

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: 25 – 26 April –
Presiders:

5:00pm Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00am Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 am Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the week of April 19, 2009

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48

QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE: Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The Summer 2009 availability post cards have been mailed this week. Please return your information by Sunday, 3 May 2009, so you can be included in the summer schedule planner.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: This weekend **Jessica Mary Schneider** celebrates **First Eucharist**

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **the Rev. William Finch**, pastor of St. Raphael Parish, Rockville, Maryland. We commend him and his family to God in our prayers.

POPE BENEDICT XVI IN WASHINGTON: Relive the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the Archdiocese of Washington in April 2008, in a special anniversary edition of the book, "*Pope Benedict in Washington: Herald of Christ's Hope*." With more than 170 full-color photos on 104 pages, this keepsake volume chronicles the events leading up to the Pope's arrival, and includes a special introduction by Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl. Forty pages highlight the papal Mass at Nationals Park. Cost is only \$24.95 plus \$6 shipping/handling. Look for promotional ads

in our two archdiocesan newspapers, the *Catholic Standard* and *El Pregonero*.

2009 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years or more will be held Sunday, 7 June 2009, 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will be the celebrant. If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 108.

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.

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 for the next class, call (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

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 *Third Sunday of Easter*, will be on Tuesday, 21 April 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

FAITH FORMATION K – 8: Sessions resume on Tuesday 21 April and Wednesday 22 April.

LAST SESSION for Grades 6 – 8: End of the Year Celebration will be on Tuesday, 28 April and Wednesday, 29 April

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Faith Formation children who forgot to bring in their Operation Rice Bowl donations before sessions ended will have the opportunity to do so

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through 23 April 2009. Place your donations in an envelope marked ORB and put it in the collection on Saturday or Sunday or return them when we come back from vacation. If you have any questions, call (301) 948-5536, ext. 104.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP will be hosting its annual Spring Open House for prospective parents and students on Wednesday, 29 April from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. St. John's is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school located at 889 Butterfly Lane in Frederick, Maryland. Prospective parents and students call also visit St. John's online at www.sainjohnsprep.org. For more information about admissions or the Open House, please call the school at (301) 662-4210 or email admissions@saintjohnsprep.org.

Social Concerns

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: The Little Sisters of the Poor are looking for license beauticians to serve their elderly residents at Jeanne Jugan residence in Northeast Washington. Please contact Sr. Julie at (202) 269-1831

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Please join us in preparing and serving dinner for the poor and homeless on Thursday, 30 April 2009 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Confirmation candidates may earn service hours helping with this ministry. Please call Joyce McCarthy, (301) 674-6754 and leave a message if you can join us.

HOME MISSION COLLECTION: There are many places right here in the United States and in its overseas dependencies where the Church is poor, communities are scattered, and priests are few. Money given to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) helps Catholic communities across America survive and thrive by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, training for lay ministers, and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help. The CHMA, which helps strengthen the Catholic Church in America, will be taken on the Third Sunday of Easter, 25 – 26 April. Your generosity is appreciated.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE: As of 3 April 2009, parishioners have pledged \$77,567 to the Archbishop's Appeal which is 115% of our targeted goal of \$67,209.87. To date, \$42,417 of the pledged amount has been collected. Thank you for your generosity!

Human Resources

SPRING CLEANING? Please save your "gently used" items such as books (except textbooks and periodicals)

knick-knacks, toys, videos, jewelry, fine dining items for our White Elephant Sale at the Mayfest, Saturday, 2 May 2009. This year there will be an opportunity to drop off your items after liturgy this Sunday, 19 April and also on Sunday, 26 April between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Please bring your donations and place them under the Pavilion located next to the parish barn. If you wish to drop off your donations on Thursday, 30 April from 2:00pm – 8:00pm or Friday, 1 May from 8:00am – 7:00pm, please bring them to Founders Hall. Items cannot be accepted after 7:00pm Friday, 1 May. The goal is for each family to donate at least one "gently used" item. For more information, contact Betsy and Mick Stumpf at

CRAFTERS: Craft vendors are welcome at our Mayfest on Saturday – Sunday, 2 – 3 May. Crafters are asked to supply their own tables, chairs, tent or other coverings. Cost for parishioners to reserve a space is \$10. Spaces are free to parish youth under the age of 18. Space fee for non-parishioners is \$20. For more information contact Barbara Kaplan at (301) 977-4459

SPRING PLANTS/FLOWERS: We will be taking orders for plants on the weekends of April 18/19 and April 25/26. The orders will be available to be picked up on Saturday, 2 May during the Mayfest - the week before Mothers Day! We will have Peonies, fragrant perennials in White, Red and Pink. Knock out Roses which bloom from spring until the fall frost. These rose plants require minimum maintenance without Black Spot. We will also have a selection of Hanging Plants. To place an order, look for us outside of Founders Hall after each liturgy.

