

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08 October 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

October 2023

- 08 Sun Mass: 9 am (Children), 11 am, 5 pm
Nursery Available at 9 and 11 am Masses
Faith Formation:
Atrium: 9 am and 11 am sessions
Grades 6, 7 & 8: 9:45 am
High School Youth Group, 5:00 pm, Church
- 09 Mon **Mass, 10:00 am, Church**
No Adoration
Office Closed: Indigenous Peoples' Day
Rescue Project, 7:00 pm, Founders Hall
- 10 Tue Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church
Adoration, 11:00 am, Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 1 - 5: 5:00 pm, Founders Hall
Upper Room Men's Group, 7:30 pm,
Founders Hall - Guest Speaker-
- 11 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
- 12 Thu Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church
No Adoration
- 13 Fri Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church
Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm
- 14 Sat Men's Group, 7:30 am, Founders Hall
Daily Mass, 9:00 am, Church
Endow, 9:30 am, Founders Hall
AA, 12 Noon, St. Anne's Room
Rosary, 12 Noon, Grotto
Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
- 15 Sun Mass: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm
Nursery Available at 9 and 11 am Masses
Used Clothing Collection
Faith Formation:
Atrium: 9 am and 11 am sessions
Grades 6 & 7: 9:45 am
Confirmation Retreat, Grade 8, 2:00 pm
to 8:00 pm, St. Bernadette Church
High School Youth Group, 5:00 pm, Church

Liturgical Life

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

This week, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on 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 Monday (Indigenous Peoples' Day) or on Thursday.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their deaths, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **George Douglas Carr** (05 October 2002), **Mary K. Larsen** (05 October 2004), **Henry Poss** (05 October 2004), **Mary Robinson Lambert** (06 October 2012), **Willard Croyle** (15 October 2014), **Gloria M. Wall** (17 October 2014), **David Rector** (18 Octo-



Readings for the Week of October 8, 2023

Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

ber 2000), **Maria Carla Barzotti** (20 October 2008), **Patrick K. O'Connor** (21 October 2022), **Micheline Canzoneri** (24 October 2000), **James Cardinal Hickey** (24 October 2004), **Laverne Marie Meckoll** (25 October 2007), **John Kollappillil** (25 October 2013), **Susan Moran** (25 October 2020), and **Gerd-Roland Dunkelberg** (31 October 2016).

OLVP FOR LIFE: Our beautiful Memorial Garden was blessed last month. It is a special place where OLVP parents, family and friends can remember babies who died in the womb or at birth. Polished brass plaques to memorialize a baby may be purchased for \$450. Deadline for fall orders is **October 31st**. For more information and to order a plaque, go to: <https://olvp.org/olvp-for-life>.

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 will be offered on **October 22nd** 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 preg-

PASTOR'S PAGE

Parish Financial Report FY 2023

FY= Fiscal Year	Year End FY 22 30-Jun-22	Year End FY23 30-Jun-223	FY24 Budget
Income			
Off. collections	\$ 600,342	\$ 719,640	\$ 756,000
Other income	<u>483,226</u>	<u>589,378</u>	<u>662,000</u>
Total income	\$1,083,586	\$1,309,018	\$ 1,418,000
Expenses			
Parish life/worship	\$ 71,908	\$ 96,476	\$ 100,439
Rectory/clergy	99,409	96,824	106,614
Religious education	25,015	134,177	132,680
Youth Ministry	6,175	10,258	11,000
Social Concerns	1,127	3,734	-
Administration	266,211	271,746	275,870
Facilities/maintenance	223,394	259,010	571,240
Parish other	<u>149,315</u>	<u>187,742</u>	<u>219,200</u>
Total expenses	\$842,553	\$ 1,059,966	\$ 1,416,464
Net income <loss>	\$241,015	\$ 249,052	\$ 1,536
Other uses of funds			
Capital Improvements	\$ 37,122	\$ 179,852	
Cash surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 203,894	\$ 69,200	
Cash & investments	\$ 319,402	\$ 407,555	
Fixed/other Assets	\$ 5,996,854	\$6,476,271	
Liabilities*	\$ 240,688	\$ 521,635	

*Liabilities include Accounts Payable (\$20,876), unpaid Archdiocesan Assessments (\$199,594), and other liabilities (\$301,165). The parish owes \$0 in bank loans/lines of credit.

