

**Liturgical Life**



**Readings for the Week of May 22, 2011**

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
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 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 29 MAY. Presiders:**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Mathew Punchayil</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Raymond Fecteau</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Raymond Fecteau</b>

**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” (Athanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter octave form the “early hours” of this “Great Sunday”, with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to his resurrection. 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 the other of the Sundays of Easter.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE:** The Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

**Parish Life**

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last weekend, **Brendan Allen Shea, Daniel Orphere DeLude, Elizabeth Marie Clarke, Gates Nicholas Griffin, Joseph Charles DePaul, Julie Ann Seminara, Margaret Ann Titus, Shalom Hezou Adewi, and Vincent Paul Stefanelli** celebrated **First Eucharist**.

**GAUDEAMUS IGITUR:** Congratulations to our Pastor, Fr. Raymond Fecteau, who celebrated 39 years of service in the priesthood on Friday, 13 May. We give thanks for his service to us and for the many gifts he has brought to our parish.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS:** The Fifth Annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at All Souls Cemetery on Monday, 30 May at 10:00 a.m. The celebrant will be The Most Rev. Francisco Gonzalez, S.F. All are welcome.



**PARISH PICNIC:** Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, 5 June 2011, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the parish pavilion, rain or shine. In addition to pony rides for the children, 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.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Cardinal Donald Wuerl will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 12 June 2011, 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. This celebration is for adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Individuals who are practicing Catholics and are interested in receiving the sacrament should **contact the parish office as soon as possible (301/948-5536 x109)** to learn what is required to receive the sacrament.

**2011 QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN:** Join other high school young men at the third annual Quo Vadis Camp, 17 – 20 July at the Msgr.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O'Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, MD. Cost is \$100.00; scholarships are available. Contact Father Rob Walsh, 301-853-4580.

**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.

**ROSARIES:** During the month of May, blessed rosaries will be available in a basket placed at the statue of the Blessed Mother. If you are in need of a rosary, please feel free to take one. If you have extra rosaries at home, you may place them in the basket for others to use.

**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.

**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.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please email parishoffice@olvp.org or call the parish office at (301) 948-5536, ext. 103.

**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](http://www.dcengagedencounter.org) and register for a weekend.

### *Faith Formation for Life*



**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter will be on Tuesday, 24 May, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION CHANGE:** Three and ½ year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to register for VBC. 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: June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. Session II is closed for 3 ½ year olds at this time. The fee is \$100.00 per week.

**SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** The Sisters of Bon Secours have designed a short-term service opportunity for individuals who only have a short amount of time to participate in a volunteer capacity serving people in need. To learn more about this program, visit [www.BonSecoursVocations.org/workcamp](http://www.BonSecoursVocations.org/workcamp). For questions, please call Sister Pat Dowling at 410-442-0267 or email [CBSVocations@bshsi.org](mailto:CBSVocations@bshsi.org).

**KEEPING KIDS SAFE:** Parents, guardians and other adults who care for children face constant challenges in trying to keep their children safe in today's fast paced world. The Archdiocese of Washington office of Child Protection Services has created parent guides covering general safety tips, internet safety, cyber bullying, texting, healthy teen relationships, etc. Please visit [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) and click on “Child Protection.”

### *Social Concerns*

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE:** Our parish has pledged 120% of our targeted goal. Thank you for your generosity.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION:** Our parish donated \$3,112.00 to this collection.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY:** Bags are to be returned next weekend, 28 - 29 May. Please donate non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE!** If you have a heart for women and are a good listener, consider becoming a volunteer counselor at Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Training consists of 9 classes to be held Mon./Thurs. from 7-9 p.m. Dates: July 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 and August 1, 4 and 8. For details call Jackie Stippich, Ex. Director, after June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 301-963-6223.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** A volunteer coordinator is needed for Gaithersburg Help. A volunteer coordinator screens volunteer applicants, refers for appropriate positions, prepares recruitment materials and public service announcements and handles volunteer issues. Much of this job can be done from home through a computer. This can be done during the weekdays, evenings or weekends. Please e-mail [GaithersburgHELP@yahoo.com](mailto:GaithersburgHELP@yahoo.com) or call (301) 216-2510 and leave a message in Box 6.

**PRISON OUTREACH MINISTRY INC.** seeks to reduce recidivism, develop support systems for individuals returning to their communities following incarceration, and educate the community by building relationships and matching individuals with volunteer mentors. Fr. Michael Bryant, the founder, is in great need of financial contributions to continue their successful work. **To donate, contact (202) 347-3218 or [www.prisonoutreachministry.org](http://www.prisonoutreachministry.org).**

***Human Resources***

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

**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](mailto:cenos@olvp.org) by noon on Monday.

***Facilities***



**PARISH REPAIR:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed.

***Finance***

**FAITH DIRECT:** In May, Faith Direct will be sending parishioners, both enrolled and non-enrolled, a letter with additional information about the benefits of using Faith Direct. 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. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or by calling (866) 507-8757. Our parish code is MD114. You may pick up an enrollment form from the presider/deacon after mass or from the parish office (301) 948-5536 x108.

<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
<b>May</b>	
24 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
28 Sat	St. Martin's Food Collection – Bags Returned
29 Sun	St. Martin's Food Collection – Bags Returned
30 Mon	Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed
31 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn <b>Sacred Liturgy, Parish 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9:15 a.m., 7:00 p.m., Church Parish Office Closed at Noon</b>
<b>June</b>	
02 Thu	Holy Hour for Vocations 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Barn
04 Sat	Mortgage Reduction Collection
05 Sun	<b>Ascension of our Lord</b> Mortgage Reduction Collection <b>Parish Picnic 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Pavilion</b>
07 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
12 Sun	<b>Pentecost</b>
14 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
15 Wed	Ember Day
17 Fri	Ember Day
19 Sun	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
20 Mon	Vacation Bible Camp, Session I Begins
21 Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
24 Fri	Vacation Bible Camp, Session I Ends
26 Sun	<b>Corpus Christi</b> Peter's Pence Collection

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