

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

#### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: Presiders:

5:00pm	Fr. Raymond Fecteau (Baptisms)
9:00am	Fr. Raymond Fecteau
11:00am	Fr. Raymond Fecteau

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** On the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, 2 - 3 January 2010, special refreshments will be served after each liturgy to celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of our first public mass in Darnestown.

#### Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**SOLMENCY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: 1 January 2010** is a Holy Day of obligation. Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated Friday, 1 January, 11:00am. "Mother of God" is the oldest title and feast for Mary. Mary, under this title, is the patroness of the Archdiocese of Washington.

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, - 2 -3 January 2010:** Our Family Choir will sing at the 9:00am Family Liturgy. Refreshments will be served after each liturgy to celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of our first public mass in Darnestown.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** Thank you for volunteering to serve our parish during the Christmas Season and throughout the year.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, 1 January.** "Mother of God" is the oldest title and feast for Mary. Mary, under this title, is the patroness of the Archdiocese of Washington. The Coat of Arms for our Archdiocese appears in the upper panel; St. Matthew's, the cathedral for our Archdiocese, appears in the lower panel.

**LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER:** One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the

Christmas season. Hermarues Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013 - 1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

**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.

### Parish Life

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of her death, please remember in your prayers, the following parishioner: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (1 January 2002).

**THANK YOU** to all the families who helped and attended our parish Christmas Pageant. The families and the family choir presented our parish with an inspirational and spiritual program.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15am daily liturgy. Morning prayer begins at 8:45am in the Thomas More Chapel.

**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 (301) 948-5536 ext. 105.

**FIRST PENANCE:** First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on Saturday, 30 January at 9:00am. A reception for the children and their families will follow in Founders Hall.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** for parents of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades parishioners will be on Thursday, 7 January, 7:00pm in the church.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST** will be held Saturday, 23 January 2010 in Founders Hall.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to parishioner Kevin Quine. He recently received his Eagle Scout award and has contributed to our parish by coordinating the building of a fence around our electrical transformer at the barn.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** for parishioners of all ages, Saturday, 16 January 2010, Annunciation Church, Washington DC, from 9:00am – 2:00pm. The day will include Mass, a reflection by Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation on “*The Life and Spirituality of St. John Vianney*”, Adoration and Confession. Lunch is provided free of charge. Contact Maris Moriarty at [moriartym@adw.org](mailto:moriartym@adw.org) or call (301) 853-4585 for information and reservations.

**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.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** Engaged Encounter is a program of the Catholic Church dedicated to preparing couples for the Sacrament of marriage. For information or to register for a weekend, go to [www.dcengagedencounter.org](http://www.dcengagedencounter.org).

**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](mailto:joconnor@olvp.org).

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Epiphany of the Lord*, will be on Tuesday, 30 December, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS:** Grades K – 8 will resume on Tuesday, 5 January and Wednesday, 6 January.

**MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL'S AFTER CARE** seeks a new team member for a 15 hour work week. The After Care hours are 3 – 6pm, Monday through Friday. Duties include the supervision of children in multiple locations on the school grounds, including the outdoor playground. All staff must complete the Archdiocese of Washington's child Protection Program, which requires fingerprinting and attendance at a specific training session. If interested, please call Sr. John at (301) 869-0940 or email [Sisterjohn@MaryofNazareth.org](mailto:Sisterjohn@MaryofNazareth.org).

**EPS: EDUCATION + PARISH + SERVICE** is offering three courses in January. EPS has been educating Catholics to understand, live and share their faith since 1978. EPS

classes are held on the campus of Trinity University in Washington, DC. To register, contact Ann Kitterman at [kittermana@trinitydc.edu](mailto:kittermana@trinitydc.edu) or call (202) 884-9030

- **Speaking God's Word: The Prophets**, is a study of the Old Testament prophets and the prophetic mission of today's Church will be on Tuesdays beginning 5 January through 26 January from 10:00am – 12:30pm.
- **This We Believe**, an introduction to the study of the theology, drawing on the Creed and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, will be on Tuesday evenings from 5 January – 26 January, 7:00pm – 9:15pm.
- **Conversational Spanish for Parish Ministry** for English speakers who want to speak enough Spanish to be effective greeters, ministers to the homebound, bulletin editors and participants in bi-lingual liturgy and prayer. The course will be offered in two six-week sessions at EPS on the campus of Trinity University. The winter introductory session will be on Monday, 11 Jan – 22 Feb, 10am – noon; the evening session are on Wednesday, 13 Jan to 24 Feb, 7–9pm. For information call Ann Kitterman, (202) 884-9030 or email [kittermana@trinitydc.edu](mailto:kittermana@trinitydc.edu).

