

Liturgical Life

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT: 12-13 March. Presiders:

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

Readings for the Week of March 06, 2011

Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/
Mt 7:21-27
Monday: Tb 1:3, 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:96-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



LENT: The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Caeremoniale episcoporum*, 249). Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (09 March 2011) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday (21 April 2011).

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday, (09 March 2011) and Good Friday, (22 April 2011) are days of total abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. All the Fridays of Lent are days of total abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics over 14 years of age; the law of fasting binds all Catholics from the 18th year until and including their 59th birthday.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, 09 March 2011, begins the Season of Lent, which ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, 21 April 2011.

Liturgy of the Eucharist, with distribution of ashes:
6:00 am, 12 noon, 6:00 pm in the Church

Ecumenical Prayer Service with distribution of ashes:
8:00 pm, Fairhaven United Methodist Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The liturgical schedule for March, April and May has been mailed. **If you have not received your schedule, please call the parish office: (301) 948-5536 x105.**

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15am liturgy. Morning prayer begins at 8:45am in the Thomas More Chapel.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

IN/OUT OF FLU SEASON – No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of good will. Also, he or she may wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by the mouth. Common sense dictates that one should remain at home, if one is feeling unwell.

Parish Life

MARCH PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversaries of their deaths, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **Alex Martin** (16 March 2006), **Mario Marini** (17 March 2002), **Paul DiDuca** (17 March 2006), **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003), **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996).

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday, 6 March 2011 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Founders Hall. Bring the entire family to play bingo and enjoy refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for each game. Admission is \$2.00 for a 3 card sheet. Families with the last name beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. RSVP (301) 948-5536 x108 by **Monday, 28 February 2011.** This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality.

GETTING READY DAY for those preparing to receive their First Eucharist in 2011 is scheduled for Saturday, 12 March 2011, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, in the Church.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT will be held on Friday, 18 March 2011 at 6:00 pm through Saturday, 19 March 2011 at 6:00 pm.

T-BALL REGISTRATION: This spring, Mary of Nazareth School is offering Visitation Parish children ages 4-7 the opportunity to play T-ball. The program is open to all youngsters, regardless of ability. The mission is to teach the basics of teamwork and baseball. The season will run from the end of March to the end of May. Teams practice one day a week and play games on Saturday morning, both at the Victory Youth Center. **Registrations are being accepted now through March 18. For further information, email KathyRossomondoKelly@gmail.com.**

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 x 105.

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.

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 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.

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 parishoffice@olvp.org.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, First Sunday of Lent, will be on Tuesday, 08 March, 10:00am, in the Barn.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: Hey kids, are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us for **“PANDAMANIA”**, a totally Catholic VBC where God is wild about you! Registration is ongoing. Contact Michele Olewack in the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x107. The Bible Camp fun will be held in two sessions: the first session from June 20th through June 24th and the second session from June 27th through July 1st, both weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The fee is \$100.00 per child for one week for OLVP parishioners. The fee for non-parishioners is \$120.00 per week. We invite those 4 1/2 years old through 5th grade to register; 3 1/2 year olds through 5th grade may register for the second session.

Social Concerns

FREE SONOGRAM: Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is seeking women who are 7 to 30 weeks pregnant to help us complete their nurse sonographer’s training. Sonograms will be performed under the supervision of a licensed ultrasonographer on Saturday, March 12th with daytime and evening appointments available. A limited number of sonograms will be provided free. Each individual will receive a picture of their unborn child and a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Please let interested expectant mothers know of this opportunity, as 50-75 sonograms must be performed to complete the sonographer’s training. Contact Robin Ross, Nurse Manager, or Jackie Stippich, Executive Director, at (301) 963-6223 to schedule an appointment.



2011 CARDINAL’S APPEAL: **“Seek First the Kingdom of God”** (Mt. 6:33): Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2011 Cardinal’s Appeal. The Appeal funds the operations of the Archdiocese and services that are of great help to the ministries in the parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is: *‘Seek first the kingdom of God.’* (Matthew 6:33). The kingdom of God is made present through our works of charity, and our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal’s Appeal offer each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2011 Cardinal’s Appeal

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: **Mr. and Mrs. Steven Strasburg** and **Mr. and Mrs. Brian Svedberg**.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; the office is closed during the lunch hour, 12 noon – 1:00 pm.

BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer in the bulletin, please submit the information by calling (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email cenos@olvp.org by noon on Monday.

EMAIL ADDRESS: To receive announcements and messages about parish activities, please send your email address to parishoffice@olvp.org with the subject line: **email**.

Facilities



INCLEMENT WEATHER: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not canceled because of weather. Faith Formation sessions are canceled if Montgomery County public schools are closed for school/community use. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

Finance

FAITH DIRECT: Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning? Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Our Lady of the Visitation. Faith Direct is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is MD114. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call Faith Direct's toll-free number, (866) 507-8757 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 06 Sun **Family Bingo**, 2:00-4:00 pm, Founders Hall
Monthly Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 07 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 08 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 09 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Ash Wednesday, Sacred Liturgy
6:00 am, 12 noon, 6:00 pm
8:00 pm, Ecumenical Service
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
- 11 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 12 Sat **Getting Ready Day**, 9:00-11:00 am, Church
- 13 Sun Holy Name Society, 9:00 am Liturgy
High School Faith Formation Session
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, Fr. Ray's House
- 14 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 16 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 18 Fri 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
begins at 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 19 Sat 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
ends with 5:00 pm mass
- 21 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 23 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 24 Thur Sodality, 7:00 pm, Founders Hall
- 25 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 28 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 30 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE

April

- 02 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 09 Sat **Forty Hours**, begins at 5:00 pm Mass,
Procession to Thomas More Chapel
- 11 Mon **Forty Hours**, ends at 9:15 am Mass

May

- 22 Sun **Confirmation**, 2:00 pm
The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout

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