

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: 22 - 23 November:
Presiders:

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

Readings for the Week of November 16, 2008

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/
Mt 25:31-46

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: **18 November, Rose Philippine Duchesne** (1769 – 1852) was born in Grenoble, France and entered the Visitation Order at nineteen. After the community was dispersed by the French Revolution, Rose joined St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in her newly founded Society of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). She led a pioneer band of nuns to Missouri, opened schools and worked in Sugar creek, Kansas. The Potawatomi Indians called her "woman who prays always." One night the children placed small feathers on her veil as she knelt in prayer. In the morning, the feathers had not moved (lower panel). She died in 1852 and was canonized in 1988.

PRESENTATION OF MARY, 21 November. The feast of the Presentation of Mary in the temple is a feast celebrated in both the eastern and Western Churches. The lily is often used in sacred art to represent the ever-virgin Mary (lower panel). On this feast in 1990 James Cardinal Hickey appointed Father Raymond Fecteau to explore the feasibility of establishing a parish in the Darnestown area. The logo for Our Lady of the Visitation parish canonically established on 31 May 1991, appears in the upper panel.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004) and **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 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.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, 3 December. For information, call Frances Childs, (301) 519-8728 or Carol Anne Puglisi, (301) 417-0839.

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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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 *Feast of Christ the King*, will be on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, 10:00am, in the Barn.

FAITH FORMATION: Grades K -8 will meet Tuesday, 18 November and Wednesday, 19 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.

Social Concerns

FALL FOOD COLLECTION: Grocery bags for St. Martin's pantry are to be returned this weekend of 15 – 16 November. Please include only non-perishable items in non-breakable containers.

ADOPTED FAMILY: Our parish will be providing Christmas gifts for our adopted family. If you are able to help, pick up a slip after mass in Founders Hall. Donated items will be collected on the First Sunday in Advent, 29 – 30 November.

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. Your generosity is appreciated.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. David Rivera** and **Mr. & Mrs. Kevin O'Connell**.

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 – 16 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 this 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 22 – 23 November, please submit the information to Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email jocconnor@olvp.org by noon on Tuesday, 18 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		
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	
30 Sun	Adopted Family Donations Due	
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	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Sacred Liturgy, 9:00am & 7:00pm, Church	
09 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm	
10 Wed	Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm	
14 Sun	Welcome Weekend Family Liturgy, 9:00am Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Collection	
15 Mon	St. Nicholas Project Orders Due	
SAVE THE DATE		
February		
20 Fri	Volunteer Appreciation Party	

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