

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: - 24 - 25 April,**

**Presiders:**

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

#### Readings for the Week of April 18, 2010

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/  
Jn 10:27-30

**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 Paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. Its use is encouraged at all liturgical celebrations, especially Mass and liturgy of the Hours. Infant baptisms could fittingly be celebrated on any Sunday of the Easter season, including Pentecost day. It is also appropriate that children receive their first communion on one or other of the Sundays of Easter.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE:** The Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

### Parish Life

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** This weekend *Hannah Grace Kokinda* and *Margaret Mary Yarmas* celebrate First Eucharist.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of *the Rev. Edward P. O’Connell, S.J.*, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington.

**OLVP FAMILY BOWLING DAY** - Sunday, 18 April, 2:30 – 4:30pm, at Bowl America, 1101 Clopper Road in Gaithersburg. For more information call (240) 477-5717.

**JUBILARIAN 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. To register, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 108 by 30 April.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** In thanksgiving to God during the Year for Priests, all are invited to pray at a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, 25 April 2010, 5pm – 6pm at St. Patrick Church, 619 tenth St., NW, Washington, DC.

**2010 QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN:** Join other high school young men at the second annual Quo Vadis Camp 18 – 21 July at the Msgr. O’Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, MD. This four day camp includes prayer, talks, sports and more. Cost is 4100; scholarships are available. For more information, contact Fr. Rob Walsh, Assistant Director of Priest Vocations, (301) 853-4580.

**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

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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.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of matrimony. For further 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 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, *Fourth Sunday of Easter*, will be on Tuesday, 20 April, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**OPEN HOUSE – St. John’s Catholic Prep:** You are invited to attend an Open House at St. John’s Catholic Prep on Wednesday, 28 April, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. St. John’s is a Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory high school located at 889 Butterfly Lane in Frederick, Maryland. Prospective parents and students can also visit St. John’s online at [www.saintjohnsprep.org](http://www.saintjohnsprep.org). For more information about admissions or the Open House, please call the school at (301) 662-4210 or email [admission@saintjohnsprep.org](mailto:admission@saintjohnsprep.org)

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP 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.

### *Social Concerns*

**HEAD START COLLECTION:** Our Lady of the Visitation has been supporting several Montgomery County Head Start families. The Social Concerns Committee will distribute slips that represent clothing items needed by the families downstairs immediately after mass the weekend of 17 – 18 April. If you can purchase one or more of these items, please come down to Founders Hall to take a slip. The items need to be returned the following weekend, 24 – 25 April.

**HOME MISSION COLLECTION:** There are many places right here in the United States and in its overseas dependencies where the Church is poor, communities are scattered, and priests are few. Money given to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) helps Catholic communities across America survive and thrive by underwriting evangelization, religious education, educations for future priests, training for lay ministers, and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help. THE CHMA, which helps strengthen the Catholic Church in America, will be taken on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 24 – 25 April. Your generosity is appreciated.

**MERCY HEALTH CLINIC** is looking for a Volunteer Medical Director to lead the efforts of the dedicated staff of physicians, nurses, and ancillary personnel who carry out the Clinic’s mission. Mercy Health clinic provides quality health care, compassion, and hope to thousands of uninsured, low-income residents of Montgomery County. For more information, contact Alvina Long (301) 758-2635 or email [alvina.long@verizon.net](mailto:alvina.long@verizon.net).

**HOLY THURSDAY** collection for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish in Haiti amounted to \$1290.

### *Human Resources*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. Bryan Tinsley** and **Mr. & Mrs. John Trizzino.**

**CRAFTERS:** Craft vendors are welcome at our Mayfest on Saturday 1 May and Sunday, 2 May. Crafters are asked to supply their own tables, chairs, tent or other coverings. Cost for parishioners to reserve a space is \$10. Spaces are free to parish youth under the age of 18. Space fee for non-parishioners is \$20. If

interested, contact the parish office (301) 948-5536.

**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. RSVP by Friday, 16 April, (301) 948-5536, ext. 104.

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

*Facilities*

**PARISH REPAIRS:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed.

*Finance*

**MAYFEST DONATIONS:** The OLVP Mayfest Committee is looking for donations for the Silent Auction and the Pick Your Prize Raffle. We are also looking for good, used cars to auction. If you have a donation for the Silent Auction, Pick Your Prize Raffle or a vehicle in good condition to auction, please call John Theis, (301) 977-9223 (evenings).

**SPRING CLEANING?** Please save your “gently used” items such as knick-knacks, toys, videos, jewelry, fine dining items and books (except textbooks and periodicals) for our White Elephant sale at the Mayfest, Saturday, 1 May. This year there will be an opportunity to **drop off your items at the Pavilion near the barn after liturgy on Sunday, 18 April and Sunday, 25 April from 10:00am – 10:45am and from 12 noon – 12:45pm at.** In addition items can also be dropped off in Founder Hall on **Thursday, 29 April, 2:00 – 8:00pm** and on **Friday, 30 April from 8:00am**

The goal is for each family to donate at least one “gently used” item. Please consider your donation a worthy cause for our church.

**MAYFEST PLANT SALE:** Orders for your summer plants will be taken after all masses the weekends of 17 – 18 April and 24 – 25 April in Founders Hall. This year the selections include hanging baskets, knockout roses, peonies, deer resistant salvia, red potted geraniums and dwarf crepe myrtles.

**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. Tickets will be sold after liturgy the weekends of 17–18 and 24 – 25 April.

**MORTGAGE:** As of 1 April, our current mortgage balance is \$566,979.95. The March revenue from the Mortgage Reduction collection amounted to \$8,788.34. Our monthly principal/interest payment is \$18,500.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
<b>April</b>	
18 Sun	Welcome Weekend Adopted Family Collection, High School Faith Formation, 6:30pm Founders Hall Mayfest White Elephant Drop Off
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 Mayfest White Elephant Drop Off
27 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
28 Wed	Faith Formation Sessions
29 Thu	Mayfest Set-up/White Elephant Drop Off
30 Fri	Mayfest Set-up/White Elephant Drop Off
<b>May</b>	
01 Sat	Mayfest, 8:00am – 2:00pm
02 Sun	Mayfest, 12 noon – 4:00pm

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