

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

**FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF JOHN LATERAN BASILICA:** 8 - 9 November: Presiders:

5:00 pm – Fr. Raymond Fecteau  
9:00 am – Fr. Raymond Fecteau  
11:00 am – Fr. Mathew Punchayil

### Readings for the Week of November 2, 2008

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40  
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16 17/  
Jn 2:13-22

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 6 November, 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Thomas More Chapel in the parish Barn.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS: 13 November, Frances Xavier Cabrini** (1850 – 1917) was born in San Angelo, Italy. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and established dozens of schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout the United States and South America. While on a picnic in Colorado with orphaned children, she had them gather rocks and construct a large image of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). Mother Cabrini believed that each of us is called to carry the gospel message to others, and that Mary, Star of the Sea, guides us to where we are most needed (lower panel).

**SALVE REGINA:** The Marian antiphon, *Salve Regina*, is sung from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. It was used as a processional chant at Cluny as early as 1135. The text of the antiphon is the familiar prayer, “Hail, Holy Queen.” At Visitation Parish we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

**FAMILY CHOIR** will sing at the 9:00am liturgy on Sunday, 14 December. Rehearsal will be Sunday, 7 December, 10:00 – 10:45am. If you would like to become a part of the choir, please call Diana Hurley, (301) 216-0870.

### Parish Life

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of **Helen Mease**, grandmother of parishioners *Kurt, Bart and Blake Mease*. We commend her and her family to God in our prayers.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Joseph Parran**, (2 November 2002), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (7 November 2006 and **Edna Walters** (8 November 1999).

**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**. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. The next class will be **Saturday, 15 November**, 10:00am in the church. To register, call (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

**2009 CONFIRMATION DATE:** The Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish on Sunday, 17 May 2009 at 2:00pm.

**RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** meets on Monday evenings, 7:00pm in the church. For more information, please visit the RCIA website at <http://www.rcia.ihswweb.net> or contact Deacon Bob Fischer, (301) 948-5536, ext. 106.

**ST. MONICA SOCIETY:** This society, for widows and widowers in our parish, is a source of spirituality, prayer, social activities and service to others. All widows and widowers in our parish are invited to meet with our group for coffee after the 9:15 Mass in the Barn on Wednesday, 5 November. For information, call Frances Childs, (301) 519-8728 or Carol Anne Puglisi, (301) 417-0839.

**MEN’S COMMUNION BRUNCH**, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, will be on Sunday, 9 November following the 9:00am liturgy. For more information call Brian O’Sullivan, (301) 330-0593. All men of the parish, their relatives and their friends are invited to attend.

**CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION** for those in the seventh grade preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parent/sponsor will be held on Saturday, 15 November, 3:00pm – 5:00pm in Founders Hall.

## FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

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**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to have special intentions remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [joconnor@olvp.org](mailto:joconnor@olvp.org).

**MARRIAGE PLANNING:** It is both Archdiocesan and parish policy that, in order to facilitate marriage preparation, couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon prior to setting a wedding date. A minimum of six months is needed for preparation.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevents you from attending Sunday Liturgy call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** Engaged Encounter is a program of the Catholic Church dedicated to preparing couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. For information or to register for a weekend, go to [www.dcengagedencounter.org](http://www.dcengagedencounter.org).

### Faith Formation for Life

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Feast of the Dedication of the John Lateran Basilica*, will be on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION** will meet in Founders Hall Sunday, 2 November, 6:30pm – 7:45pm.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Grades K -8 will **not** meet Tuesday 4 November or Wednesday, 5 November.

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Raffle.** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of Mary of Nazareth School are holding a raffle to raise funds for their New York City class trip in December 2008. The grand prize is a 22" Samsung Flatscreen HDTV. A number of other prizes include an iPod Video Nano, a T-Mobile Phone, a weekend getaway for two at Woodfin Suites, a \$50 Visa giftcard and Silpada Earrings. Anyone who wishes to support the students and have a chance to win one of these great prizes may purchase raffle tickets at \$5.00 each by contacting your Parish Liaison, Heidi Titus, at (301) 948-0432. The raffle drawing will take place at the school on 18 November; you do not have to be present to win.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES** for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families:

**The Woods Academy:** Thursday, 6 November 2008 from 9:00am – 11:30am. For more information call (301) 365-3080.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**, a ministry of the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry, offers the opportunity for young adults age 21+ to reflect on how the Catholic faith relates to your life in contemporary society. The evening begins with a “happy half-hour” at 7pm: The talk begins at 7:30pm and is followed by a Q & A session with the featured speaker. Come join us at Ireland’s Four Fields, 3412 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC on Tuesday evening, 28 October at 7:00pm when Fr. Bill Byrne will speak on “*Saturday Night to Sunday Morning: Smooth Transition?*”. For more information contact Laura Ferstl, ((301) 853-4559 or email [yam@adw.org](mailto:yam@adw.org)).

