

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 8 - 9 May,

Presiders:

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

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2010

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
Jn 14:23-29

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 **Ciaran Raymond McAndrews, Lawrence Todd Nyce, Camilla Rose Rivera, Matthew David Rutland** and **Maria Luisa Tyma** celebrate First Eucharist.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: Damien de Veuster, 10 May. Damien de Veuster (1840 – 1889) was a Belgian priest and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (upper panel). He volunteered to serve as a missionary to Hawaii where he ministered to lepers quarantined on Molokai. The official flower of the island of Molokai is the kukui

blossom (lower panel). He himself died of leprosy, 15 April 1889. Hawaii selected a statue of him to be placed in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

Isidore the Farmer, 15 May Isidore the Farmer (1070 – 1130) was born a peasant in Madrid, Spain. Isidore spent his life laboring in the fields. He was noted for his love of the poor and for his concern for proper treatment of animals. Isidore began every day by attending Mass. When other workers complained, the owner is reported to have seen Isidore behind the plow early in the morning. According to local tradition, angels plowed his field while Isidore was at church (lower panel). Isidore is the patron of farmers and rural communities (upper panel).

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of his death please keep the following parishioner in your prayers: **William M. (John) Jarboe** (4 May 2009).

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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, 8 May 2010 in the church. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. To register, call the please call the parish office, (301) 948-55365, 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.

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, *Sixth Sunday of Easter*, will be on Tuesday, 4 May, 10:00am, in the Barn.

LAST FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS FOR GRADES K - 5 will be Tuesday, 4 May and Wednesday, 5 May.

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.

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

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$1,883.00 to this national collection.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY: Please return the bags with non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers this weekend, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 1 – 2 May.

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 or visit

the website at www.mcch.net, click on the "Donate" tab and complete the form.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION will be the weekend of 16 – 17 May. The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) supports five Catholic organizations that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church. These ministries include relief and resettlement services to victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; sustainable development programs to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and legal and support services for poor immigrants.

Human Resources

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 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

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE: As of 9 April 2010, parishioners have pledged \$80,246 to the

Archbishop's Appeal which is 107% of our targeted goal of \$75,000. To date, \$51,320 of the pledged amount has been collected. Thank you for your generosity.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 May, our current mortgage balance is \$551,283.56. Our monthly principal/interest payment is \$18,500. The April revenue from the Mortgage Reduction collection is \$9,103.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
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- 06 Thu** Holy Hour, 7:00pm
Thomas More Chapel, Barn
- 08 Sat** Baptism Class, 10:00am, Church
- 09 Sun** Holy Name at 9:00am Liturgy
Confirmation, 2:00pm, Church
- 11 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 16 Sun** Catholic Relief Services Collection
- 18 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 25 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 31 Mon** Patronal Feast Day
Parish Office Closed

June

- 01 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 03 Thu** Holy Hour, 7pm, Thomas More Chapel
- 06 Sun** **Parish Picnic, 4pm – 7pm**
- 08 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 13 Sun** Holy Name Society at 9:00am Liturgy
- 15 Tue** Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 21 Mon** Vacation Bible Camp Begins

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