

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 26 - 27 NOVEMBER, PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau
9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2011

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

THANKSGIVING LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, 23 November, 6:00 p.m. in the church. A collection will be taken to benefit our sister parish in Gonaives, Haiti.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Parishioners are not obliged to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50.



ROMAN MISSAL REVISED: The third edition of the Roman Missal will be inaugurated on the First Sunday of Advent 2011. Our current English translation dates to 1973. The new translation will use language that is more biblical and more in keeping with the translation of the Revised Lectionary. Also, the new English translation adheres more closely to the original texts in Latin. To learn more, please visit <http://uscgb.org/romanmissal>.

SPECIAL REQUEST/OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to donate the cost of the New Roman Missal for the church, please contact Fr. Ray at (301) 948-5536 ext. 109.

ADVENT: Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second

coming at the end of time. Advent thus is a period of devout and joyful expectation.

ADVENT WREATH: The revised Roman Ritual of 1989 states that four purple or four white candles may be used for the Advent wreath in the church or home. The season of Advent prepares us not only for Christmas/Epiphany, but also for a whole church year. In our parish, we use an evergreen wreath, white candles and purple bows.

LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER: One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermarues Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013 – 1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. A list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died this past year can be found in today's bulletin.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the deaths of **Joan Dupré O'Reilly**, mother of the Rev. Kevin O'Reilly, pastor of St. Mary's parish in Barnesville, and **Miles Peter Eskin**, father of Leo Eskin. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joseph Parran** (2 November 2002), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (7 November 2006), **Edna Walters** (8 November 1999), **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005), **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007), **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004), **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 November 2007), **Alice Huff-Fones** (27 November 2001), **the Reverend Walter L. Lawrence** (28 November 2007).

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION: Those students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in 2013 and their parents are required to attend the study session **tonight**, Sunday, **20 November** from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in Founders Hall. For information, please contact Fr. Ray at rfecteau@olvp.org.

CHRIST THE KING

18 November, Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769 – 1852): Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France in 1769 and entered the Visitation Order at nineteen. After the community was dispersed by the French Revolution, Rose joined St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in her newly founded Society of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). She led a pioneer band of nuns to Missouri, opened schools and worked in Sugar Creek, Kansas. The Potawatomi, Indians called her “Woman who prays always.” One night the children placed small feathers on her veil as she knelt in prayer. In the morning, the feathers had not moved (lower panel). She died in 1852 and was canonized in 1988. In the United States her feast day is 18 November.

21 November, Presentation of Mary. The Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the temple is a feast celebrated in both the Eastern and Western churches. The lily is often used in sacred art to represent the ever-virgin Mary (lower panel). On the feast in 1990, James Cardinal Hickey appointed Father Raymond Fecteau to explore the feasibility of establishing a parish in the Darnestown area. The logo for Our Lady of the Visitation parish, canonically established on 21 May 1991, appears in the upper panel.

CHRISTMAS EVE PASSES are required for the Christmas Eve liturgy at **4:00 p. m.** Request forms will be included with the quarterly newsletter, which will be mailed to all parishioners.

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. For further information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 105.

MARRIAGE PLANNING: It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date.

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 go to www.dcengagedencounter.org and register for a weekend.

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.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15 a.m. daily liturgy. Morning Prayer begins at 8:45 a.m. 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. 108.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the First Sunday of Advent will be on Tuesday, 22 November, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Children, parents and invited guests will find God in our **3RD Annual Christmas Pageant, “Sing with us the Christmas Story”** on Sunday, 18 December at 5:00pm. Check upcoming bulletins for more information. There will be a Christmas cookie reception after the pageant as well.

FAITH FORMATION WISH LIST: We are in need of a new HP Office Jet Pro-8500A printer and a new laminator for our growing religious education program. If you or someone you know, is able to donate one of these items, please call Michele Olewack at 301-948-5536 ext. 107.

MARY OF NAZARETH: For information about Mary of Nazareth School, please visit the school’s website at www.maryofnazareth.org.

Social Concerns



THANKSGIVING COLLECTION: A collection will be taken on Wednesday, 23 November, at the 6:00 p.m. Liturgy to benefit our sister parish in Gonaives, Haiti.

SOME: This Thanksgiving, parishioners are invited to start their turkey day by joining in the So Others Might

Eat – SOME’s 10th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger. This is a 5K timed run and family fun walk that benefits SOME’s meal programs and services for the homeless. Register online at www.some.org or go to http://some.org/events_trot_main.html.

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CATALOG: Give a gift and help a charity of your choice by placing an order from the St. Nicholas Christmas Catalog. You will receive a card that specifies the gifts you purchased from the charity. For information, please call Kathy Rooney, (301) 948-5536 ext. 108.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Travis Fones and Mr. & Mrs. Doug Harlor.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Strong arms are needed to help unload the trees on Thursday, 1 December at 1:00 p.m. Sales will begin on Friday, 2 December at 4:00 p.m. Weekend hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; weekday sales will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sales end on Sunday, 11 December. Help is also needed to provide food for the volunteers selling the trees. Please call Bill Connors (301) 869-8203 or sign up downstairs by Founders Hall.

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.

Facilities

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

Finance

FAITH DIRECT: Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, **MD114**, or pick up an enrollment form from the presider/deacon after mass or from the parish office to begin!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 2011

- 20 Sun Filled Food Bags Collected
7th Grade Confirmation Study Session,
6:30-7:45 p.m. for Parent and Confirmand
Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Grades 6, 8, Lower Church
- 22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 23 Wed Sacred Liturgy, 6:00 p.m., Thanksgiving
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 24 Thu Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving
- 25 Fri Office Closed
- 27 Sun No Faith Formation Sessions
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 30 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 2011

- 01 Thu Christmas Trees Delivered, 1:00 p.m.
Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Barn
- 02 Fri Tree Sales Begin, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 04 Sun Head Start Food Bags Distributed
Adopted Family Slips Distributed
Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Grades 6, 7, 8, Lower Church
High School, Rectory
- 06 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 07 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
Vigil of Immaculate Conception of Mary
Liturgy: 7:00 p.m., Church
- 08 Thu Immaculate Conception of Mary
Liturgy: 12 Noon, 7:00 p.m., Church
Office Closes at Noon
- 11 Sun Head Start Food Bags Returned
Religious Retirement Collection
Adopted Family Gifts Returned
Last Day for Tree Sales
- 13 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Wed Ember Day
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Fri Ember Day
- 17 Sat Ember Day
- 18 Sun Christmas Pageant, 5:00 p.m., Church
Shady Grove Pregnancy Ctr. Collection

SAVE THE DATE

February 2012

- 10 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 12 Sun Family Bingo

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