

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 31 January
- 1 February - Presiders:

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

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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 co-relates 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: Last weekend *Calvin Joseph Volker* celebrated Baptism.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **Tony Pasqual**, father of parishioners *Elizabeth Fookes* and *Kathryn Heffron* and the death of **John Holten, Jr.**, father of parishioner *John Holten III*. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

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 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.

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.

MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT: Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat, 6 - 8 February 2009, for men in their

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20's and 40's who are considering a call to the priesthood. The retreat will be held at the theological College, Friday evening 6 February through Sunday, 8 February. For information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, (301) 853-4580 or email vocations@adw.org.

Faith Formation for Life

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Please come to visit Mary of Nazareth School at the Open House on Sunday, 25 January 2009 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Tour our facility and meet our teachers. We are located at 14131 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD. This Open House is for preschool through eighth grade.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 27 January 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: On Sunday, 1 February, Catholic Schools will be recognized at the 9:00am mass. Students attending Catholic Schools are invited to come to mass in their school uniform.

SUPPORT MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL: Representatives from Mary of Nazareth School will be selling raffle tickets after mass on Sunday, 1 February after the 9:00am liturgy. The winner may choose between the tuition for the 2009 – 2010 school year (valued at \$5,650.00 and is available only to a student enrolled in the school for that school year) or \$4,000.00 in cash. Tickets are \$25.00 each and proceeds will benefit the operating budget of the school.

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2009 - 2010 School Year will be held on Tuesday, 3 February and Thursday, 5 February from 9:00am – 11:00 am on both days. Parents wishing to register their children must come to the school on one of those two days with the completed application materials. A completed application requires a copy of the child's birth and Baptismal certificates, a check for the registration fee, and the following, if applicable: Pastoral recommendation form and copies of report card(s) and standardized testing results. Children entering preschool must be 3 or 4 years old as of 1 September and children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by 1 September. Tuition assistance information may be found on the Archdiocese of Washington website, www.adw.org or call the school, (301) 869-0940, ext. 3.

PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FORMS: Mary of Nazareth families who are registering to attend the school, either new families or families who are returning next year,

are asked to drop off their forms at the parish office at least one week before their due date. Parish staff will call you for pickup after the form is signed. The due date for new registrations is Thursday, 5 February; returning families' registration forms are due Tuesday, 3 March.

Social Concerns

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL BEGINS: Many of our parishioners have received or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "For the Glory of God". Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.

HELP SERVE THE POOR: Join fellow parishioners Thursday, 29 January 2009, at St. Martin's Soup Kitchen in Gaithersburg. Help prepare a delicious meal and serve over 60+ dinner guests between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. It's a great way to serve the poor as well as a way to earn community service hours for upcoming confirmands. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Joyce McCarthy, (301) 674 -6754.

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. For information visit www.mdcathcon.org.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Brady** and **Mr. & Mrs. James McKenzie**.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a flyer for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 31 January - 1 February 2009, please call Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Tuesday, 27 January.

WELCOME WEEKEND Sunday, 1 February after the 9:00am liturgy is sponsored by Mary of Nazareth School in honor of Catholic Schools Week.

FORGIVING THE DEAD MAN WALKING: Author Debbie Morris will be at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church on Saturday, 7 February, 7:00pm. She will bring a powerful testimony of forgiveness and faith as she recounts her own story. While a teenager, Debbie survived a brutal experience at the hands of the men featured in the movie “*Dead Man Walking*.” She will share her journey of healing from the physical, emotional and spiritual scars she experienced.

ANNUAL ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Friday, 20 February 2009, 7:30pm - 10:30pm in Founders Hall. Enjoy a delicious buffet and beverages and dance to the music of the DJ. Volunteers from all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation are welcome. **Please RSVP by Friday, 13 February 2009, (301) 948-5536, ext. 104.**

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

CURRENT FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTORS: Contributions donated through Faith Direct will be included on the itemized, year-end statement sent to you from Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. No statement will be sent from Faith Direct.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

- 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
- 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 18 Wed Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 20 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Party, 7:30 pm -
10:30pm, Founders Hall
- 22 Sun Family Bingo, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Founders Hall
- 23 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 24 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 25 Wed ASH WEDNESDAY Sacred Liturgy
6:00am, 12 noon, 6:00pm
8:00pm Ecumenical Service
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 28 Sat Getting Ready Day, 9:00 – 11:00am
Founders Hall
Baptism Class, 10:00am, Church

SAVE THE DATE

May

- 02 Sat MayFest
- 17 Sun Confirmation, 2:00pm

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