

Liturgical Life

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: 23 – 24 May –
Presiders:

5:00pm Fr. Raymond Fecteau
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Readings for the week of May 17, 2009

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,
11-13/Mk 16:15-20

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: **30 June, Pierre Toussaint** (1766 - 1853) Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti (upper panel). Jean and Marie Berard brought him to New York City in 1787, where he became a hairdresser. He attended Mass daily. With Elizabeth Ann Seton, he founded one of New York City's first orphanages, and he helped raise funds for the city's first cathedral. In 1990, John Cardinal O'Connor moved his remains to the crypt beneath the high altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral (lower panel).

FAMILY CHOIR will sing during the 9:00am liturgy on Sunday, 7 June. Rehearsal will be 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, **Braden William Ayres, Reese Elizabeth Paciorek and Sean Brendan Tiernan** celebrate **Baptism**. **Joseph Thomas Minutoli, Kathleen Rose Ellis and Jett Montgomery Jacobs** celebrate **First Eucharist**.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **Helen Hayes**, grandmother of *Stephen Hayes*. We commend her and her family to God in our prayers.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners **Helene Walker**, (21 May 2006) and **G. Alan Hellawell** (22 May 2006).

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: You are invited to join fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at a Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 4 June 2009, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. We will pray for the men to be ordained to the priesthood in June and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

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 **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. Engaged Encounter focuses on communication in your relationship, reinforcement of your commitment and strengthening your love. Available weekends include 24 July, 21 August, 18 September and 13 November at the Summerfield Suites in Gaithersburg. 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.

CHRIST IN THE CITY for Young Adults: Christ in the City is a ministry of the Office of Young Adult Ministry that specifically focuses on spiritual growth and provides an opportunity to establish a relationship with Christ truly present in the Eucharist. On the second Thursday of each month, young adults from across the city congregate at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 10th and G Sts, NW in Washington DC to pray and worship. The evening starts with a 7:00pm Rosary. From 7:30 – 8:30pm, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, confession available and reflection. St. Patrick's is Metro accessible via Metro Center's 11th St. exit or Chinatown's 9th St. exit. There is also free parking at the garage on 10th Street

between G and H; bring your ticket to the sacristy for validation. The next date is Thursday, 11 June.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN: *Quo Vadis* – Where are You Going? 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. This is 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 at, rwalsh@adw.org or call (301) 853-4580.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Feast of the Ascension of the Lord*, will be on Tuesday, 19 May 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: During the Lenten Season, we challenged the children in Faith Formation, K – 8th grades, to give alms to our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. You generously donated over \$608.37.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Thank you to all the High School and Middle School kids who have offered to help at SON ROCK KIDS CAMP. We have had an over whelming response from young folks who would like to be counselors and counselors in training. We had 45 volunteer inquiries for this ministry but need only 26 volunteers. We have 120 campers, ages 4 – 12, arriving on Monday, 22 June 2009. Counselors in training and counselors must attend two mandatory meetings: one on Thursday, 14 May at 6:30pm in Founders Hall and one on Thursday, 11 June, 6:30pm in Founders Hall. A confirmation email notice will be sent to those of you who will be working with us on Monday, 11 May 2009.

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). Discover the difference you can make in students' lives. Faculty positions are available in Washington, DC, suburban

and southern Maryland. For employment information, visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org, or send an email to schools@adw.org or call (301) 853-4552.

Social Concerns

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) COLLECTION will be taken up in all parishes within the Archdiocese of Washington, on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 16 – 17 May. CRS supports five Catholic organizations that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church. These ministries include relief and resettlement services to victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; sustainable development programs to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and legal and support services for poor immigrants.

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. Mass will be held, rain or shine, at 10:00am at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Road, Germantown, (301) 428-1995. The celebrant will be The Most Rev. Martin D. Holley.

Human Resources

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.*

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a flyer for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, 23– 24 May 2009, call (301) 948-5536,

ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Monday, 18 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

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

- 17 Sun 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
- 09 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 14 Sun Holy Name Attends 9:00am Liturgy
- 16 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 21 Sun Little Sisters of the Poor Collection
Refreshments after 9:00am Liturgy
- 22 Mon VBC Begins
- 23 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 26 Fri VBC Ends
- 30 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn

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CHURCH CITY: **Darnestown**

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