

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: 21 – 22 November: Presiders

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

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

THANKSGIVING LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, 25 November, 6:00pm in the church.

IN/OUT OF FLU SEASON – No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of good will. Also, he or she may wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by the mouth. Common sense dictates that one remain at home if feeling unwell.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: Rose Philippine Duchesne, 18 November. Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France in 1769 and entered the Visitation Order at nineteen. After the community was dispersed by the French Revolution, Rose joined St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in her newly founded Society of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). She led a pioneer bank of nuns to Missouri, opened schools and worked in Sugar Creek, Kansas. The Potawatomi Indians called her “woman who prays always.” One night the children placed small feathers on her veil as she knelt in prayer. In the morning, the feathers had not moved (lower panel). She died in 1852 and was canonized in 1988. In the United States her feast day is 18 November.

Presentation of Mary, 21 November. The Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple is a feast celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches. The lily is often used in sacred art to represent the ever-virgin Mary (lower panel). On this feast in 1990, James Cardinal Hickey

appointed Father Raymond Fecteau to explore the feasibility of establishing a parish in the Darnestown area. The logo for Our Lady of the Visitation parish, canonically established on 31 May 1991, appears in the upper 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

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers, the following parishioners: **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004) and **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 November 2007).

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. A list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died this past year can be found in today’s bulletin.

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, call the parish office (301) 498-5536 ext. 105.

SAVE THE DATES: Here is an opportunity to participate in our first parish family **Christmas/Epiphany Pageant** on Sunday, 13 December, 2:00pm in our church followed by a Christmas Cookie Reception. Come to the first meeting on Sunday, **15 November in Founders Hall after the 11:00am liturgy.** *Jesus is the Reason for the Season*, let’s make Him smile!!! For additional information, check the bulletin, Faith Formation emails or call the Faith Formation office (301) 948-5536 and speak to Michele or Jackie.

2010 CONFIRMATION DATE: The Most Reverend. Francisco Gonzalez, S.F., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish on the **Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9 May 2010 at 2:00pm.**

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT: Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat for men in their 20's – 40's who are considering a call to the priesthood. The retreat will be held at Theological College, from the evening of Friday, 5 February through Sunday, 7 February at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, (301) 853-4580 or visit the website vocations@adw.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.

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.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Feast of Christ the King*, will be on Tuesday, 17 November 2009, 10:00am, in the Barn.

REMINDER: Faith Formation sessions will not be held on Tuesday, 24 November and Wednesday, 25 November. We pray you will have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Social Concerns

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER Baby Closet Helper. If you like working behind the scenes, are skilled in organizing, and like to sort cute baby items, consider helping with our baby closet. We are looking for someone to help once a week between 10:00am and 2:30pm. Contact Jackie Stippich, Executive Director at (301) 963-6223.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION (CCHD) will be taken in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington the weekend of 21 - 22 November 2009. For almost 40 years, the CCHD has offered a solution to poverty by funding low-income community groups across the United States that find lasting solutions to the root causes of poverty. CCHD supports poor and low-income people in acquiring affordable housing, fair wages, access to health care and vocational training. The leaders of CCHD funded groups are low-income community members who want to change their situation for a lifetime. Last year, through your generous contributions, CCHD funded several local organizations, including the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a parish-based charity that received unprecedented requests for help due to the economic crisis, and Project ACTION!, a self-advocacy coalition composed of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization is assisting people with disabilities to effectively advocate for resources and funding for critical services. These and other programs are possible through your support to the CCHD on 21 – 22 November. Your generosity is appreciated and can help create hope for a better future for those in need.

Human Resources

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Sign-ups will be held after liturgy each weekend in November.

- Mark your calendars to help with set up at 8:00am on **Saturday morning, 28 November**. For more information call Bill Connors, (301) 869-8203.
- “**Work out Thursday**”, **3 December**. Strong arms are needed to help unload the Christmas trees beginning at 1:00pm
- **Sales** begin on **Friday, 4 December**, at 3:30pm

CULINARY SKILLS NEEDED: Help feed the volunteers who are selling the Christmas trees by donating your favorite chili, soup, pasta, sandwiches or desserts. Volunteers are also needed to serve the workers and keep the kitchen clean. Help is needed on Saturday/Sunday, 5 – 6 December and on Saturday, 12 December. Sign-up sheets are available after each weekend liturgy during the month of November.

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

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 joconnor@olvp.org by noon on Friday.

Facilities

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who came to help clean our church in preparation for Archbishop Wuerl's visit.

Finance

CRAFT SHOPPE will be taking orders for Advent wreath candles, religious books and poinsettias after each liturgy in November in Founders Hall. Deliver will be the weekend of 5 – 6 December. The shoppe will be open from Friday evening, 4 December to Sunday, 6 December. Our raffle items for this year include *Chrissa, the 2009 American Doll* and the *Christmas Shop Lego Toy Set*. Raffle tickets will be available beginning 7 November through 6 December. All proceeds benefit the parish.

FORWARD IN FAITH: Our parish has been successful in confirming \$1,861,280.64 in total pledges to support Forward in Faith. \$1,651,228.97 had been paid as of 30 September 2009; the archdiocese has received \$520,000 and our parish has received \$1,131,228.97. The outstanding amount is \$210,051.67. Thank you to all donors here at Visitation Parish who have fulfilled or continue to fulfill their pledges to Forward in Faith.

ENVELOPE CHANGE: Thank you to all those parishioners who have enrolled in Faith Direct. In the coming months, you will notice that our offertory envelopes and Debt Reduction envelopes will include a box to check and indicate that you have chosen to contribute through Faith Direct. Your Faith Direct contributions are not designated for Holy Days or Archdiocesan Collections. You will no longer need to use the offertory cards provided by Faith Direct. When you receive your new envelopes with the new message, please contact the Faith Direct office at (866) 507-8757 or email them at info@faithdirect.net to discontinue receiving the offertory cards. Our church account number is MD114.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 November our mortgage debt is \$644,682.72. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The October revenue from our Debt Reduction Collection amounted to \$7,237.33.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 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
- 22 Sun CCHD National Collection
Adopted Family Collection
Sign-up-Christmas Tree Sales
Craft Shoppe Pre-Sales
Christmas/Epiphany Pageant Meeting
12 noon, Founders Hall
- 24 Tue No Faith Formation Sessions
- 25 Wed Vigil of Thanksgiving
Sacred Liturgy, 6:00pm
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 26 Thu Parish Office Closed
- 27 Fri Parish Office Closed
- 28 Sat Christmas Trees Set-Up
- 30 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Founders Hall

December

- 01 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 02 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 04 Fri Christmas Trees Sales Begin
Craft Shoppe Opens
Food Bags for Head Start Distributed
- 06 Sun High School Faith Formation
- 07 Mon RCIA
- 08 Tue **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
Sacred Liturgy, 12:00 noon
Scripture Study 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 09 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 12 Sat Christmas/Epiphany Pageant
Dress Rehearsal, 10:00am, Church
- 13 Sun Religious Retirement Collection
Food Bags for Head Start Returned
St. Nicholas Project Donations Due
Holy Name Society at 9:00am Liturgy
Christmas Trees Sales Ends
Christmas/Epiphany Pageant

SAVE THE DATE

May

- 09 Sun Confirmation, 2:00pm, Bishop Gonzalez

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