

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 21 -22
February - Presiders:

5:00 pm – Fr. Raymond Fecteau - Baptisms
9:00 am – Fr. Mathew PUNCHAYIL
11:00 am – Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday: Lv13:1-2, 44-46; 1Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22
Mk 2:1-12

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 25 February 2009 begins the Season of Lent which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, 9 April 2009. Liturgy of the Eucharist, with distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 6:00am, 12 noon, and 6:00pm in the church.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday, (25 February) and Good Friday, (10 April) are days of total abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. All the Fridays of Lent are days of total abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics over 14 years of age; the law of fasting binds all Catholics from the 18th year until and including their 59th birthday.

Parish Life

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 Baptism Class is Saturday, 28 February 10:00am in the church. 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 March. For information, call Frances Childs, (301) 519-8728 or Carol Anne Puglisi, (301) 417-0839.

GETTING READY DAY III for those preparing to receive their First Eucharist in 2009 is scheduled for Saturday, 28 February 9:00am – 11:00am 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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 17 February 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

SON ROCK ADVENTURE CAMP is right around the corner!!!! **ACCEPTED BY GOD, PROTECTED BY GOD, SAVED BY GOD, FORGIVEN BY GOD AND LIVING FOR GOD IS THIS YEAR'S THEME** of the Vacation Bible Camp. The fun-filled adventure begins Monday, 22 June through Friday, 27 June 2009 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Fee is \$85.00 per child. Registration is open to those in pre-school (who are 4 years old as of 1 January 2009) up to the 5th grade. Open registration for parish children will be held on Sunday, 22 February 2009 after the 9:00am mass in Founders Hall.

PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FORM for Mary of Nazareth: Families who are returning next year are asked to drop off their form(s) at the parish office, or put them in the weekly collection basket, at least one week before their due date. Parish staff will call you for pickup after the form is signed. The registration forms are due Tuesday, 3 March.

EPS COURSE, The Essential Mission of the Church, is being offered on Tuesday evening, through 17 March 2009, from 7:00pm – 9:15pm. EPS courses are held on the campus of Trinity University, 125 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC. To register, contact Ann Kitterman at kittermana@trinitydc.edu or call (202) 884-9030.

THEOLOGY ON TAP is an opportunity to hear how faith in Jesus Christ can impact your life today. Come hear the testimonies of Catholics who converted to the faith, came back to the faith or solidified their faith as young adults at James Hoban's Irish Restaurant and Bar, 1 Dupont Circle. Happy Hour begins at 6:00pm and the featured speaker begins at 7:00pm (must be 21 years or older to attend). On Tuesday, 17 February, the featured speaker will be the Rev. Scott Hurd, Executive Director of the Office of Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information contact Laura Ferstl at (301) 853-4559 or email her at yam@adw.org.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL: Pope Benedict XVI has declared 2008 – 2009 as the Year of St. Paul in honor of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the early Apostle who traveled widely, evangelizing all in Christ. For more information and for resources for the Year of St. Paul, visit the Archdiocese of Washington website at www.adw.org

Social Concerns

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL – The theme for this year's Appeal is **"For the Glory of God"**. Please review the Archbishop's Appeal brochure and the tabloid which is included in today's bulletin. The Annual Appeal Campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months. A significant gift to the Archbishop's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. Your gift not only signifies your gratitude to God, it glorifies God by enabling the work of our Archdiocese. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct an in-pew pledge process at all masses next weekend and the following weekend. Please reflect on God's gifts to you; He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world are given in

gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT: The Maryland Catholic Conference's annual Lobby Night will be held on President's Day, Monday, 16 February, in Annapolis. With a state budget deficit threatening programs for the poor, legislative attempts to close pro-life pregnancy resource centers, a blue ribbon panel's recommendation to repeal the death penalty, and a momentum for a bill that would encourage business donations to scholarships for Catholic school students, a unified Catholic voice is necessary to help craft public policies that promote the common good. Lobby Night will begin at 2:45 pm with registration, followed by opening remarks from the Maryland bishops, briefings on important policy issues being considered by state lawmakers, face-to-face meetings with state senators and delegates, and a legislative reception, at which the bishops and constituents meet socially with their legislators. For information visit www.mdccathcon.org.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. and Mrs. David Van Pelt** and **Mr. and Mrs. David Yontef**.

CAN YOU HELP? The Mayfest Planning Committee is looking for talented parishioners to help plan this FUN event. If you like meeting exceptional people, enjoy working with creative parishioners or just having fun, the Mayfest committee needs you! Several openings are available for you to apply your numerous talents. We have openings for a Volunteer Coordinator (for those of you who like to work with numbers and spreadsheets); a Computer Hardware specialist (for our resident computer geeks); a Master Chef to coordinate our bake sale/cake walk; and a Ticket Master (for those who enjoy helping people). If you are able to volunteer to help with any of these important, specialized positions, please contact Barbara Kaplan, co-chair of the Mayfest, at (301) 977-4459 (evenings). The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 3 March, 7:00pm in the Barn.

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.**

OLVP FAMILY BINGO will be held Sunday, 22 February

from 3:00pm – 5:00 pm in Founders Hall. Admission is \$3.00 per person or a maximum of \$15.00 per family. Refreshments and one game card are included in the admission price. Additional games cards are available at the door for .50 each. If you are able to help with the setup or refreshments, please call Brian O’Sullivan, (240) 477-5717.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a flyer for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21 - 22 February 2009, please call Jean O’Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Monday, 16 February.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on President’s Day, Monday, 16 February. Regular parish office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm. The office is closed during the lunch hour: 12 noon – 1:00pm.

PARISH RECORD KEEPING: If you have changed your address or your telephone number or if you are planning to move out of the area, please advise the parish office at (301) 948-5536 so the parish records can be updated. Thank you.

Facilities

SNOW EMERGENCY: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. For safety reasons: 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; and weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools; if schools are closed, there is no weekday liturgy.

Finance

MORTGAGE: As of 1 February 2009, our mortgage debt is \$779,835.47. Our monthly interest/payment is \$18,500. The January income from our Debt Reduction collection amounted to \$6,350.74.

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. We are grateful to those parishioners who are participating in this program. To enroll in the program call 1-866-507-8757 or visit www.faithdirect.net and enter MD114, our church code.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

- 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
- 27 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm. Church
- 28 Sat Getting Ready Day, 9:00 – 11:00am
Founders Hall
Baptism Class, 10:00am, Church

March

- 01 Sun High School Faith Formation
6:30 – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
- 03 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
Mayfest Planning Committee, 7:00pm
Barn
- 04 Wed Ember Day
St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 05 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00pm,
Thomas More Chapel
- 06 Fri Ember Day
Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Church
Confirmation Lock-In Retreat Begins
- 07 Sat Ember Day
Confirmation Lock-In Retreat Ends

SAVE THE DATE

April

- 04 Sat Spring “Spruce-Up” Day

May

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

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