

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 1 - 2 May,**

**Presiders:**

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

#### Readings for the Week of April 25, 2010

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/  
Jn 10:27-30  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**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.

### Parish Life

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** This weekend *Alyssa Kathryn D’Arpa, Paisley Jane Hahn, James Kevin Juhring, John Matthew Juhring, and Josephine Louise Juhring* celebrate First Eucharist.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of **Irene Gauvin**, mother of *Simonne Lynch* and the death of **the Rev. Luciano Caimi**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

**JUBILARIAN MASS:** Sunday, 6 June, 2:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Donald Wuerl will preside at this event honoring couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 108 by 30 April.

**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL** will be on Monday, 3 May, 7:00pm in the church. All confirmands and their sponsors must attend the rehearsal; gowns and passes to the Confirmation liturgy will be distributed at that time. Families will receive eight (8) passes. Confirmands and sponsors do not need passes.

**ROSARIES:** During the month of May, blessed rosaries will be available in the back of the church in a basket placed at the statue of the Blessed Mary. If you are in need of a rosary, please help yourself.

**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. The four day camp includes prayer, talks, sports and more. Cost is \$100; scholarships are available. Contact Fr. Rob Walsh, Assistant Director of Priest Vocations, (301) 853-4580 for information.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Morning Prayer is prayed 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**. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**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, *Fifth Sunday of Easter*, will be on Tuesday, 27 April, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**LAST FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS FOR GRADES 6-7 8** will be Tuesday, 27 April and Wednesday, 28 April. Last sessions for grades K – 5 will be Tuesday, 4 May and Wednesday, 5 May.

**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, MD. Prospective parents and students can also visit St. John’s online at [www.saintjohnsprep.org](http://www.saintjohnsprep.org). For more information, please call the school at (301) 662-4210 or email [admission@saintjohnsprep.org](mailto:admission@saintjohnsprep.org)

**GOLF OUTING:** Mary of Nazareth School is having a Golf Outing on Friday, 21 May, 1:00pm at the Blue Mash Golf Course in Olney MD. Proceeds will benefit the Mary of Nazareth Sport, Recreation, and Facilities Improvement Fund to help better our students athletic and recreation facilities while at the same time helping offset the costs associated with running our sports programs. Participation is limited to the first 120 golfers. Entry fees are \$175 per individual or \$650 per foursome, if you register prior to 1 May (\$700 per foursome after 5/1). Entry fees include lunch, golf, prizes, awards, contest and dinner as well as refreshments both on and off the golf course. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information and to download player and sponsorship

registration forms, visit the school website at [www.maryofnazareth.org](http://www.maryofnazareth.org).

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS ONGOING!** Join us on our **High Seas Expedition**. 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. For more information, call Jackie at (301) 948-5536, ext. 114.

### *Social Concerns*

**THE LORD’S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN:** Please join us in preparing and serving dinner for the poor and homeless on Thursday, 29 April 2010 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Confirmation candidates may earn service hours helping with this ministry. To help, please call Joyce McCarthy, (301) 674-6754.

**ST. MARTIN’S FOOD PANTRY:** Bags are distributed this weekend, 24 – 25 April. Please return the bags with non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers next weekend, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 1 – 2 May.

**HOME MISSION COLLECTION:** Money given to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) helps Catholic communities across America survive and thrive by underwriting evangelization, religious education, and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help. The collection will be taken on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 24 – 25 April. Your generosity is appreciated.

**SHELTER WALK ‘N ROLL:** Join ShelterWalk/n Roll 2010 to raise awareness about homelessness in our community and support the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless’ shelters and programs. The registration fee is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children under 18 or with a college ID, and free for children under 5 years. For registration forms, contact Cindy at (301) 217-0314 ext. 118, by email at [cindy@mcch.net](mailto:cindy@mcch.net) or visit the website at [www.mcch.net](http://www.mcch.net), click on the “Donate” tab and complete the form.

**Human Resources**

**MAYFEST CAKEWHEEL:** Cakes and individually wrapped baked goods to sell are needed for the Mayfest on 1 May. If you can bake or donate baked goods, please sign-up after mass his weekend or call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103.

**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**

**THANK YOU** to our volunteers, especially our confirmation students and their (grand) parents, who spent the morning sprucing up the church grounds. The group did a great job in helping put the wear and tear of this past winter behind us! A special thank you goes to the Romero family and Francis Romero Landscaping for donating shredded hardwood mulch and for disposing of all the clippings and yard waste. Thank you also to the Kelly family and Kelly Landscaping for donating pine fines and providing extra wheelbarrows and garden tools for the spruce up effort.

**Finance**

**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, 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 weekend of 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 this weekend, 24 - 25 April and at the Mayfest, 1 -2 May.

**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**

**April**

- 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  
Last Faith Formation Session for Grades 6 - 8
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- 29 Thu Mayfest Set-up/White Elephant Drop Off
- 30 Fri Mayfest Set-up/White Elephant Drop Off

**May**

- 01 Sat **Mayfest, 8:00am - 2:00pm**
- 02 Sun **Mayfest, 12 noon - 4:00pm**  
St. Martin’s Food Bags Returned  
Building Fund Collection
- 03 Mon Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Church
- 04 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn  
Last Faith Formation Session for Grades K - 5
- 05 Wed Last Faith Formation Session for Grades K - 5.
- 06 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00pm  
Thomas More Chapel, Barn

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