

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS 31 October – 1 November: Presiders

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

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2009

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

BLESSING OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Archbishop Wuerl will preside at the 9:00am liturgy on the Solemnity of All Saints, 1 November 2009, and he will bless all the stained glass windows in our church and tower. If you are planning to attend this liturgy, please arrive and be in your seat 10 minutes before the liturgy begins.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 13 November. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) was born in San Angelo, Italy. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and established dozens of schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout the United States and South America. While on a picnic in Colorado with orphaned children, she had them gather rocks and construct a large image of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). Mother Cabrini believed that each of us is called to carry the gospel message to others, and that Mary, Star of the Sea, guides us to where we are most needed (lower panel).

SALVE REGINA: The Marian antiphon, *Salve Regina*, is sung from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. It was used as a processional chant at Cluny as early as 1135. The text of the antiphon is the familiar prayer, “*Hail, Holy Queen.*” At Visitation Parish we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: This weekend Josephine Maibach Kemp, Robert Neal Kemp and Joseph Stephen Spivak celebrate Baptism.

ROSARIES: During the month of October, blessed rosaries will be available in a basket at the rear of the church, near the statue of the blessed Mother. Please feel free to take a

rosary, if you need one. If you have extra rosaries at home and would like to be a part of the project, you may place your rosaries in the basket for others to use.

WORLD PRIEST DAY: Today is the tenth annual World Priest Day, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and in conjunction with the Serra Club’s Priesthood Sunday. Today is a special day for parishioner and families to celebrate and honor their Catholic priests. It is an opportunity for all parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for all of our priests.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Join us for our fall season of Theology on Tap at Ireland’s Four Fields in Cleveland Park (rated Washington Post Raeder’s choice “Best Irish Pub”), 3412 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington DC. Bring friends to Happy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. At 8:00pm our featured speakers will present on this season’s theme: “*The Secret Lives of Priests.*” Come join us on 27 October, 3 10 and 17 November. For more information on archdiocesan and parish young adult opportunities, email Laura Ferstl at yarn@adw.org.

ALL HALLOWS EVE MASS, 31 October at the Crypt: Auxiliary Bishop Francisco Gonzalez, SF will be celebrating Mass in the Crypt of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm, on Saturday, 31 October 2009, for the Vigil of All Saints Day. All are welcome. Children are encouraged to dress up as saints and, after the mass, cookies and punch will be served outside the Crypt in Assembly Hall.

ALL SOULS DAY VISITS TO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: All Souls Day, 2 November, is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. “The souls of the departed,” teaches Pope Benedict XVI, “can... receive ‘solace and refreshment’ through the Eucharist, prayer and almsgiving” (SS, 48). Parishioners are encouraged to visit the sacred ground of the Archdiocese’s Catholic cemeteries on Monday, 2 November to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. The All Souls Day Mass will be held at 9:00am, in the chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

MEN’S DISCERNMENT DINNER: Sunday, 8 November 4pm – 7:30pm. Have you ever felt called to the Priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual mass and dinner with Archbishop Wuerl for adult men who are open to the priesthood. The evening will include mass with Archbishop Wuerl, a presentation, dinner and an opportunity to meet other Catholic men who are considering the call. If you are looking for a sign, this is it – “come and see” why

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

the priesthood is such a gift. To register and for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org, (301) 853-4580. Participants should be single men in their 20's – 40's who are practicing Catholics.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS: A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA on 11 – 13 December 2009. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. This retreat is offered free of charge. This is a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes 1 December 2009. Please call the Dominican Retreat House, (703) 356-4243 or Doug Sebek, (703) 860-4929 as soon as possible.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.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.

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 a Baptism Class, please call the parish office, (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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 27 October 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

EDUCATION-PARISH-SERVICES (EPS): What is our primary mission as Catholics and how do we fulfill it? Find out by enrolling in the EPS course, **Evangelization: The Essential Mission of the Church**, a six-week exploration of evangelization and catechesis as the essential mission of the Church, especially in parish life. The course will be held Tuesdays, from 3 November – 8 December, from 10:00am – 12:30pm (includes Mass) on the campus of Trinity

(Washington) University, 125 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC. Rev. Anthony Krisak, CSP, S.T.D., Director, ENVISION Services, Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association will be the instructor. To register, contact Ann Kitterman at kittermana@trinitydc.edu or call (202) 8884-9030. For details and information about additional upcoming courses, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. EPS relies solely on donation.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE for all 7th and 8th grade students and their families:

Connelly School of the Holy Child is a Catholic, independent college preparatory middle and upper school for young women, grades 6 through 12. Families are invited to attend our annual Admissions Open House program on Sunday, 25 October from 12:00 to 2:30pm. Holy Child is located at 9029 Bradley Blvd. For additional information, contact the Admissions Office (301) 365-0955 or visit www.holychild.org.

