

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: 15 - 16 May, Presiders:

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

#### Readings for the Week of May 9, 2010

Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

**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, **Griffin Joseph Cates, Claire Adelaide Cerone, Joseph Christopher Heffron, Colleen Gilson Koch, Kristina Ellen Kopsidas, Anne Elizabeth Morris, Nicholas Vincent Salvatore** and **Nolan Bourne Urgo** celebrate **First Eucharist**

**GAUDEAMUS IGITUR:** Congratulations to our pastor, **Fr. Raymond Fecteau**, who celebrates 38 years of service in the priesthood on Thursday; 13 May. Fr. Ray has served our parish for almost 20 years – we give

thanks for his service to us and for the many gifts he has brought to our parish.

**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).

**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.

**CHRIST IN THE CITY:** Join young adults from across the Archdiocese of Washington on Thursday, 13 May, 7:00pm at St. Patrick’s Church (619 tenth St., NW) for adoration, praise and worship, spiritual reflection, confession and benediction. Msgr. Robert Panke will preach and a reception will follow adoration. St. Patrick is accessible via Metro Center Metro Station. Free parking is available at the parking garage on Tenth St. between G and H. Bring your ticket to the sacristy for validation. For more information, email [yarn@adw.org](mailto:yarn@adw.org)

**JUBILARIAN MASS TIME CHANGE:** Archbishop Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian mass on **Sunday, 6 June 2010, at 3:00pm**, at the Basilica of the national Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

**PARISH PICNIC:** Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, 6 June 2010, 4:00pm – 7:00pm at the

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parish Pavilion, rain or shine. In addition to games for the whole family, there will be hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill; drinks will be provided. Families with the last name beginning with the letters A through H, please bring a salad to share; I through P, please bring a side dish (pasta, rice, vegetable) to share; and Q through Z, please bring a dessert to share.

**2010 QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN:** Join other high school young men at the second annual Quo Vadis Camp from Sunday, 18 July through Wednesday, 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 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](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, *The Ascension of the Lord*, will be on Tuesday, 11 May, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**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.

**KEEPING KIDS SAFE:** Parents, guardians and other adults who care for children face constant challenges in trying to help keep children safe in today's fast-paced world. The Archdiocese of Washington office of Child Protection Services has created a series of parent guides, "*Keeping Kids Safe*," covering general safety tips, internet safety, cyber bullying, texting, healthy teen relationships and the archdiocesan child protection policy. Please visit [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) and click on "Protecting Our Children."

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE – TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Discover a diverse, faith-filled environment where teachers are empowered to impact young lives through faith, service and scholarship. Discover the difference you can make in students' lives. Faculty positions are available across the archdiocese. For employment information and a listing of the available faculty positions, call (301) 853-4518, visit [www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org), or send an email to [teacherapplications@adw.org](mailto:teacherapplications@adw.org).

***Social Concerns***

**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***

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following family has recently joined our parish; **Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Luchtefeld.**

**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***

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all parishioners who volunteered to help with the Mayfest – your hard work was very much appreciated. Thanks also to all who came and supported our annual Mayfest; a fun time was had by all.

**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**

- 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 Session I Begins
- 22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 25 Fri Vacation Bible Camp, Session I Ends
- 27 Sun Peter's Pence Collection
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn