Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016

Sacred Liturgy
Saturday • 5:00 p.m.
Sunday • 9:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.
14139 Seneca Road • Darnestown

Monday - Friday • 9:15 a.m.
Thomas More Chapel • Parish Barn • 14135 Seneca Road

Sacrament of Penance • Saturday • 4:00 p.m. • Or by request

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.

Pastoral Council

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 13-14 February:
PRESIDERS:
5:00 p.m.  Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00 a.m.  Fr. Mathew Punchayil/Deacon Bob
11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of February 07, 2016

Monday:  1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:  1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:  Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:  Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:  s 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:  Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, 10 February 2016
begins the season of Lent which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, 24 March 2016.

Liturgy of the Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes
6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m. in the Church
Ecumenical Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
8:00 p.m. Darnestown Presbyterian Church

LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, name-
ly to prepare both prospective Catholics and parishioners
to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective Catho-
lics, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by
catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacra-
ments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, ever more
attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare them-

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (10 February 2016) until the begin-
ning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday
(24 March 2016.)

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Abstinence from meat
(beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years
old and older on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation
prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products,
or condiments of any kind, even though made from ani-
mal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal
on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age
but not yet 59 are obliged to fast and abstain from meat
on Ash Wednesday, 10 February 2016 and on Good
Friday, 25 March 2016. On fast days, two additional
smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain
strength. However, the two smaller meals together may
not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods
between meals on fast days is not permitted. However,
liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-

imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is
strongly recommended.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on Fri-
days in Lent through 18 March at 7:00 p.m. in the
church.

YEAR OF MERCY: “During the upcoming Season of
Lent, we take a good look at our lives, and
see how we have fallen short in showing
God’s love to the world around us. It’s a
season for taking stock. Examine how
you’re faring in your relationships with
your husband or wife, with your kids, or with your par-
ents. Take a look at how you spend your time and how
you spend your money. Of course, we’re going to be-
come aware of all the ways that our lives have gone off
the track. But for me, the really big question is: How can
I do better? How can I get my life back on track?” Listen
to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at
mercy.adw.org.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, Ave
Regina Coelorum, is sung from the Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord, 2 February, until Holy Thursday. At Visitation
Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the
presentation of the gifts.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Parishioners are not obliged
to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or
road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass
in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass,
which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50. Liturgy on Sundays
and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is
not cancelled because of weather. Weekday liturgy is
held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If
schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their
death, please keep the following parishioners in your
prayers: Jerome John Podojil (04 February 1997),

OLVP BOOK SALE: We will feature items to observe and celebrate Lent and Easter with your family and wonderful gifts to enhance and celebrate our faith including a selection of books for all ages, music CDs, DVDs, and more. Shop after Masses today, 06-07 February 2016.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: As part of our annual Archdiocesan Lenten invitation to all Catholics to experience our Lord’s mercy and compassion in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confessions will be held every Wednesday during Lent, beginning on Wednesday, 17 February 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through Wednesday, 16 March 2016 at Our Lady of the Visitation Church and in parishes throughout the archdiocese.

GETTING READY DAY II: The second preparation day for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2016 is scheduled for Saturday, 20 February 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION II: Seventh grade students and their parents are asked to bring their Bibles to the mandatory second Study Session that is scheduled on Sunday, 28 February 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Founders Hall.

FIRST EUCHARIST INTERVIEWS: Before scheduling an interview, the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation must have been celebrated, the parental letter of request must be received, and the books must be completed and dropped off at the Barn.

2016 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, 19 June 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register (301) 948-5536. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, 11 April 2016.

INFANT BAPTISMS: 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. 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.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? If you have heard the call of God to become a Catholic, please call the parish office (301) 948-5536 or email Deacon Bob Fischer (olvpdeacon@gmail.com) for further information.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Following the policy of Donald Cardinal Wuerl, the Sacramental Programs for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance are parish and family based. For youth, Confirmation is a three-year program that begins in the sixth grade; Eucharist/Penance is a two-year program that begins in the first grade. Throughout this period of preparation, children are to be participating in a formal religious education program in our parish or in a Catholic school. Registration in our parish Faith Formation Program is separate from registration in our Sacramental Preparation Program. For information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 107.

MARRIAGE PLANNING: It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that 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 the Priest/Deacon. Please email Father Raymond Fecteau (rfecteau@olvp.org), Father Mathew Punchayil (matpunchayil@yahoo.com), or Deacon Robert Fischer (olvpdeacon@gmail.com).

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 parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

ALL HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES have Catholic Chaplains to care for Catholic patients and residents. On admission, be sure to notify the staff of your desire to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and/or the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office at (301) 948-5536 ext. 105.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the First Sunday of Lent will be held on Tuesday, 09 February 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barn.

MARY OF NAZARETH PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION: Visitation Parish families who are registering to attend Mary of Nazareth School, both new and returning families, are asked to mail their pastoral recommendation forms to the parish office as soon as possible. Please mail them to: Attn.: Pastoral Form, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Be sure to complete all parts of the form and to include a family picture. The office will process the forms and deliver them directly to Mary of Nazareth School.

SNOW EMERGENCY: Faith Formation sessions are cancelled if a snow emergency plan is in effect, or if
2016 CARDINAL’S APPEAL: This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Seek First the Kingdom of God.” (Matthew 6:33) Contributions to the Cardinal’s Appeal offer each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2016 Cardinal’s Appeal.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: On the weekend of 27-28 February 2016, the second collection will be directed to support the needs of the Church in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Please help these struggling churches by being generous according to your means.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
07 Sun Mortgage Collection
Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 11:00 a.m. Mass and Movie
09 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
10 Wed Ash Wednesday: Sacred Liturgy—6:00 a.m.
Noon, and 6:00 p.m.—Collection for Haiti
Faith Formation:
Grades 1-5, 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
11 Thu Ecumenical Service, 8:00 p.m., DP Church
12 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
14 Sun No Faith Formation Sessions
Men’s Club, 9:00 a.m. Mass & Meeting
15 Mon Office Closed
16 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
17 Wed Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
19 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
20 Sat Getting Ready Day II, 9 a.m., Church
21 Sun Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
8th Gr. Mass & Brunch, 11 a.m., Church
Faith Formation:
High School: 6:30 p.m., Rectory
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall
23 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
24 Wed Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
26 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
28 Sun Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Collection for Church in Developing World
Head Start Bags Out
7th Gr. Study Session II: 6:30 p.m. Church
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

MARCH
01 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation:
Grades K-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Barn
02 Wed Faith Formation:
Grades 1-5: 4:45 p.m., Founders Hall
Penance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
04 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
06 Sun Mortgage Collection
Church School, Ages 3, 4, 5: 9:00 a.m.
Getting Ready Day II: 11:00 a.m. Mass and Refreshments
Head Start Bags Distributed
Faith Formation:
Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, 15 February 2016 to honor Presidents’ Day. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH REPAIR: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 and report the problem so that we may have it fixed.

SNOWFALL SHORTFALL: As you can imagine, the Blizzard of 2016 severely affected our weekly collection. Our parish is under budget because of lower attendance. Snow drifting also damaged one of the heating units—an expensive repair. We are extremely grateful to all parishioners who remember to double their contribution when they return.

WHY FAITH DIRECT?: Faith Direct is a great way to ensure that your gifts of treasure to OLVP are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our Church Code is MD114.