

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 13 - 14
February: Presiders

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

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,
11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17,
20-26

LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (17 February 2010) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday (1 April 2010).

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, 17 February 2010 begins the Season of Lent, which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, 1 April 2010.

Liturgy of the Eucharist, with distribution of ashes:

6:00am, 12 noon, and 6:00pm in the church

Ecumenical Prayer Service with distribution of ashes:

8:00pm, St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday, (17 February 2010) and Good Friday, (2 April 2010) are days of total abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. All the Fridays of Lent are days of total abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics over 14 years of age; the law of fasting binds all Catholics from the 18th year until and including their 59th birthday.

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 one remain at home if feeling unwell.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Caelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the baptism of the Lord until Holy Thursday. At visitation Parish, it is one of the four traditional Marian antiphons sung during the presentation of gifts.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frederick William Whalen** (9 February 1998) and **Joseph E. Gaffney** (13 February 1996).

ANNUAL FAMILY BINGO: Sunday, 7 February 2010
2:00pm – 4:00pm in Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$2.00 for a 3 card sheet. Families with the last name beginning with A –H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality

GETTING READY DAY for those preparing to receive their First Eucharist in 2010 is scheduled for Saturday, 20 February 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am in Founders Hall.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT will be held on Friday, 26 February, 6:00pm through Saturday, 27 February, 6:00pm. For inquiries, contact Fr. Ray at rfecteau@olvp.org.

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.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS: Are you looking for opportunities for faith sharing and socializing? Try Post Cana. Post Cana is an organization sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Washington for the mutual support of widowed people of all ages. Events include social, educational and spiritual gatherings. For further information or to register, please call Joan Mahoney, (301) 438-1486.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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 mass, 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 more information or to register for a weekend, go to 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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 9 February, 10:00am, in the Barn.

FAITH FORMATION: VBC IS COMING SOON! Join us on our **High Seas Expedition**. Hey kids, set sail this summer, feel the sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead and you and your crew get ready to experience the deep rolling waters of GOD'S LOVE. The expedition begins 21 – 26 June from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

NEW THIS YEAR – The expedition continues 28 June – 1 July from 9:00am – 1:00pm. You may choose a one week expedition or a two week expedition. Expedition fee is \$95 per sailor (in parish), \$115 per sailor for out of parish. Check the weekly bulletin and bulletin insert pages for additional information. Open registration will be in the St. Ann's room (lower church level across from the restrooms) on Sunday, 14 March after the 9:00am Family Liturgy.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBC: Twenty teens are needed for each session this year. High school students and middle school volunteers (you must have completed 6th grade to be a CIT). Please come and register on 14 March after the 9:00am Family Liturgy in the Cana

Room in Founders Hall. First come, first served. MCSP SSL hours will be given for 25 – 30 hours per session.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBC: Come and sign up to join the fun with our parish children on one or two sessions Sunday, 14 March after the 9:00am Family Liturgy in Founders Hall or email Michele Olewack at molewach@olvp.org.

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2010 – 2011 School Year will be held on Tuesday, 9 February and Thursday, 11 February from 9:00am – 11:00am, both days. Parents wishing to register their children must come to the school on one of those two days with the completed application materials. A completed application requires the application and tuition agreement, a copy of the child's birth and Baptismal certificates, a check for the registration fee and the following, if applicable: pastoral recommendation form, copies of report card(s) and standardized testing results. Children entering preschool must be 3 or 4 years old as of 1 September and children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by 1 September. Tuition assistance information may be obtained by calling the school office at (301) 869-0940, ext. 3 or by visiting the Archdiocese of Washington website at www.catholicsschoolswork.org.

PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FORMS: Mary of Nazareth families who are registering to attend the school, either new families or families who are returning next year, are asked to drop off their forms at the parish office at least one week before their due date. Please call the office (301) 948-5536, before dropping the form off. Parish staff will call you for pickup after the form is signed.

Social Concerns

HAITI EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION: The Archdiocese is collecting funds to send to Haiti. If you would like to make a donation, please send your check, payable to "Our Lady of the Visitation Parish" with a notation on the check for "Haiti Relief", and send it to the parish office, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Thus far our parish has collected \$24,135.00 for the humanitarian efforts of the U.S. bishops and CRS in Haiti.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT: The Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) and the Catholic bishops of Maryland, invites you to attend the 26th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis on Monday, 15 February from 3pm – 8pm. Lobby Night is an event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected state officials. Lobby Night begins with prayer and com-

missioning from the bishops, followed by issue briefings from MCC staff then meetings with lawmakers followed by a dinner reception with legislators. Registration is required. To register, call (301) 261-1979 or register online at www.mdcathcon.org.

payment is \$18,500. (Our original loan amounted \$2,220,000.)

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONER: The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Bill Adams.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm. The 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 (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email jconnor@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. When in doubt, call the parish office, (9301) 948-5536.

Finance

SNOWFALL SHORTFALL: Our parish is under budget because of lower attendance due to the weather. We are grateful to those parishioners who make up their contributions when they return.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed. If you have not received your statement, or if you have any questions about the statement, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536,, ext. 102. Contributions donated through Faith Direct are on the year end statement. No statement will be sent from Faith Direct.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 February 2010, our monthly mortgage debt is \$598,417.55. The January revenue amounted to \$9,347.33. Our monthly interest/principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

07 Sun	Family Bingo, 2 – 4pm Founders Hall High School Faith Formation 6:30pm – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
08 Mon	RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn
09 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
10 Wed	Faith Formation Sessions
14 Sun	Holy Name Society at 9:00am Liturgy
15 Mon	President’s Day, Parish Office Closed
16 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
17 Wed	Ash Wednesday, Sacred Liturgy: 6:00am, 12 noon, 6:00pm 8:00pm Ecumenical Service Faith Formation Sessions
20 Sat	Getting Ready Day, 9:00am – 11:00am
23 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
24 Wed	Ember Day Faith Formation Sessions Penance, 6:30pm, Church
26 Fri	Ember Day
27 Sat	Confirmation Retreat Begins, 6:00pm Ember Day Confirmation Retreat Ends, 6:00pm

March

02 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
03 Wed	Faith Formation Sessions Penance, 6:30pm, Church
04 Thu	Holy Hour, 7 – 8pm, Thomas More Chapel
07 Sun	Food Bag Collection for Head Start Bags Distributed High School Faith Formation Session 6:30 – 7:45pm, Founders Hall

SAVE THE DATE

May

09 Sun	Confirmation, 2:00pm Bishop Gonzalez
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