: While travelling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last week, **Rafael Angel DeLaCruz** celebrated Baptism.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Christopher Orsborne** (01 July 1997), **Thomas Aaron** (01 July 2003), **Lee Wayne Roe** (04 July 2016), **Carlos Alberto Galliani** (06 July 2018), **Richard Peter Moran** (07 July 2015), **Lauryn Mary Sutton** (09 July 2014), **Angelo Salvatore Puglise** (10 July 2004), **Ruth Duvall** (17



Readings for the Week of July 23, 2023

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

July 2021), **Carole Jean Fitzgerald Kehoe** (18 July 2011), **Janet Bernice Quinn** (19 July 2008), and **Nicolo J. Canzoneri** (19 July 2015).

BENEFIT FOR SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER: All parishioners supporting the pro-life movement are invited to attend Shady Grove Pregnancy Center's 40th Annual Banquet at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Rockville Hilton Hotel. The keynote speaker is Abby Johnson. OLVP will have our own table but you must **register** at the following link **by October 1.** <http://forms.gle/4WmVbBteB1mfkywy5> (Under 'Are you interested in hosting a table?' please select "No, because someone else is hosting my table." Any questions, contact OLVP for Life Chair, Alison Rascher at 240-832-4508.

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, **August 20th 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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Wheat and Weeds (Part 1)

In today's Gospel, we have the parable of the Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30 – 36-43). Wheat is used for making bread which sustains human life; weeds are literally poison to the wheat. The sower of the wheat allowed the weeds that the enemy sowed to grow alongside the wheat. As the Lord explained, the wheat is the good in the world while the weeds represent evil. We should be able to recognize good as good and evil as evil. But, sometimes, we can't recognize weeds from wheat. So, here are some examples with more to come next week:

Wheat

Weeds

1. Temperance*

Drunkenness

The line between these two isn't always clear especially when someone only gets "buzzed". But, the usual line from wheat to weeds is a person's tolerance. Every person of age* who drinks alcohol knows his or her tolerance or limit. If it's two drinks in a normal setting, then two drinks or less constitutes temperance which is good. After two drinks, he or she crosses over into a buzz or even drunkenness which is evil. It's wrong in itself and can lead to other evil.

2. Charity in speech

Gossip

The challenge that most people have is recognizing gossip. Gossip is spreading negative word about people to others even if true. Idle gossip does nothing but tear someone down. Sometimes it's necessary to talk about others in order to solve a problem which is different. No matter if it's idle chat or problem solving, we should always strive to build others up and say "only good things" (Eph 4:29) about others behind their backs. We might have to get creative in our charity, saying simply that person X "leaves something to be desired".

3. Open to life

Contraception

The general rule of thumb that we learned in seminary that I have passed on to couples is that unnatural normally means immoral. According to the Church, Natural Family Planning is the preferred wheat in living procreation / open to life while artificial contraception, IVF, and sterilizations are weeds (but can be forgiven through Confession). The distinction is not as clear with new technologies such as IUI to which the Church can be slow to respond. It is good to consult with your pastor to know if the method is wheat or weeds.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr Greg

BABY BLANKETS NEEDED: Do you knit? Crochet? Would you be willing to make a baby blanket? In support of Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, we are seeking parishioners to make baby blankets which will then be blessed and delivered to SGPC. Size, color & style are up to you! Our goal is to have 12-24 baby blankets by **August 9th**. Please email Liesel Flaig flaig@verizon.net if you are able to support this ministry. With gratitude from the OLVP for Life Committee.

YOUTH GROUP: OLVP's High School Youth Group will be hosting one more summer party on **August 6th** 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, JustDance, and more will be held. All high schoolers (**including 8th grade graduates**) are welcome to join in our last summer night of fun!

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on **Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study session to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings. Scripture Study will **not** be offered on Wednesday, July 26th.

ST. MARY'S CHICKEN DINNER: St. Mary's in Barnesville cordially invites all to join in their 148th Annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament on Saturday, **July 29th** from Noon to 6 pm, or until sold out. Meals are \$20, available as carry-outs or for outdoor dining. Good food is the focal point of the picnic. There is a Jousting Tournament from 1-4 pm, which is free to spectators. There will also be a snack bar, baked goods, crafts, country store, white elephant stand, and live music from "Sookey Jump." For more information call 301-972-8660. Please come and enjoy an afternoon in the country.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT AT OLVP: Gather in Founders Hall "Theater" on Monday, **July 24th**, at 7:00 pm. *Fatima* (2020) will be shown on July 24th. Plenty of seating is available or bring your sports chair if you'd like. Bring friends, family or neighbors! Free evening & popcorn provided! Stay tuned for August movies ...

UPPER ROOM MEN'S GROUP: The Upper Room Men's Group invites all parish men to join "A Call to Faith and Fellowship." The group will explore 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. For more information, please contact Peter Geiling, pgeiling67@gmail.com. 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 (Deaconed@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, Yataque Soro, Lorraine, Lynn Meister, Josephin, Nino, Olga, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Cordelia Vogel, Joshua Watson, Christian, Seowan Park, Laura, Bob, Damianus Aditya Christie, David Shoemaker, and Jake.**

Faith Formation for Life

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 to register now and for current developments. If you are new to the parish, registration is on-going. If you would like information about our Faith Formation programs, please email Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

OLVP NURSERY COMING SOON: We are thrilled to be opening a nursery that will be operational during the 9 and 11 am Mass times beginning in mid-September. We are seeking VIRTUS trained volunteers to help care for children of all ages starting at 6 months and also gently used toys and nursery items to fill the room. Let Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org know if you can help. Thank you for your generosity of time, talent and treasure!

Social Concerns

FRESH PRODUCE COLLECTIONS: It's time to begin harvesting the produce that you have been growing in your gardens to donate to those in our community in need. Store bought produce donations are also accepted. Collection dates will be **every SUNDAY** through September 3rd **from 9:00 am to 12 noon.** Donations can be placed in the coolers in the lower level of the church. Instructions for produce: harvest as close to each Sunday as possible, do NOT wash but remove any dirt, place in clean bags or boxes and label with produce name/harvest date. Produce will be delivered timely to St. Martin's Food Pantry. Contact Christi Mitchell (chadandchristi@gmail.com) with questions or to make other drop-off arrangements.

GABRIEL PROJECT: Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? You can help a pregnant mother in several ways. Women volunteers (especially bilingual English and

Spanish speaking women) are needed to assist client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or email during their pregnancy; bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc., that are provided by the project; and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1-4 hours per month. Men are also needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations once or twice per month. Donations of diapers, formula, baby clothes, children's clothes, and maternity clothes are also appreciated. Please visit our website for more information at www.gpmoco.org or contact Sarah Scherer at schererfamily6@gmail.com.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Thank you to all those families who generously donated to our monthly July food collection for the pantry.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Brian Puliafico, Miss Holly Rogers, and Mr. & Mrs. Martin Fischer.**

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: Many OLVP families are traveling for vacations this summer. 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.