CAR RAFFLE: St. Mary's Church in Landover Maryland has **five new cars** to be raffled including a 2010 Mercury Milan Hybrid, a 2009 Mercury Milan, a 2009 Mariner, 2009 Sable and a 2009 Lincoln MKZ. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased after each weekend liturgy from 18 – 19 April through 2 - 3 May. Tickets will also be available at the Mayfest. Our parish will received \$2.50 from each ticket sold (half of the cost of the tickets) and will receive \$1000 if a winning ticket was sold through our parish. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 16 May; winners need not be present to win. Your support for this raffle is appreciated.

RUN FOR VOCATIONS: Each year, the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors the "Run for Vocations" team for the Marine Corps Marathon. Consider joining us for the marathon, half-marathon and 10K race, to be held on 25 October 2009. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. This is a unique experience to accomplish an amazing goal of promoting vocations to the priesthood, to meet new people and to support our seminarians. For information and to register, please contact Carol Flannery at

cflannery@adw.org or call (301) 853-4584.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office hours are Monday - Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Please note the office is closed during the lunch hour, 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

PARISH RECORD KEEPING: If you are planning to move out of the area or if you have a change in your address or telephone number, please contact the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 108 so the parish records can be updated. Thank you.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a flyer for the Third Sunday of Easter, 25 – 26 April 2009, please call (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email jocconnor@olvp.org by noon on Monday, 20 April.

Facilities

THANK YOU to our volunteers, especially our Confirmation students and their parents, who helped spruce up the church grounds in preparation for Easter. The group did a great job! A special “thank you” goes to Francis Landscaping for donating shredded hardwood mulch and flowers, and for disposing of all the clippings and yard waste. And, special thanks also goes to Kelly Landscaping for donating pine fines and for replacing select boxwood shrubs.

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed. Thank you.

Finance

FORWARD IN FAITH was implemented in 2004 to raise money to support the ministries and programs that are provided by the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic Charities and many other Catholic agencies. As of 31 December 2008, Forward in Faith has raised more than \$100 million dollars in support of the six priorities that were outlined for the campaign. Please visit the Forward in Faith section of the Archdiocese of Washington website at adw.org to learn more about the campaign’s educational, pastoral and ministerial objectives. A Mass will be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese of Washington to acknowledge the work of Forward in Faith and to thank its supporters. After Mass there will be a reception and fellowship. The Forward in Faith Mass will be held Thursday, 7 May 2009, 7:30am at St. Patrick in Rockville, Maryland. Bishop Francisco Gonzalez will be the celebrant.

MORTGAGE: As of 01 April, our current mortgage balance is \$750,108.59. Our monthly principal/interest payment is \$18,500. The March revenue from the Mortgage Reduction collection amounted to \$26,343.34

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

19 Sun Welcome Weekend
White Elephant Drop-Off, Pavilion
10 – 11am and 12 noon – 1pm

21 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions,
4:30 & 6:30pm

22 Wed Faith Formation Sessions,
4:30 & 6:30pm
White Elephant Drop-Off, Pavilion
10 – 11am and 12 noon – 1pm

28 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions,
4:30 & 6:30pm

29 Wed Faith Formation Sessions,
4:30 & 6:30pm

30 Thu The Lord’s Table Soup Kitchen
Mayfest Set-up, 8:00am – 12 noon
White Elephant Drop-off, 2 – 8pm
Holy Hour, 7pm – 8pm, Thomas
More Chapel, Barn

May

01 Fri White Elephant Set-up, 8am – 7pm

02 Sat Mayfest, 8:00am – 2:00pm

03 Sun Building Fund Collection
Food Bags for St. Martin’s Distributed
Mayfest, 12 noon – 4pm

SAVE THE DATE

May

17 Sun Confirmation, 2:00pm

31 Sun Pentecost Sunday (wear red)

June

07 Sun Parish Picnic, 4 – 7pm, Pavilion

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