

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**15 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**

- 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
- 16 Mon** Mass, 10:00 am, Church  
No Adoration  
Rescue Project, 7:00 pm, Founders Hall
- 17 Tue** Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church  
Adoration, 11:00 am, Church  
**Children's Choir, 4:15 pm, Church**  
Faith Formation:  
Grades 1 - 5: 5:00 pm, Founders Hall
- 18 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
- 19 Thu** Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church  
No Adoration
- 20 Fri** Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church  
Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm
- 21 Sat** Men's Group, 7:30 am, Founders Hall  
Daily Mass, 9:00 am, Church  
**Endow, 9:30 am, Founders Hall**  
**First Eucharist Getting Ready Day 1: 10 am, Founders Hall**  
AA, 12 Noon, St. Anne's Room  
Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
- 22 Sun** Mass: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm  
Nursery Available at 9 and 11 am Masses  
Coffee & Donuts after 9 and 11 am Masses  
**World Missions Collection**  
**St. Martin's Food Pantry Collection**  
Faith Formation:  
Atrium: 9 am and 11 am sessions  
Grades 6, 7 & 8: 9:45 am  
**Baptism Class, 12:15 pm, Founders Hall**  
High School Youth Group, 5:00 pm, Church



### Readings for the Week of October 15, 2023

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**Willard Croyle** (15 October 2014), **Gloria M. Wall** (17 October 2014), **David Rector** (18 October 2000), **Maria Carla Barzotti** (20 October 2008), **Patrick K. O'Connor** (21 October 2022), **Michelina Canzoneri** (24 October 2000), **James Cardinal Hickey** (24 October 2004), **Laverne Marie Meckoll** (25 October 2007), **John Kollapillil** (25 October 2013), **Susan Moran** (25 October 2020), and **Gerd-Roland Dunkelberg** (31 October 2016).

**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. In addition, the group is hosting a monthly speaker series at 7:00 pm on the **second Tuesday of each month**. The next Men's Group speaker is scheduled on Tuesday, **November 14th**. For information, please contact Peter Geiling, [pgeiling67@gmail.com](mailto:pgeiling67@gmail.com).

**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES (BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS):** St. Mary's Church in Barnesville invites OLVP to visit an exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles put together by Blessed Carlos Acutis on **November 4<sup>th</sup>** from 1 to 4 pm and **November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 2 to 4 pm in the St. Mary's Pavilion. Carlos Acutis, a model of holiness in a digital age, was a Catholic teenager from Italy born in 1991, who died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020. He was an avid gamer, computer programmer, and soccer player who loved the

### *Liturgical Life*

#### **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.

### *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),

## PASTOR'S PAGE

As we promised last year, below is the spiritual report from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 at OLVP.

### Parish Spiritual Life Report FY 2023

	<b>Year End 30-Jun-22</b>	<b>Year End 30-Jun-23</b>
<b>Sacraments</b>		
Baptism	29	23
Confirmation	24	34
First Eucharist	29	41
Holy Matrimony	5	9
Anointing of the Sick	15+	25
Confession	1,000+	1,500+
<b>Funeral Masses</b>	4	6
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Sunday Mass / week	498	747
Weekday Mass / week	40-50	50-60
Eucharistic Adorers / week	40-50	50-60
Stations of the Cross / Lent	50+	150
Retreat	18	22

May you know the peace of Christ,

*Fr. Greg*

## CAMPAIGN CORNER



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

Two weekends ago, Father Greg preached about an Outreach Center in the lower level of the Church as a result of the Youth Center and Adoration Chapel project. Digital outreach to our sister parish in Haiti, prison outreach, food and material goods for those in need, counseling for parishioners and healing resources are just some of the opportunities this space enables us to have.

Eucharist. The exhibit showcases his work gathering information about Eucharistic miracles over the centuries.

**CONCERT:** St. Rose of Lima Parish will host a concert on Friday, **November 3rd** at 7 pm featuring singer, composer, and recording artist Val Limar Jansen and her lively, gospel-inspired music. It will be followed by a meet-and-greet reception. Tickets are available online at <https://dtinyurl.com/SRL-VaLimar-concert>.

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

**FIRST EUCHARIST GETTING READY DAY:** On Saturday, **October 21**, beginning at 10 am in Founders Hall, our second graders will begin the formal preparation for their First Eucharist.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY:** Continuing on **Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30 pm**, Fr. Greg will offer the weekly Scripture Study to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**RESCUE PROJECT:** The Rescue Project proclaims the Gospel in 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 Monday, **October 16th** from 7 pm to 9 pm in Founder's Hall. The meetings will continue on Monday evenings through November 20th. For questions, call Diana Hurley at 240-353-9542 or email [hurley05@verizon.net](mailto:hurley05@verizon.net).

**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](mailto:a.rascher@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 extra rosaries

at home and would like to be a part of this project, you may place them on the table for others to use.

**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](mailto:gshaffer@olvp.org))/Deacon Ted ([DeaconTed@olvp.org](mailto: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, MaryAnne, and Judy.**

### *Faith Formation for Life*



**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:** Information about the 2023-2024 Faith Formation school year may be found on our website [www.olvp.org](http://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](mailto:eclegg@olvp.org).

### *Social Concerns*

**GENTLY USED CLOTHING COLLECTION:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the clothing collection for the Interfaith Works' Clothing Center.

**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.**

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** Our monthly food collection will be held on Saturday, **October 21st** and Sunday, **October 22nd.** Most needed items include: pasta sauce, pasta, dry unsweetened cereal, tuna/canned meat, mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned soup, *Ensure* for adults, *Pedia-*

*sure*, diapers (all sizes) & baby wipes. The pantry could also use paper & 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 12:00 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.* Thank you for your generosity.

**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](http://www.gpmoco.org) for more information or contact Sarah Scherer at [schererfamily6@gmail.com](mailto:schererfamily6@gmail.com).

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mrs. Jean Carol 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](http://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](http://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*

**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](http://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.

**IRA CONTRIBUTIONS:** Even if you don't need to take your RMD yet, starting at age 70-1/2 you can make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to the parish without it counting as taxable income.