

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

HOLY THURSDAY 1 April 2010
Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 2 April 2010
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 3 April 2010
The Easter Vigil 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 4 April 2010
Sacred Liturgy 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

EASTER SUNDAY: - 4 April, Presiders:

7:00am Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00am Fr. Raymond Fecteau - Family Liturgy
11:00am Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1---19:42
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/
Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/
Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

EASTER TRIDUUM: Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Thus the solemnity of Easter has the same kind of preeminence in the liturgical year that Sunday has in the week. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday (General Norms, 18 - 19).

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 31 March, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the church. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place during that time.

EASTER SEASON: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "great Sunday" (Atanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter octave form the "early hours" of this "great Sunday," with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to his resurrection.

SPECIAL LITURGY FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN will be celebrated at the 9:00am liturgy on Easter Sunday.

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **Joseph John Seppy** and the death of **Harry Frederick Bonfils**. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers **Pope John Paul II** (2 April 2005) and the following parishioners: **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996), **Daisy M. Masterson** (1 April 1996), and **Walter Zolkiewicz** (2 April 2004)

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.

INTERPARISH T-BALL for children ages 4 – 7. A registration form is enclosed with this bulletin. For more information email KathyRossomondoKelly@gmail.com

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.

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**. 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, *Easter Sunday*, will be on Tuesday, 30 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.

Social Concerns

HEALTH/CAREGIVING: Holy Cross Hospital is offering training for individuals interested in providing practical, emotional and spiritual support to 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. Attendance by just one more OLVP representative can help the parish explore the possibility of offering these services to parishioners in need. The Social Concerns committee encourages parishioners to seriously consider this training opportunity. If you have questions or would like to attend the training session, contact Marianne Beattie, Chair, Social Concerns Committee at (301) 869-6898..

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The prayer shawl ministry, which started in 2008, is still ongoing. If you would like to participate, please check for further details in the forthcoming parish quarterly newsletter.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: Good Friday, 2 April 2010. The collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Pope Paul VI, is “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.” Your generosity is appreciated.

Human Resources

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 jconnor@olv.org by noon on Friday.

Facilities

SNOW REMOVAL COLLECTION to date amounts to \$4,908.00. 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 2010 from 8:00am – noon.** Please bring work gloves and small gardening tools with you. Rain date will be Saturday 24 April 2010.

Finance

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 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	
30 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
31 Wed	Penance, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Church
April	
01 Thu	<i>Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 6:00pm</i>
02 Fri	<i>Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, 7:00pm</i>
03 Sat	<i>The Easter Vigil, 8:00pm</i>
04 Sun	<i>Easter Sunday Masses, 7:00am 9:00am, 11:00am</i>
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
May	
01 Sat	Mayfest
02 Sun	Mayfest

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