

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

**EASTER SUNDAY 2010:** Easter Sunday is a movable feast; it is an ancient custom to announce the date of Easter on the *Feast of the Epiphany*. Therefore we joyfully announce that this year *Easter Sunday*, the Sunday of Sundays, will be celebrated on 4 April 2010. The Season of Lent begins on *Ash Wednesday*, 17 February 2010; the Season of Easter ends on *Pentecost Sunday*, 23 May 2010.

### THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Presiders:

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

### Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/ Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**SAINT/WINDOWS: ELIZABETH ANN SETONM 4 January:** (1774 – 1821) Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York and raised as an Episcopalian. Widowed with five children, Elizabeth became a Catholic and was especially devoted to the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (upper panel). She founded the American Sisters of Charity in 1809, establishing the foundations for the parochial school system in America. Mary of Nazareth School, a school serving our parish and six other parishes, met in our parish barn (lower panel) until their new school was built in 1996.

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN, 5 January:** (1811 – 1860) John Neumann was born in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States and was ordained a priest in New York City. He joined the Redemptorists (upper panel) and did missionary work in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. Consecrated bishop of Philadelphia (lower panel), he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, invited teaching orders to the diocese, and established parishes for immigrants. John Neumann was also known for his great love for the Eucharist and for the rosary.

**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

**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 Founders Hall.

**GETTING READY DAY** for those parishioners preparing to receive their First Penance and Reconciliation and their First Eucharist in 2010 and their parent(s)/guardians(s) is scheduled for Saturday, 9 January 2010.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society and attend the 9:00am liturgy on Sunday, 10 January 2010.

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

**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.

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

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** for parishioners of all ages will be on Saturday, 16 January 2010 at Annunciation church in Washington, DC from 9:00am – 2:00pm. The day

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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.

**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).

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

### Faith Formation for Life

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*, will be on Tuesday, 5 January, 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 sessions 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. Each year, by contributing to this collection, there is a real opportunity for Catholics to actively participate in evangelization programs. The collection supports the most neediest people across the United States. Your generosity is 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.

**RALLY FOR LIFE AND YOUTH MASS** The year’s rally for Life and Youth Mass will be held on Friday, 22 January.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT:** The Maryland Catholic Conference’s annual Lobby Night, which brings together hundreds of Catholics to meet with their state law-

makers, will be held on President's day, Monday, 15 February, in Annapolis. Please visit [www.mdcathcon.org](http://www.mdcathcon.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 is closed during the lunch hour - 12:00 - 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 (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [joconnor@olvp.org](mailto:joconnor@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).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>January</b>		
01	Fri	<b>Mary, Mother of God</b> Sacred Liturgy, 11:00am
03	Sun	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> 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	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
19	Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
20	Wed	Faith Formation Sessions

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<b>January</b>		
23	Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Breakfast
<b>February</b>		
05	Fri	Volunteer Mardi Gras Party
07	Sun	Family Bingo
<b>May</b>		
09	Sun	Confirmation, 2:00pm Bishop Gonzalez

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