### *Social Concerns*

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION** will be taken the weekend of 9 – 10 January 2010. This collection, mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, embodies the church's concern for evangelizing black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples in the United States. These needs exist throughout the country. Each year, bishops appeal for help in the great and growing task of parish evangelization. The collection is needed now more than ever. Your generosity of appreciated.

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank our generous parishioners who donated bags of groceries to the Head Start canned food drive, to those parishioners who purchased gifts for our Adopted Families, to those who donated to our Advent Baby Need collection for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center and to everyone who participated in the St. Nicholas Project.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT:** The Maryland Catholic Conference's annual Lobby Night, which brings together hundreds of Catholics to meet with their state lawmakers, will be held on President's day, Monday, 15 February, in Annapolis. Please visit [www.mdathcon.org](http://www.mdathcon.org) or call (410) 269-1155 or (9301) 261-1979 for more information.

**Human Resources**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm. The office will be closed Friday, 1 January 2010.

**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 (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [jocannon@olvp.org](mailto:jocannon@olvp.org) by noon on Friday.

**Facilities**

**SNOW EMERGENCY:** Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. Faith formation sessions are cancelled if a snow emergency plan is in effect, or if Montgomery Country public schools are closed for school/community use. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

**TRAFFIC PATTERNS:** 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 and turn LEFT toward Seneca Road. Fire regulations prohibit parking in the circle during services.

**Finance**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT:** We are grateful to parishioners who made an extra donation to our parish at Christmas. Your donation is needed to help balance our parish budget.

**GIVE LESS TO THE IRS:** All 2009 donations to Visitation Parish throughout the year and at Christmas are tax deductible. All stocks donated in 2009 are credited to the donor at full face value on the date of transfer.

**2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** To receive credit in 2009, your contributions must be dated by Thursday, 31 December 2009. If you are mailing a contribution, it must be postmarked by Monday, 4 January 2010 and received in the parish office by Friday, 8 January 2010 to be credited to your 2009 Contribution Statement.

**ST. MARY'S CAR RAFFLE:** We will be participating in the February 2010 Car Raffle with St. Mary's in Landover Hills, MD. Like last year, there will be 5 new cars. Chances will be \$5.00; and we keep \$2.50. We are also looking for a

chairperson and other volunteers to help with this process. If you are able to help, please call Marcia in the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 102 or email [mmontanio@olvp.org](mailto:mmontanio@olvp.org).

**MORTGAGE:** As of 1 December, our mortgage debt is \$613,882.09. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,700. The November revenue from our Debt Retirement Fund amounted to \$8,674.33.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**December**

- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 31 Thu The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

**January**

- 01 Fri **Mary, Mother of God**  
Sacred Liturgy, 11:00am
- 03 Sun **Epiphany of the Lord**  
Family Liturgy – 9:00am
- 04 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Founders Hall
- 05 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation Sessions
- 06 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 07 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00pm, Thomas More Chapel  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Confirmation Mtg  
7:00pm Founders Hall
- 09 Sat Getting Ready Day, 9:00am,  
Founders Hall
- 10 Sun Black and Indian Missions  
National Collection  
Holy Name Society at 9:00 am Liturgy  
High School Faith Formation  
6:30 – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
- 11 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Founders Hall
- 12 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation Sessions
- 13 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 18 Mon Parish Office Closed

**SAVE THE DATE**

**January**

- 23 Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Breakfast

**February**

- 05 Fri Volunteer Mardi Gras Party
- 07 Sun Family Bingo

**May**

- 09 Sun Confirmation, 2:00pm Bishop Gonzalez

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