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

CAMPAIGN CORNER



Watch this corner for updates on Our Lady's Next Step Campaign!

IRA CONTRIBUTIONS: Those who are over age 70 1/2 must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA. Please consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to support our Youth Center and Adoration Chapel. As one parishioner learned, QCD saves you from paying income taxes on the RMD amount and will push you into a higher Medicare tax bracket.

nancy is advised. For information and/or to register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536.

2023 ROSARY RALLY CRUSADE OF AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA: Join us to pray the Rosary for the conversion of the hearts and souls of Americans, for repentance, and to bring our nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary! On Saturday, **October 14**, at 12 noon, join us in front of the church and walk to our new Grotto where we will begin the Rosary for America promptly at noon. Extra rosaries will be available.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Continuing on **Wednesday, October 11th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

UPPER ROOM MEN'S GROUP: The Upper Room Men's Group meets regularly every **Saturday at 7:30 am** in Founder's Hall. All men of the parish are invited. The group will be hosting a monthly speaker series at 7:00 pm on the **second Tuesday of each month**. The speakers will include Catholic men in leadership positions and will focus on the Virtues of the Catholic Church and their impact on forming their leadership styles or helped them become the leaders they are today. The first speaker scheduled for **October 10th** is USMC Lt. Colonel Kevin Walsh. For information, please contact Peter Geiling, pgeiling67@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION: All women are invited to a Women's Night of Reflection on **October 10th** at 7:00 pm, beginning with prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, at St. Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring. Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will provide a reflection, "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Mother of Priests." Confessions available. No registration required. Email Lisa Longacre at lisalongacre@yahoo.com if you have questions.

RESCUE PROJECT: The Rescue Project proclaims the Gospel in 9 video presentations followed by conversations in a group format held over eight weeks. All adults and high school teens are invited to join us on Mondays, starting on **October 9th** through November 20th from 7 pm to 9 pm in Founder's Hall. For questions, call Diana Hurley at 240-353-9542 or email hurley05@verizon.net.

RCIA: Are you interested in becoming Catholic this Fall? Or want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Father Greg will be leading Fall RCIA, a 10-week study of Catholic teachings and practices, on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 pm. Please contact him at gshaffer@olvp.org.

ROSARIES: During the month of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, rosaries will be available on a table in the Gathering Space in the church. Please feel free to

take a rosary, if you need one. If you have an extra rosary at home and would like to be a part of this project, you may place your rosary on the table for others to use.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: October 3-November 5: Join OLVP on Tuesdays from 11am to 12pm at CARE Abortion Clinic, Wildwood Medical Ctr, 10401 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda. To sign up, contact Alison Rascher at a.rascher@olvp.org.

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: Lynn Meister, Nino, Olga, Viola Bradshaw, Cordelia Vogel, Joshua Watson, Christian, Laura, Bob, Damianus Christie, David Shoemaker, Ted, Robert Heath, Lonnie Luther, Jose, Sherie Crawford Shaffer, and MaryAnne.

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, please email Erin Clegg at eclegg@olvp.org.

Social Concerns

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH: Reminding us of Our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel to all nations, this second collection supports Church missions in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. This national collection will be taken on **October 21-22, 2023**.

GENTLY USED CLOTHING COLLECTION: Drop off your donations in bags **October 14-15** to the alcove in the lower level of the church. Donations do not need to be sorted in any way. Men's, women's and children's clothing needed! Let's "donate with dignity" - no stains or torn clothing. Donations will be delivered to the Interfaith Works' Clothing Center. The center provides families here in Montgomery County with limited income, access to clothing at no charge.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection. Your faithful donations are greatly appreciated.

GABRIEL PROJECT: Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? Women need to know, before they get pregnant, about the help that the Gabriel Project provides. You can help in several ways. Fall and winter, gently used or new maternity, infant, and children's clothes and shoes are all appreciated. Women volunteers are needed to assist client mothers. Men are needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations twice per month. Please visit www.gpmoco.org for more information or contact Sarah Scherer at schererfamily6@gmail.com.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Casey O'Connor**.

OLVP NURSERY: The nursery is officially open downstairs during the 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday Mass times for children 6 months to 3 years of age. Volunteers for coverage are welcome. Please visit our website at www.olvp.org/nursery to learn more.

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 is closed on **Monday, October 9** to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. 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

FAITH DIRECT: With the arrival of autumn, we'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up. Visit 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.