

*Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*

14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown, Maryland 20874



**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**05 November 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

### November 2023

05 Sun	Mass: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm, Church <b>Healing Mass: 2:00 pm, Church</b> <b>ADW Priests' Retirement Collection</b> Nursery Available at 9 and 11 am Masses Faith Formation: Atrium: 9 am and 11 am sessions Grades 6 & 8: 9:45 am High School Youth Group, 5:00 pm, Church <b>Grade 7 Confirmation Getting Ready I, 6:00 pm, Founders Hall</b>
06 Mon	Mass, 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 am, Church Rescue Project, 7:00 pm, Founders Hall
07 Tue	Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church Adoration, 11:00 am, Church <b>Faith Formation:</b> <b>Grades 1-5: 5:00 pm, Founders Hall, Saint's Parade</b>
08 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
09 Thu	Mass, 8:30 am and 12 Noon, Church No Adoration
10 Fri	<b>Office Closed, Veteran's Day</b> Mass: 12 Noon and 6:00 pm, Church Adoration, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm
11 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 Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, Church
12 Sun	Mass: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm, Church 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

## 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.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** A Children's Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 12th at 9:00 am.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS' FAIR!** God has continued to bless us with increasing numbers of parishioners who attend Mass weekly. We are in need of additional ministers (lectors, ushers, etc.) for all the Masses. Please **visit the tables** at the Fair in Founders Hall after each Mass on **November 18-19** and sign up for a ministry. Thank you.



## Readings for the Week of November 5, 2023

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

## Parish Life

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last weekend, **Colette Elizabeth Baker** celebrated Baptism.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

**R.I.P.:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Ambrose Frasier**, uncle of Cheryl Hamlin Williams. We commend him and his family in our prayers to God.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their deaths, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joseph Parran** (02 November 2002), **Elizabeth Susan Paré** (03 November 2014), **Roberta Lucille Connors** (03 November 2018), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (07 November 2006), **Richard Manfredo** (07 November 2016), **Edna Walters** (08 November 1999), **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005), **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007), **Shirley Poss** (14 November 2020), **Clara Victoria Nunzio** (15 November 2014), **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004), **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 November 2007), **Stephen Graham Arapian** (20 November 2017), **Barbara Zolkiewicz** (21 November 2020), **Marlene Gillespie** (23 November 2020), **Sheila Renee Shukla** (26 November 2022), **Alice Huff-Fones** (27 November 2001), **the Rev. Walter L. Lawrence** (28 November 2007), and **Edward William Saunders** (30 November 2017).

## **PASTOR'S PAGE**

During the month of November, the Church prays for all of the souls in Purgatory. They cannot pray for themselves, but we can “pray them into Heaven” via indulgences. Indulgences are a generous gift to the Church from our merciful God as explained by the USCCB (“Manual of Indulgences”, 2006):

Through the merits of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, the whole of his body, the Church, benefits from the redemption which he has won for all. Intimately connected with the Sacrament of Penance, indulgences are given by the Church from her spiritual treasury to remit temporal punishment for sin.

The Church is the treasurer of indulgences, and the USCCB Manual gives an extensive explanation and list of ways to gain different types of indulgences. Plenary indulgences remove all punishment for sin (time in Purgatory), thus sending a soul straight to Heaven (partial indulgences only reduce time in Purgatory).

To gain a plenary indulgence, in addition to excluding all attachment to sin, even venial sin, it is necessary to perform the indulgenced work and fulfill the following three conditions within one week: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the (Pope).

Here are some of the ways to gain a plenary indulgence:

- \* On any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed.

- \* Visit the Blessed Sacrament for adoration lasting at least a half hour...

- \* In danger of death, receiving an apostolic blessing from a priest.

- \* Personally make the pious Way of the Cross (pray the Station of the Cross).

- \* Devoutly recite the Marian rosary in a church or oratory, or in a family...

