

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 August 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

August 2023

13 Sun	Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church Fresh Produce Collection, 9:00 am to Noon
14 Mon	Mass, 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 am, Church Movie, 7:00 pm, Founders Hall
15 Tue	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 am, Church Office Closed
16 Wed	Mass, 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm, Church Scripture Study, 7:30 pm, Founders Hall
17 Thu	Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church No Adoration
18 Fri	Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm
19 Sat	Men's Group, 7:30 am, Founders Hall CSG Training, 8:30 am—4:45 pm Daily Mass, 9:00 am, Church Women's Group, 9:30 am, Founders Hall Blessing & Dedication of Memorial Garden & Reception, 11:00 am, Church AA, 12 Noon, St. Anne's Room Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
20 Sun	Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, Church Baptism Class, 12:15 pm, Founders Hall St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection Fresh Produce Collection, 9:00 am to Noon School Supplies Collection

Liturgical Life

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: On Friday, **01 September 2023** we are to "reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of the world in which we live" (Pope Francis, 06 August 2015).

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated in the church on **Tuesday, August 15th at 8:30 am and 12:00 noon**. A Holy Day of Obligation, this feast was celebrated as early as the 5th century in the East and in Rome.

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

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



Readings for the Week of August 13, 2023

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Richard A. Weller** (02 August 2013), **Rene D. Zambranna** (03 August 1999), **Samuel Carr** (07 August 1999), **Sister Marcella Marie Missar, SND** (09 August 2019), **Pamela Jean Caell** (11 August 2001), **Cristeta Aquino** (15 August 1999), **Peter H. Plamondon Sr.** (16 August 2020), **Mary Albrano** (18 August 2000), **Patrick Sutton** (18 August 2015), **Kenneth Mease** (22 August 2022), and **Joshua Andrew Kight** (30 August 2004).

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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

People like to prepare me for a bit of a ghost town here in August, saying this is the month that everyone goes away. Thankfully, we did not see much of a drop off in attendance at Mass last weekend and haven't seen it all summer. Regardless of when you and your family went away, I hope that your time together was fun, restful, and uniting. Mindful that mid to late August is when most if not all people will have returned, we have two mailers coming soon to your door at home. I wanted to explain each one.

1. Sunday, September 24: Cardinal Gregory's visit and the Fall Festival

Our Archbishop will celebrate the 11 am Mass and then bless the outdoor Stations of the Cross. It's a big deal to have a Successor to the Apostles here anytime, but especially for this occasion. The Archdiocese of Washington have owned the valuable Stations for years and generously gave them to us in January free of charge. From the generosity of the sponsors of the Stations (mostly OLVP parishioners) came the path, lights, Prayer Garden, and Grotto.

We're hoping that after the Cardinal blesses our Sacred Grounds, his schedule allows him to stop by the Fall Festival for a few minutes. The festival will be on the parish grounds from 12-3 pm. We will have a dunk tank, live music, face painting, tug-o-war, pumpkin painting, inflatables, games, subs, popcorn, cotton candy, bingo, and prizes.

2. Brochure about our Youth Center and Adoration Chapel

The Archdiocese has approved our capital campaign for the Youth Center and Adoration Chapel! We will be posting the architectural plans in the Gathering Space and lower level of the church soon. You will receive a brochure in the mail that briefly explains the projects and gives the anticipated construction schedule. Also, there is a guide and instructions for making pledges and gifts. I am asking each family to prayerfully consider giving 1% of their gross income for this very important project which is an investment in our children and future of the parish. This extraordinary giving is in addition to the ordinary giving of offertory. It's all part of our tithing (10% of income to God through the Church and charities).

If you have any questions about the campaign, projects, or giving, please contact me (gshaffer@olvp.org) or Alison Rascher (a.rascher@olvp.org), OLVP Development Coordinator.

"UNPLANNED" MOVIE SHOWING: Join us to watch the inspiring story of how Abby Johnson went from a clinic director with Planned Parenthood to an avid pro-life activist! Free showing in Founder's Hall on Monday, **August 21** at 7:00 pm.

