

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

#### PASSION SUNDAY: - 27 – 28 March, Presiders:

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

#### Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Rm 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49

#### HOLY THURSDAY

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

1 April 2010

6:00pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

2 April 2010

7:00pm

#### HOLY SATURDAY

*The Easter Vigil*

3 April 2010

8:00pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY

*Sacred Liturgy*

4 April 2010

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

**LENT:** The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both perspective Catholics and parishioners to celebrate the paschal mystery. The prospective Catholics, both with the Rite of Election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the parishioners, 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 beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (1 April 2010).

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday, 2 April 2010. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together

may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION:

During Lent, the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation will be celebrated Wednesday evenings, through 24 March, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the church. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place during that time.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fridays, through 26 March, 7:00pm in the church.

#### SPECIAL LITURGY FOR FAMILIES WITH

**CHILDREN** will be celebrated at the 9:00am liturgy on Passion Sunday, 28 March, and at the 9:00am liturgy on Easter Sunday.

### Parish Life

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of **John B. Feeney, Sr.** father of parishioner *John Feeney, Jr.* We commend him and his family to God in our prayers.

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of her death, please remember the following parishioner in your prayers: **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003).

**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION:** The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The focus of the devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. The Forty Hours devotion begins with a procession to the Thomas More Chapel after the 5:00pm liturgy on Saturday, 20 March. The Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar during the next 40 hours for parishioners to gather for personal prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion will conclude at the 9:15am liturgy on Monday, 22 March. The Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of our person and family. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

#### GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS at All

**Souls Cemetery:** Make Good Friday a day of prayerful reflection on the sacrifice and passion of Jesus Christ. You are invited to prayerfully remember deceased loved ones by walking the Stations of the Cross at All Souls Cemetery on Friday, 2 April at 12:00 noon. For information, or in the event of inclement weather, contact Michael Mazzuca at All Souls Cemetery, (301) 428-1995.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**JUBIARIAN MASS** Sunday, 6 June 2010, 2:30pm at the Basilica of the national Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Donald Wuerl will preside at the annual event honoring married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage. Personalized certificates signed by Archbishop Wuerl will be distributed to the couples following the ceremony. To register, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 108 by 30 April.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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**. The next Baptism class will be Saturday, 27 March. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

**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.

### *Faith Formation for Life*

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for next Sunday, *Passion Sunday*, will be on Tuesday, 23 March, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**FAITH FORMATION: VBC IS ONGOING!** 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. This year we will hold TWO, ONE WEEK expeditions. The first expedition will run from 21 – 25 June from 9:00am – 1:00pm. The second expedition will run from 28 June – 2 July. You may choose to attend either expedition, OR BOTH. The expedition fee is \$95 per week, per sailor for parishioners, and \$115 per week, per sailor for non-parishioners. Check the weekly bulletin insert pages for additional info. For more information, call Jackie at (301) 948-5536, ext. 114.

**PURE FASHION SHOW:** We are looking for sponsors to donate a table for OLVP at this year's Pure Fashion Show on Sunday, 18 April, 12:30pm at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center. Pure Fashion is a 7-month model training program for high school girls that promotes the development of self-confidence and poise, and the program teaches young women that what they wear sends a message Catholic spirituality is at the core of Pure Fashion and the program culminates in an entertaining fashion show/luncheon that reinforces how young girls can be both fashionable and modest. With the tax deductible donation of \$500 to sponsor a table, OLVP will hold a lottery and send 4 eighth grade students from Mary of Nazareth School and 4 eighth grade students from Faith Formation to attend the show and luncheon. Two adults would accompany the students. To help us promote this positive message, call Michele Olewack, (301) 948-5536, ext. 107.

