

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

15 - 16 November: Presiders:

5:00 pm – Fr. Mathew Punchayil

9:00 am – Fr. Raymond Fecteau

11:00 am – Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of November 9, 2008

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

THANKSGIVING LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, 26 November, 6:00pm in the church.

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.

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).

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers the following

parishioners: **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005) and **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007).

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. A list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died this past year can be found in today's bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mary of Nazareth Girls' Junior Soccer team who won the CYO Championship!

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.

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.ihsweb.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, 3 December. 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. All men of the parish, their relatives and their friends are invited to attend. For more information contact Brian O'Sullivan, (240) 477-5717.

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.

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.

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.

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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.

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 prior to setting a wedding date. A minimum of six months is needed for preparation.

ADVENT SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN, 5 – 7 December 2008 Come away to the quiet and peace of a Dominican retreat. Take time to pause, to reflect on and to strengthen your personal relationship with God. Step back from the daily rush and distractions to focus on the significance of this special time of year and to prepare to receive the mystery of Christ. Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM, Conv. is the retreat director. For information contact Mary Lee Seaman, (301) 937-4709 or the Dominican Retreat House, (703) 356-4243.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 11 November 2008, 10:00am, in the Barn.

FAITH FORMATION: Grades K -8 will meet Tuesday, 11 November and Wednesday, 12 November.

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL: 8th Grade Raffle. The 8th 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.

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 at 7pm. Come join us at Ireland's Four Fields, 3412 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC on Tuesday

evenings, at 7:00pm. For more information contact Laura Ferstl, ((301) 853-4559 or email yam@adw.org.

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS: Wednesday, 12 November 2008, Washington Theological Union. This lecture on healthy Grieving and Coping through the upcoming holiday season is for anyone living with loss or ministering to those are. The presenter is an adjunct lecturer at WTU who teaches both the Pastoral Care of the Aging and the Pastoral Care of the Dying courses. He specializes in working with people facing life-limiting illness, death and grief. The day begins with Mass at 12:00 noon, followed by a brown bag lunch and presentation at 12:45pm; reflection and discussion will be at 1:30pm. The lecture is open to everyone and is free of charge.

Social Concerns

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

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. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (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. For more information, visit www.povertyusa.org. Your generosity is appreciated.

Human Resources

ADVENT WREATHS: The OLVP Craft Shoppe is selling Advent Wreaths and Advent candles after each liturgy through 23 November. Cost is \$25.00 for the wreath; candles are \$5.00. All proceeds benefit our parish.

VOLUNTEER "CHEFS" are needed to provide food (soups, casseroles, chili, sandwiches, desserts or your own specialty) for the workers during the tree sales and also to help in the kitchen. Please sign up in Founders Hall after each liturgy the weekend of 15 – 17 November.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES VOLUNTEERS are needed to help setup and sell Christmas trees. Setup will be Saturday 22 November, 8:30am (usually takes @ 2 hours); Workout Thursday: help unload the trees on 4 December at 1:00pm (usually takes @ 1.5 hours). Sales begin at 4:00pm on Friday evening, 5 December. Sign-up to help the next weekend, 15 – 16 November.

OLVP CRAFT SHOPPE will be taking orders for religious books and poinsettias the weekend of 15 – 16 November. Delivery will be the weekend of 6 – 7 December. The Shoppe will be open Friday, 5 December from 5:00pm - 8:00pm; Saturday, 6 December from 9:00am to 8:00pm and on Sunday, 7 December until 1:00pm. The shoppe will not be open during liturgy.

CRAFT SHOPPE RAFFLE: Our raffle item for this year is a Santini crèche. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be available after liturgy through 7 December. All proceeds benefit our parish.

BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE: To submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer for the weekend of 15 – 16 November, please submit the information to Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email jocconnor@olvp.org by noon on Tuesday, 11 November.

Facilities

TRAFFIC PATTERNS: For the health and safety of all, please follow the designated traffic patterns for our church. Enter from Seneca Road and take an immediate right onto the first driveway. Exit via the second drive and turn LEFT toward Seneca Road. Fire regulations prohibit parking in the circle during services. Please do NOT use the driveway in front of the rectory to exit the property. Public use of this driveway violates the State of Maryland's safety regulations.

Finance

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

FAITH DIRECT: Parishioners can make weekly offertory and monthly mortgage reduction contributions via automatic payment from their checking account or credit card. Faith Direct offers a secure way of sending regular contributions

throughout the year even when a parishioner is unable to attend mass due to illness or travel. A letter will be sent to all parishioners from Fr. Ray explaining how to sign up for the program.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
November	
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 th Grade Confirmation Study Session, 3pm - 5pm, Founders Hall
16 Sun	Welcome Weekend Tree Sales Sign-up Craft Shoppe Wreath, Books, and Poinsettia Sales
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	Eve of Thanksgiving Sacred Liturgy, 6:00pm
27 Thu	Thanksgiving Day
28 Fri	Parish Office Closed
December	
02 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
03 Wed	St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
04 Thu	Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Chapel Workout Thursday, Unload Trees, 1pm
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
09 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
10 Wed	Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
SAVE THE DATE	
February	
20 Fri	Volunteer Appreciation Party

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