### Social Concerns

**FALL FOOD COLLECTION:** Grocery bags for St. Martin’s pantry, with a list of suggested items, will be distributed after all masses next weekend. Filled bags are to be returned the weekend of 14 – 15 November. Please include only non-perishable items in non-breakable containers.

**DOROTHY DAY WOMEN’S SHELTER** is in need of paper products – toilet tissue, tissues, paper towels and napkins. If you would like to make a donation, please call Barbara Wiles, (301) 208-2633.

**EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE:** The “Catechism of the Catholic Church” teaches that individuals have a moral obligation “. . . to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote and to defend one’s country . . .”( #2240). In service to the common good, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish serves as a polling site in both the primary and the general elections.

**THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION** will be taken in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington the weekend of 22 – 23 November 2008. CCHD funds 4,000 programs across the United States to help people find a way out of poverty. CCHD aids local groups as they create jobs, improve neighborhoods, train adults for employment, keep schools safe for children and raise leaders for the future. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Human Resources**

**OLVP CRAFT SHOPPE** will be taking orders for Advent Wreaths, religious books and poinsettias the weekend of 15 – 16 November. Advent Wreath delivery will be the weekend of 22 – 23 November. Delivery for all other items will be the weekend of 6 – 7 December. The Shoppe will be open from Friday evening, 5 December through 1:00pm on Sunday, 7 December. Our raffle item for this year is a Santini crèche. Raffle tickets will be available through 7 December. All proceeds benefit the parish.

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help setup and sell Christmas trees. Setup will be Saturday 22 November, 8:30am; unloading trees will be Thursday, 4 December at 1:00pm, and sales will begin Friday evening, 5 December. Sign-up to help the weekend of 15 – 16 November.

**BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE:** To submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer for the weekend of 8 – 9 November, please submit the information to Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [joconnor@olvp.org](mailto:joconnor@olvp.org) by noon on Tuesday, 4 November.

**Facilities**

**PARISH REPAIRS:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 and report the problem.

**Finance**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** for the fiscal year July 2007 - June 2008 will be published in the November 2008 parish newsletter which will be mailed to all registered parishioners.

**MORTGAGE:** As of 1 November our mortgage debt is \$823,497.25. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The September revenue from our Building Fund collection amounted to \$5,257.00

**DIRECT DEPOSITS – Please note:** If you are currently using a direct deposit option for your offerings or wish to begin doing so, please notify Marcia Montanio, (301) 948-5536, ext 102. **Direct contributions to our bank are not identified by the sender and credit cannot be**

posted to your contribution statement unless we are notified.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**November**

- 02 Sun High School Faith Formation  
6:30pm – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
- 03 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 04 Tue Election Day Polling Place  
Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
No Faith Formation
- 05 Wed St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn  
No Faith Formation
- 06 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00–8:00pm, Chapel
- 09 Sun Holy Name Society At 9:00am Liturgy  
Men’s Communion Brunch, 10:30am
- 10 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 11 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
- 12 Wed Faith Formation, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
- 15 Sat Baptism Class, 10:00am, Church  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Study Session,  
3pm - 5pm, Founders Hall
- 16 Sun Welcome Weekend  
Tree Sales Sign-up
- 17 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 18 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 19 Wed Faith Formation, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
- 20 Thu Sodality Meeting, 7:00pm, Barn
- 22 Sat Christmas Tree Setup, 8:30am
- 23 Sun Human Development Collection
- 25 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 26 Wed Sacred Liturgy, 6:00pm
- 27 Thu Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Fri Parish Office Closed

**December**

- 02 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 03 Wed St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn
- 04 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Chapel
- 05 Fri Tree Sales/Craft Shoppe Sales Begin
- 07 Sun Head Start Food Collection  
High School Faith Formation  
6:30 – 7:45, Founders Hall
- 08 Mon Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Sacred Liturgy, 9:15am, Church

**SAVE THE DATE**

**February**

- 20 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Party

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