**THANK YOU** to parish families from Mary of Nazareth School for your donation to our Faith Formation program.

### *Social Concerns*

**HEALTH/CAREGIVING:** Holy Cross Hospital is offering training for individuals and families with health/caregiving concerns or other special needs. Individuals are trained in how to develop a support team within their organization and how to pool talents, creativity and time in offering caregiving support to individuals or families in need. One more individual is needed to complete the current class being formed at Holy Cross. One parishioner from OLVP and three from a neighboring parish are interested in attending this class. The cost is minimal, approximately \$15 to cover costs. This is a new effort being explored by OLVP's Social Concerns committee as a way of offering services to parishioners in need. Contact Marianne Beattie, Chair, Social Concerns Committee at (301) 869-6898 if you would like to attend the training session or if you are interested in participating in this type of ministry.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. Darryl Beatty, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Goodwin, and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Seppy**.

**ANNUAL VOLUNTEER PARTY** has been rescheduled for **Friday, 23 April 2010** in Founders. All adults who have

volunteered in any way within the parish over the past year are invited to attend, including all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation programs. Dance to the wonderful sounds of our DJ or relax and visit with friends. RSVP by Friday, 16 April, (301) 948-5536, ext. 104.

**MAYFEST:** This year's Mayfest will be the first weekend in May, **Saturday, 1 May, 8:00am – 2:00pm and Sunday, -2 May, noon – 4pm.** Activities will include a **White Elephant sale, silent auction, plant sale, book sale, games, food and drinks, Bingo and crafts. Donations for the White Elephant are needed;** please save your items to donate. Donations will be accepted in April. If you are able to help with organizing the Mayfest, contact John Theis, (301) 977-9223 (evenings.)

**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 [jocannon@olvp.org](mailto:jocannon@olvp.org) by noon on Friday.

**Facilities**

**SNOW REMOVAL COLLECTION** amounted to \$2,658.00. If you would like to contribute to this collection please make your check payable to OLVP and mail it to the parish office, noting the contribution is for "Snow Removal". Thank you for your generosity

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT:** Please join the sixth, seventh and eighth grade Confirmation candidates, and their families, for the Spring-time "**Spruce Up**" Day on **Saturday, 17 April 2009 from 8:00am – noon.** Please bring work gloves and small gardening tools with you.

**Finance**

**MORTGAGE:** As of 1 March 2010, our mortgage debt is \$582,876.56. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The February revenue from our Debt Reduction collection amounted to \$7,373.34.

**FAITH DIRECT:** Parishioners can make weekly offertory and monthly mortgage reduction contributions via automatic payment from their checking account or credit card throughout the year. To enroll in the program, visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and enter MD114, our church code.

**CAR RAFFLE:** We are participating in a car raffle with St. Mary's in Landover Hills. There are 5 new cars to win; tickets are \$5.00 each. This is a major fundraiser for our parish. Watch the bulletin for further details.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**March**

- 20 Sat Forty Hours Devotion Begins, after 5:00pm Mass
- 21 Sun Sodality Tea, 2:00pm, Founders Hall
- 22 Mon Forty Hours Devotion Ends, 9:15 Mass
- 23 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation Sessions
- 24 Wed Faith Formation Sessions  
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church
- 26 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Church
- 27 Sat Baptism Class, 10:00am, Church
- 30 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 31 Wed Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church

**April**

- 01 Thu *Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00pm*
- 02 Fri *Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00pm*
- 03 Sat *The Easter Vigil, 8:00pm*
- 04 Sun *Easter Sunday Masses, 7:00am 9:00am, 11:00am*
- 05 Mon Parish Office Closed
- 06 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am Barn
- 11 Sun Welcome Weekend  
Adopted Family Collection, Slips Distributed
- 13 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation Sessions
- 14 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 17 Sat Spring Spruce Up Day, 8:00am – 12 noon
- 18 Sun Adopted Family Collection, Items Returned  
High School Faith Formation, 6:30pm  
Founders Hall
- 20 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation Sessions
- 21 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 22 Thu Sodality Meeting, 7:00pm, Founders Hall
- 23 Fri Volunteer Party, 7:30pm, Founders Hall
- 25 Sun Home Mission Collection  
Food Bags for St. Martin's Distributed
- 27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Faith Formation Sessions
- 28 Wed Faith Formation Sessions

**SAVE THE DATE**

**May**

- 01 Sat **Mayfest**
- 02 Sun **Mayfest**

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