

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** 2 – 3 May –  
Presiders::

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

#### Readings for the week of April 26, 2009

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/  
Lk 24:35-48  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 or  
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26---2:3  
or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**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. Please return your information by Sunday, 3 May 2009, so you can be included in the summer schedule planner.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS:** 10 May, **Damien de Veuster** (1840 – 1889). Damien de Veuster was a Belgian priest and a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (upper Panel). He volunteered to serve as a missionary to Hawaii where he ministered to lepers quarantined on Molokai. The official flower of the island of Molokai is the kukui blossom (lower panel). He himself died of leprosy. Hawaii selected a statue of him to be placed in the rotunda of the Capital.

### Parish Life

**HOLY HOUR:** An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 30 April, 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Thomas More Chapel.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of her death, please remember in your prayers parishioner **Mary F. Vassallo** (26 April 1995).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for Vocations - Sunday, 3 May 2009:** Holy Hour will be from 6:45pm – 7:45pm (following the 5:30pm Mass) at St. Matthew's Cathedral, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW. (Farragut North and Dupont Circle metro stations). The Reverend Larry Swink will be the Presider and Homilist. This Holy Hour, which will be offered for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, is sponsored by the Office of Priest Vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations at (301) 853-4580 or email Msgr. Panke at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

**ROSARIES:** During the month of May, blessed rosaries will be available in the back of the church in a basket placed at the statue of the Blessed Mother. If you are in need of a rosary, please feel free to help yourself.

**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](mailto: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. The next Baptism class will be at 10:00am on Saturday, 16 May. 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](http://www.dcengagedencounter.org).

**MARRIAGE PLANNING:** It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are

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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 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*, will be on Tuesday, 28 April 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**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.saintjohnsprep.org](http://www.saintjohnsprep.org). For more information about admissions or the Open House, please call the school at (301) 662-4210 or email [admissions@saintjohnsprep.org](mailto:admissions@saintjohnsprep.org).

### *Social Concerns*

**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.

**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.

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. MARTIN'S PANTRY:** Bags will be distributed next weekend, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, 2 – 3 May after each liturgy. Please return the bags with non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9 – 10 May.

**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

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONER:** The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. John Gloss.**

**ANNUAL MAYFEST – TWO WEEKS AWAY!** Come to the Mayfest on Saturday, 2 May and on Sunday, 3 May. On Saturday, White Elephant sales will begin at 8:00am; games for all ages will begin at 10:00am. Enjoy great food, participate in the silent auction and the Pick Your Prize Raffle and visit craft vendors from 10:00am – 2:00pm. On Sunday, bring the whole family for lunch and enjoy new, exciting games from 12:00noon – 4:00pm. Please join us rain or shine.

**MAYFEST CAKEWHEEL:** Cakes and individually wrapped baked goods to sell are needed for the Mayfest on 2-3 May. If you can bake or donate baked goods, please email Anne-Marie Brown at [amdarbybrown@comcast.net](mailto:amdarbybrown@comcast.net), call (301) 947-8747 or sign-up after mass this weekend.

**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, 26 April between 10:0am 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 (301) 977-1965 or email [betzig@aol.com](mailto:betzig@aol.com)

**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 this weekend, 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](mailto: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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, 2 – 3 May 2009, please call (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [joconnor@olvp.org](mailto:joconnor@olvp.org) by noon on Monday, 27 April.

**Facilities**

**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.

**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](http://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

<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
<b>April</b>	
27 Sun	Home Mission Collection 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
<b>May</b>	
01 Fri	White Elephant Set-up, 8am – 7pm White Elephants Drop-off – 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
05 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30pm
06 Wed	Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30pm
10 Sun	Food Bags for St. Martin’s Returned Holy Name at 9:00am Liturgy
11 Mon	Confirmation Rehearsal
12 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
17 Sun	Welcome Weekend Confirmation, 2:00pm
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	
31 Sun	Pentecost Sunday (wear red)
<b>June</b>	
07 Sun	Parish Picnic, 4 – 7pm, Pavilion

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