

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 17 - 18
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 11, 2009

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
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Caelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, it is one of the four traditional Marian antiphons sung during the presentation of the gifts.

WINDOWS The stained glass windows in the nave of our church were commissioned exclusively for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. Their general design and their placement were authorized by James Cardinal Hickey and the Sacred Arts Committee of the Archdiocese of Washington. Because we are a parish named in honor of Mary, the fifteen windows in the apse celebrate the mysteries of the Rosary in use at the time our church was built. Those immediately behind the tabernacle are the Joyful Mysteries (white); those on the left of the tabernacle (chair side) are the Sorrowful Mysteries (red); and those on the right of the tabernacle (ambo side) are the Glorious Mysteries (yellow). Four of the sixteen windows in the nave of our church celebrate feasts of Mary not contained in the mysteries of the Rosary. Because our church was built in the Jubilee Year of 2000, twelve windows honor saints listed in the "Millennium Booklet" of the Archdiocese of Washington. Two other windows, those of Isidore and Peter Claver, mark feasts that are unique to the liturgical calendar in the United States. The grape-leaf border on the windows represents the communion of saints. The color of each border correlates to the liturgical season in which the feast usually occurs. The color of the cross in each window also varies: white for saints, red for martyrs, and gold for Mary. The

name of the feast appears in the upper panel. The date of the feast appears in the lower panel. Symbols or stories related to the feast and person appear in both upper and lower panels. The center medallion is a hand painted representation of the saint named in the window.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: During the Christmas Season, **Andrew Joseph Kissel, Grace Elisabeth Patric and Anna Elizabeth Phelan** celebrated Baptism. **Connie Rose Johnson, Lisa Karen Kelly and Charles Schneider** celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens on the Feast of the Epiphany. They are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the 2009 Easter Vigil.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996) and **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008).

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. 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, 4 February. For information, call Frances Childs, (301) 519-8728 or Carol Anne Puglisi, (301) 417-0839.

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

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Saturday, 24 January 2009, Annunciation Church, 3810 Massachusetts Ave., Washington DC from 9:00am – 2:00pm. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confessions and a reflection by Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest vocations and Formation. Lunch will be provided, free of charge. For information or to register, call (301) 853-4585 or contact Maris Moriartym at moriaartym@adw.org

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Monday evenings, 7:30pm beginning 26 January at Mother of God Community in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information contact Marty Wild, yam@motherofgod.org.

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.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of matrimony. 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 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 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 13 January 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

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 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, 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.

Social Concerns

THANK YOU to the parishioners who purchased gifts of charity through our St. Nicholas catalog. For several years now, the gifts from the catalog have helped many people in our community and abroad who are in need. This year parishioners purchased over \$5,700.00 in services for S.O.M.E., Anugraha School for the Mentally Challenged in India, St. Ann's Maternity Home, the Little Sisters of the Poor and Our Lady of the Visitation in Gonaives, Haiti.

YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE: Youth in grades 9 – 12 are invited to attend the 26th 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,

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. Please visit www.mdccathcon.org or call (410) 269-1155 or (301) 261-1979 for more information.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION will be taken this weekend, 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 families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Don Harnois** and **Ms. Barbara Reed**.

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is looking for volunteer receptionists. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Community service hours will be given to high school juniors and seniors who participate in this program. Volunteer nurses or doctors are also needed to assist at large events at the Shrine. For more information, please contact Sr. Miriam, R.S.M. (202) 526-8300, ext. 111 or at smm@bnisc.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a flyer for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17 - 18 January 2009, please call Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Tuesday, 13 January.

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

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. We are grateful to those parishioners who are participating in this program. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 January 2009 our monthly mortgage debt is \$794,418.35. The December revenue from our Mortgage Reduction collection and other donations amounted to \$9289.00. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500.00.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

- 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

February

- 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
- 05 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Thomas More Chapel
- 08 Sun Holy Name Society at 9:00am Liturgy
- 09 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 10 Tue Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
Confirmation Study Session, 6:30pm
- 11 Wed Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
Confirmation Study Session, 6:30pm
- 16 Mon Parish Office Closed
RCIA, 7:00pm, Church

SAVE THE DATE

February

- 20 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Party
- 22 Sun Family Bingo

May

- 17 Sun Confirmation, 2:00pm

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