

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 9 – 10 May –
Presiders:

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

Readings for the week of May 3, 2009

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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.

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.

FAMILY CHOIR will be singing during the 9:00am liturgy on Sunday, 7 June. Rehearsal will be held on Sunday, 31 May after the 9:00am liturgy. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Diana Hurley, (301) 216-0870

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: This weekend, *Grady Max Yontef* celebrates **Baptism**. *Ferris William Lewis* and *Thomas Edward Scherer, Jr.* celebrate **First Eucharist**.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of *the Rev. Msgr. William F. O'Donnell*, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington. We commend him and his family to God in our prayers.

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.

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 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.

PARISH PICNIC: Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, 7 June, 4:00pm – 7:00pm at the parish Pavilion, rain or shine. In addition to games for the whole family, hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill as well as drinks will be provided. Families with the last name beginning with the letters A through H, please bring a salad to share; I through P, please bring a side dish (pasta, rice, vegetable) to share; and Q through Z, please bring a dessert to share.

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

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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 the office at (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

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.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vacation of matrimony. For more information or to register for a weekend, go to www.dcengagedencounter.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 FAITH BLOG: Want to learn more about our Catholic faith? Check out the Archdiocese of Washington's blog at blog.adw.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN: *Quo Vadis* – Where are You Going? We know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. He knew that only by doing what the Father asked of him would there be true joy and fulfillment in this life. Where are you going? What is the Father's will for you? Want to learn more? Find out 9 – 12 August. *Quo Vadis* days will give you the opportunity to learn more about discernment of your vocation. A five day camp for high school young men, activities will include prayer, hiking, games, sports, talks and lots of great food. Space is limited. For information, please contact Fr. Rob Walsh, assistant director for priest vocations, rwalsh@adw.org or call (301) 853-4580.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Fifth Sunday of Easter*, will be on Tuesday, 5 May 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION will meet Sunday evening, 3 May, 6:30pm - 7:45pm in Founders Hall

FAITH FORMATION - LAST SESSION for grades K – 5 will be on Tuesday/Wednesday, 5 - 6 May.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE – Teach in a Catholic School: Check out the new Catholic schools' teacher recruitment video on the internet at YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/WashArchdiocese) and discover the difference you can make in students' lives. You not only will help them excel academically, but also personally through an environment that nurtures faith, values and a respect for truth and learning. Faculty positions are available in Washington, DC, suburban and southern Maryland. For employment information and a list of positions, visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org, or send an email to schools@adw.org or call (301) 853-4552.

Social Concerns

FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. MARTIN'S PANTRY: Bags will be distributed this weekend, please return the bags, with non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers next weekend, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, 16 – 17 May.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$2,058.00 to this national collection. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC) COLLECTION will be taken up in all parishes within the Archdiocese of Washington, on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 16 – 17 May. The CCC develops media programming, projects and resources that promote Gospel values. Fifty percent of the collection supports local communication efforts such as televised masses and diocesan newspapers. The other 50 percent supports the production of national media programming that offers a slice of Catholic life in the United States. The Catholic Communication Campaign is "How the Good News Gets Around!"

MEMORIAL DAY/CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: This Memorial Day, pray for loved ones and friends

at a special memorial Mass, Monday, 25 May, at the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington. Masses will be held at 10:00am at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Road, Germantown, (301) 428-1995.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Ms. Shirani Fernando, Mr. Dan Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Schroefer and Mr. & Mrs. Keith Smith.**

RUN FOR VOCATIONS: 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, 12:00-1:00pm.*

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, 9 – 10 May 2009, call (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Monday, 4 May.

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

CAR RAFFLE: Thank you for your participation in our car raffle sponsored by St. Mary's Church in

Landover. Tickets will be on sale at the Mayfest this weekend. If you purchased ticket #88606 last weekend (26 – 27 April), please call Marcia Montanio at the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 102. The stub for the drawing is missing. If you have it, we will need to send it in for the drawing on 16 May 2009. If you do not have the stub, we will issue another ticket to you.

MORTGAGE: As of 01 May, our current mortgage balance is \$735,317.41. Our monthly principal/interest payment is \$18,500. The April revenue from the Mortgage Reduction collection amounted to \$8,232.34

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
May	
02 Sat	Building Fund Collection
03 Sun	Building Fund Collection Mayfest, 12 noon – 4pm High School Faith Formation, 6:30 - 7:45pm, Founders Hall
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
16 Sat	Baptism Class, 10:00am Barn
17 Sun	Welcome Weekend Confirmation, 2:00pm
19 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
25 Mon	Parish Office Closed
26 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
30 Sat	Sodality Breakfast
31 Sun	Pentecost Sunday (wear red) Family Liturgy, 9:00am
June	
02 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
03 Wed	Ember Day
04 Thu	Holy Hour, 7 – 8pm, Chapel
05 Fri	Ember Day
06 Sat	Ember Day
07 Sun	Building Fund Collection Parish Picnic, 4 – 7pm, Pavilion

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