

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

PENTECOST SUNDAY: 30 – 31 May – Presiders:

5:00pm Fr. Mathew Punchayil
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Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called “the birthday of the Church.” Parishioners are asked to wear the color red on this day – the color of fire and zeal – to show the Spirit is within us.

SPECIAL LITURGY for families with children will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May at the 9:00am liturgy.

Readings for the week of May 24, 2009

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
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

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, **Catherine Bess McIntyre** celebrates **Baptism**. **Amanda Marie Evans, Clara Bernice Griffin** and **Aiden Michael Kirk** celebrate **First Eucharist**. Last weekend **Santo Kevin Seminara** celebrated **First Eucharist**.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with **Confirmation** - the preparation, the celebration and the reception.

OLVP SODALITY Mother/Daughter Mass and Brunch: The 6th Annual Sodality Mass and Breakfast will be held Saturday, 30 May. Mass will begin at 10:00am followed by brunch in Founders Hall. Cost is \$12 for Adults. You do not have to be a Sodality member to attend this event. For more information, please review the flyer in this bulletin or contact Maureen Dingivan at dingivanm@verizon.net.

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, 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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, 13 – 14 June will be celebrated with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament on around our property before the 9:00am liturgy on Sunday, 14 June.

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, contact Fr. Rob Walsh at, rwalsh@adw.org or call (301) 853-4580.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, *Pentecost Sunday*, will be on Tuesday, 26 May 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

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 CRS supports five Catholic organizations that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church. Our parish donated \$2,583.00 to this archdiocesan collection.

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

PARISH RECORD KEEPING: If you CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS or your PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE OF THE CHANGE. If you are planning to MOVE out of the area, please call the office at (301) 948-5536, ext. 108 so our records can be updated. Thank you.

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.*

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

BEFORE SUMMER BEGINS, SIGN UP FOR FAITH DIRECT, an easy and convenient way to make your weekly offertory and monthly mortgage reduction donations to OLVP. Your payments will automatically be deducted from your checking, savings or credit card account. Parishioners are asked to consider this form of giving to help provide the parish with a consistent level of giving year-round and especially through the summer months when parishioners are on vacation. An enrollment form is enclosed with today's bulletin. Please read the information contained in the bulletin to see if you could increase your giving in order to assist our parish in meeting our expenses.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

- 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
- 28 Sun Peter's Pence Collection
- 30 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn

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