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.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on **Wednesday, August 16th** at **7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS AT OLVP: Gather in Founders Hall "Theater" on Monday, **August 14th** at 7:00 pm to watch *Mother Teresa of Calcutta* (2003) and on Monday, **August 28th** at 7:00 pm to watch *Padre Pio Miracle Man* (Part 1) (2000). Plenty of seating is available or bring your sports chair if you'd like. Bring friends, family or neighbors to enjoy a free evening with movie & popcorn provided! ...

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 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.

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: **Lorraine, Lynn Meister, Josephin, Nino, Olga, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Cordelia Vogel, Joshua Watson, Christian, Seowan Park, Laura, Bob, Damianus Aditya Christie, David Shoemaker, Ted, Jake, Sam, Robert Heath, Lonnie Luther and Cherie Buhl.**

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr. Greg

Faith Formation for Life

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: Information about the 2023-2024 school year may be found on our website www.olvp.org under the Faith Formation heading. Register now and check 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.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS COURSE-MORALITY: St. Mary's Parish, 520 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD will offer a Faith Foundation course that teaches our Catholic faith to adults so they can live with greater confidence and share our beliefs with others. The course will run on Tuesdays from **August 22 thru September 26**, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the school library. Fee is \$29 paid by cash/check at the first session (\$20.00 if you are a catechist). Register in advance at oysterc@adw.org or 301-762-8750.

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!

MARY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL offers an introduction to ballroom dancing and social grace training for eighth-grade boys and girls. Students enjoy the opportunity to learn basic dance steps and etiquette skills from professional instructors. For more info, dates and registration, go to www.MaryofNazareth.org/cotillion.

Social Concerns

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION 2023: "Give Students the Tools to Believe, Achieve and Succeed!" Please help support Interfaith Works in their Back-to-School Campaign as they help children in Montgomery County prepare for the new school year. Please consider donating the following **NEW** school supplies: **pencil boxes, 1" dividers, filler lined paper, 2 pocket folders, blue or black pens, colored pencils, pencil pouches, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, crayons, composition notebooks, index cards and spiral notebooks.** Items can be dropped off in the upstairs gathering space **through August 21st**. The OLVP Social Concerns Committee is grateful for your support. Questions- contact Liesel Flaig flaig@verizon.net.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Our monthly food collection will be held next weekend, **August 19 and 20**. Needed items include: meals in a can, pasta sauce, pasta, dry cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned soup, *Ensure* for adults, *Pediasure*, diapers (sizes 4 and 5) & baby wipes. Adult pull-ups sizes Medium, Large and Extra Large are also needed. Paper & plastic grocery bags are always welcome. 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 to be delivered directly to the Food Pantry. ***THE PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP SO THAT THEY CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED.***

FRESH PRODUCE COLLECTIONS: Produce from your garden as well as store-bought produce donations are being collected **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 in clean bags or boxes and labeled with produce name/harvest date. Produce will be delivered to St. Martin's Food Pantry. Contact Christi Mitchell (chadandchristi@gmail.com) with questions or to make other drop-off arrangements.

GABRIEL PROJECT: Men and women volunteers are needed to assist client mothers for about 1-4 hours a month. Donations of diapers, formula, baby clothes, children's clothes, and maternity clothes are also appreciated. Visit the website for information at www.gpmoco.org or contact Sarah Scherer at schererfamily6@gmail.com.

Human Resources

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 office will be closed on **Tuesday, August 15th** to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm.

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN: Michael Fenner from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. We invite you to grow your business with a print ad in our bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

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

FAITH DIRECT: Did you miss a weekly offering while on summer vacation? eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. We ask that you sign up today by visiting faith.direct/MD114, or by texting **"ENROLL" to 301-701-3032**. You may also enroll by calling Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. Our Church Code is **MD114**. **Thank you** for your continued support.

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!