- \* Read the Sacred Scriptures as spiritual reading, from a text approved by competent authority and with the reverence due to the divine word, for at least a half an hour.

May you know the peace of Christ.

*Fr. Greg*

## **CAMPAIGN CORNER**



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

Our campaign has surpassed \$1.1M in cash and pledges! We would like every family to participate according to their means. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

**PANCAKE DINNER:** Visitation Parish is having a Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, **November 28th** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm (following Faith Formation Classes) in Founders Hall. It is a great way to kick-off Advent and is free to all! Come join us. Contact Tony Glander (301) 460-6404 or [tglander@olvp.org](mailto:tglander@olvp.org). if you have questions or to sign up to volunteer.

**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 **November 19th** 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.

**UPPER ROOM MEN'S GROUP:** The Upper Room Men's Group meets regularly every **Saturday at 7:30 am** in Founders 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 **Deacon John L. Davis**, a Catholic convert and permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Wilmington, DE. On Tuesday, **November 14th**, he will be presenting on the Theological Virtue of Hope. Contact Peter Geiling, [pgeiling67@gmail.com](mailto:pgeiling67@gmail.com). for details.

**MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MCWC):** Calling all women, high school age and older, to come to the Conference on Saturday, **November 11th**, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park. Join women from around the state for this day-long opportunity for Mass, confessions, fellowship, ministry tables, vendors, music, food and more. Register at [www.MarylandCatholicWomen.com](http://www.MarylandCatholicWomen.com). Tickets are selling fast! Contact Liesel Flaig, [flaig@verizon.net](mailto:flaig@verizon.net) with any questions or if you are interested in carpooling.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY:** Continuing on **Wednesday, November 8th 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, **November 6th** from 7 pm to 9 pm in Founders 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).

**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)).



**ANOIDING 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, Judy, Valentine Andrade, and William Parrish.**

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP** is today, **November 5** from noon to 2:30 pm. St. John's is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory high school located at 3989 Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown, MD. Contact the school for more information: 301-662-4210.

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:** Information about the 2023-2024 school year may be found on our website [www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org) under the Faith Formation heading. If you would like more information, please email Erin Clegg at [eclegg@olvp.org](mailto:eclegg@olvp.org).

### *Social Concerns*

**ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON'S RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION:** Our priests enrich our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved one's hands as the Lord calls them home. Let's join to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. The collection is today, **November 4 and 5, 2023**. Please help provide care and housing for the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Washington.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** Our monthly food collection will be held on Saturday, **November 18th** and Sunday, **November 19th**. 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, *Pediasure*, 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:** 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 contact Sarah Scherer at [schererfamily@gmail.com](mailto:schererfamily@gmail.com) or visit [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org) for more information.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families recently joined our parish: **Mrs. Uyen Bao Chu and Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Van Roie.**

**CRAFTERS WANTED!!** The OLVP Craft Shop will be selling handmade Christmas items during the Christmas Tree Sales. If any parishioners would like to donate any of their hand-made craft items to the fundraiser, contact Dettie Stack at [dettiestack@icloud.com](mailto:dettiestack@icloud.com) or call 301-840-8049.



**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:** The parish office is closed on Friday, **November 10** to celebrate Veterans Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Our Christmas Trees will be on sale again this year. Reserve the following dates to volunteer to help and to purchase your tree: Saturday, **November 18th** to set-up stands to hold the trees, Thursday, **November 30th** to unload the truck of fresh trees, and Friday, **December 1st** thru Sunday, **December 10th** to purchase a tree on Sale while supplies last.



### *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:** Why not make a change this fall in the way you support OLVP? This season, rich in the symbolism of harvest and sowing, offers a beautiful reminder: your acts of generosity reverberate, touching countless lives. Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To sign up, visit [faith.direct/MD114](http://faith.direct/MD114), or text **"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.

**GIVING TUESDAY:** Please support our parish on Tuesday, **November 28th** by participating in #iGive Catholic. Click the link on our website to learn more.