

**Liturgical Life**

**EASTER SUNDAY 2009:** Easter Sunday is a movable feast; it is an ancient custom to announce the date of Easter on the Feast of the Epiphany. Therefore we joyfully announce that this year Easter Sunday, the Sunday of Sundays, will be celebrated on 12 April 2009; the Season of Easter ends on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2009

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** 10 - 11 January:  
Presiders:

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

**Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**FAMILY CHOIR:** The next Family Choir weekend will be Sunday, 11 January 2009, 9:00am. Rehearsal will be, Sunday, 4 January, at 10:00am. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Diana Hurley, (301) 216-0870.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS 5 January, St. John Neuman** (1811 – 1860) John Neuman was born in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States and was ordained a priest in New York City. He joined the Redemptorists (upper panel) and did missionary work in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. Consecrated bishop of Philadelphia (lower panel), he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, invited teaching orders to the diocese and established praises for immigrants. John Neumann was also known for his great love for the Eucharist and for the rosary.

**LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER:** One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermarues Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013 – 1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

**Parish Life**

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006) and **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007).

**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**. Then next Baptism class will be Saturday, 10 January 2009. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. To register, call (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

**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 9:15am liturgy in the Barn on Wednesday, 7 January. For information, call Frances Childs, (301) 519-8728 or Carol Anne Puglisi, (301) 417-0839.

**GETTING READY DAY I** for those parish children preparing to receive their First Penance and Reconciliation in 2009 is scheduled for Saturday, 10 January, 9:00am – 11:00am in Founders Hall. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

**FIRST PENANCE:** First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on Saturday, 31 January at 9:00am. A reception for the children and their families will follow in Founders Hall.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society and attend the 9:00am liturgy on Sunday, 11 January 2009.

**YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE:** Youth in grades 9 – 12 are invited to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life and Youth rally/Mass at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC on Thursday, 22 January. For information, please contact Deacon Bob Fischer, (301) 948-5536, Ext. 106 or Michele Olewack, at ext. 107.

**MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT:** Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat, 6 – 8 February 2009, for men in their 20' – 40's who are considering a call to the priesthood. The retreat will be held at the Theological College, Friday evening 6 February through noon on Sunday, 8 February.

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For information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, at (301) 853-4580 or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

**CHRIST IN THE CITY** is a ministry of the Office of Young Adult Ministry that focuses on spiritual growth and provides an opportunity to establish a relationship with Christ. On the second Thursday of each month, young adults from across the city meet at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 10<sup>th</sup> and G Sts. NW, Washington DC to pray and worship. The evening starts at 7:00pm with the rosary. Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confession and Reflection will be from 7:30 - 8:30pm. Upcoming date: 8 January.

**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).

**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).

**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.

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Baptism of the Lord*, will be on Tuesday, 6 January 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS:** There will be no Faith Formation Sessions on Tuesday 30 December and Wednesday 31 December 2008. Sessions will resume on Tuesday, 6 January and Wednesday, 7 January 2009.

**HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION** will meet on Sunday, 11 January, 6:30pm – 7:45 in Founders Hall.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Faith Formation sessions, grades K – 8, will not be held on Tuesday, 20 January and

Wednesday, 21 January due to the presidential inauguration.

**MARY AS INSPIRATION IN LIVING:** Education-Parish-Service (EPS), a faith and spiritual development program for adult Catholics, will consider Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church, as well as the model of discipleship in Mary, the Perfect Disciple, on Tuesdays, 6 January through 3 February from 7:00pm – 9:15pm. The instructor will be Sr. Mary Ann Cook, SND, D.Phil.. Classes will be held at 125 Michigan Ave., NE, on the campus of Trinity University. For more information contact Ann Kitterman, (202) 884-9030 or email her at [kittermanna@trinitydc.edu](mailto:kittermanna@trinitydc.edu).

### *Social Concerns*

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank our generous parishioners who donated bags of groceries to the Head Start canned Food Drive, to those parishioners who purchased and wrapped Christmas gifts for our Adopted Family, to those who donated to our Advent Baby Needs collection for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and to everyone who participated in the St. Nicholas Project.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT:** The Maryland Catholic Conference's annual Lobby Night, which brings together hundreds of Catholics to meet with their state lawmakers, will be held on President's Day, Monday, 16 February, in Annapolis. Lobby Night 2009 will allow you to speak with your legislators on public policy issues concerning Catholic schools, poverty, support for pregnant women in crisis, the death penalty, and marriage. Please visit [www.mdccathcon.org](http://www.mdccathcon.org) or call (410) 269-1155 or (301) 261-1979 for more information.

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION** will be taken the weekend of 10 – 12 January 2009. This collection, mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, embodies the Church's concern for evangelizing Black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples in the United States. Your generosity is appreciated.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Jackson.**

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Thank you – thank you - thank you!** The parish community came through once again. The number of volunteers during this very busy time of the year was over 256. This includes the tree sales, the kitchen help, the crafters, the wreath decorators, and the wonderful cooks who kept everyone from going hungry. We never knew that they're so many different varieties of chili and all were delicious. The soups, stews chowders, sandwiches and desserts all contributed to a 5 star rating for the OLVP kitchen.

**WELCOME WEEKEND** is this weekend, 3 – 4 January 2009. Parishioners are invited for refreshments in Founders Hall after all the masses. There will also be a Welcome Table set up to provide information for those who would like to register with our parish.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a flyer for the Baptism of the Lord, 10 - 11 January 2009, please call Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [joconnor@olvp.org](mailto:joconnor@olvp.org) by noon on Tuesday, 6 January 2009.

**Facilities**

**SNOW EMERGENCY:** Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. Faith Formation sessions are cancelled if a snow emergency plan is in effect, or if Montgomery County public schools are closed for school/community use. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

**Finance**

**GIVE LESS TO THE IRS:** All 2008 donations to Visitation parish are tax deductible. All donations to our parish at Christmas are tax deductible. All stocks donated in 2008 are credited to the donor at full face value on the date of transfer.

**2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** To receive credit in 2008, your donation must be **dated by Wednesday, 31 December 2008**. If you are mailing a contribution, it must be postmarked by Friday, 2 January 2009 and received in the parish office by Monday, 5 January 2009 to be credited to your statement.

<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
<b>January</b>	
04 Sun	Family Liturgy, 9:00am Mortgage Reduction Collection Welcome Weekend
05 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
06 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
07 Wed	St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
10 Sat	Getting Ready Day II, 9:00am – 11:00am
11 Sun	Black and Indian Missions Collection Holy Name Society at 9:00am Liturgy High School Faith Formation 6:30 – 7:45, Founders Hall
12 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
13 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
14 Wed	Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
19 Mon	Parish Office Closed
20 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn No Faith Formation Sessions
21 Wed	No Faith Formation Sessions
22 Thu	Right-to-Life March
26 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
27 Tue	Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
28 Wed	Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
29 Thu	The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen
31 Sat	First Penance, 9:00am
<b>February</b>	
01 Sun	Mortgage Reduction Collection Welcome Weekend High School Faith Formation 6:30pm – 7:45, Founders Hall
02 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
03 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation 4:30 & 6:30pm
04 Wed	Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	
<b>February</b>	
20 Fri	Volunteer Appreciation Party
<b>May</b>	
17 Sun	Confirmation, 2:00pm

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