St. Anselm's Abbey School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, 1 November 2009 from 11:00am until 3:00pm. St. Anselm's Abbey School is a private, independent Roman Catholic day school for academically gifted young men, grades six through twelve. St. Anselm's is located at 4501 South Dakota Ave., NE, Washington DC. For information contact E.V. Downey, Director of Admissions at (202) 269-2379 or email admissions@saintanselms.org

Social Concerns

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers are needed to help serve at the Lord's Table Soup Kitchen on Thursday, 29 October. To volunteer, please call Joyce McCarthy at (301) 590-1258 or (301) 674-6754.

FOOD BAG COLLECTIONS: Students are needed to distribute bags after liturgy for several food collections; 7 – 8 November, 5 – 6 December, 6 – 7 March and 24 – 25 April. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Newell at Denise22@comcast.net or call (301) 990-6085. Confirmation service hours are available for this project.

WORLD MISSION COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$1,698.00 to this national collection

Human Resources

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL HAM AND TURKEY DINNER will be held on Saturday, 31 October from 12 noon till 7:00pm at St. Mary's in Barnesville, MD. Menu includes baked ham, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sauerkraut, green beans and all the trimmings. All you can eat, served family style. Adults are \$12.00; children 12 and under are free in the dining room. All carry-outs are \$12.00. There will be a country store, cake wheel, baked goods, crafts and religious items. Candy will be available for the Trick-or-Treaters, face painting and hayrides for the children. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00. For directions or information call (301) 972-8660 or go to stmaryonline.com.

CRAFT SHOPPE will be taking orders for Advent wreath candles, religious books and poinsettias after each liturgy beginning the weekend of 7 – 8 November in Founders Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH TREE SALES: Sign-ups will be held after liturgy each weekend in November beginning 7 – 8 November. Mark your calendars to help with set up on Saturday morning, 28 November.

BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer for in the bulletin please submit the information by calling Jean O'Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email jocconnor@olvp.org by noon on Friday.

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

Facilities

TRAFFIC PATTERNS: For the health and safety of all, please follow the designated traffic patterns for our church. Enter from Seneca Road and take an immediate right onto the first driveway. Exit via the second drive (furthest from Seneca Road) and turn left toward Seneca Road. Fire regulations prohibit parking in the circle during services. Please drive counter-clockwise in the circle.

Finance

MORTGAGE: As of 1 October our mortgage debt is \$660,024.42. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The September revenue from our Debt Reduction Collection amounted to \$8,777.37.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October

- 26 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Founders Hall
- 27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am Barn, Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 28 Wed Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 29 Thu The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

November

- 01 Sun **All Saints Day**
Archbishop Wuerl, 9:00am Liturgy
Blessing of Windows
High School Faith Formation Session 6:30 – 7:45, Founders Hall
- 02 Mon All Souls Day
RCIA, 7:00pm Founders Hall
- 03 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 04 Wed Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 05 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Thomas More Chapel, Barn
- 08 Sun Sign up – Christmas Tree Sales
Craft Shoppe Pre-orders
Food Bags for St. Martin's Distributed
Holy Name at 9:00am Liturgy
- 09 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm Founders Hall
- 10 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 11 Wed Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 15 Sun Adopted Family Slips Distributed
Tree Sales Sign-up
Craft Shoppe Pre-orders
Food Bags for St. Martin's Returned
St. Nicholas Project Begins
- 16 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Founders Hall
- 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 18 Wed Faith Formation Sessions, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 19 Thu Sodality Mass, Thomas More Chapel
7:00pm Parish Barn

SAVE THE DATE

December

- 04 – 06 Craft Shoppe Sales
- 04 – 13 Tree Sales

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