

Liturgical Life

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saturday, 24 December 2011, Presiders:

4:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (**Passes Needed**)
7:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (**Midnight Mass**)

Sunday, 25 December 2011, Presiders:

9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (**Family Liturgy**)
The Choir will sing on Christmas Day at the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2011

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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.



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.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD LITURGY SCHEDULE: There will be a 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Saturday, 31 December and a 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, 01 January, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: On the *Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord*, 08 January 2012, special liturgy for families with children will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy with special refreshments afterwards in Founders Hall to honor the 21st anniversary of our first public mass in Darnestown.

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.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Nicanor Aquino** (03 December 2005), **Winifred Donnellan** (04 December 1991), **Stefano Zanello** (07 December 2010), **Filomena Picciano** (08 December 1993), **Steven Pindell** (18 December 1994), **Nicholas Toran** (27 December 1993) and **Matthew Todd Wolff** (27 December 1997).

HOLY HOUR: An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 5 January 2012, 7:00 p.m in the Thomas More Chapel.

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT: Be a part of the New Evangelization! *Find the Perfect Gift* is an Advent initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington that invites Catholics to share an invitation with neighbors and friends to consider the great gift of God in sending his Son to earth. When someone asks you about the campaign, share with them the link to the website,

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

www.findthepreciousgift.org and mention the difference a relationship with Our Lord has made in your life.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Joseph Young has been appointed as the new Parish Life Committee representative on the Pastoral Council. He will complete the term of Lisa Griffin.

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.

RETRouvaille: If you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, we believe that Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) can help. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help hurting couples heal. The next weekend is 13-15 January 2012. For information, please call 301-468-6764 or email TomnCarol@concast.net.

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.

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.

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 Nativity of the Lord Sunday will be on Tuesday, 20 December, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes will resume on Tuesday-Wednesday, 3-4 January at 4:45 p.m. and Sunday, 8 January at 6:30 p.m.

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

Social Concerns

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$2,789.00 to this collection.

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CATALOG: Give a gift and help a charity of your choice by placing an order from the St. Nicholas Christmas Catalog. Orders must be received by Monday, 19 December. For information, please call Kathy Rooney, (301) 948-5536 ext. 108.



THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at the soup kitchen on Thursday, 29 December. If you are able to help, please call Connie Johnson at 301-651-1570 or email ConnieJohnson@mris.com.

U.S. CHURCH MISSIONS: This collection will be taken on 7-8 January 2012. Mandated by the III Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, this effort embodies the church's concern for evangelizing black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples in the United States.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: You are invited to join the Catholic Charities Volunteer Group, "Warm Hands, Friendly Faces," which asks volunteers to be goodwill ambassadors in their emergency shelters for our homeless neighbors by creating a welcoming and warm atmosphere. Greeters, cleaners, chefs and anyone who can be a friendly face for those coming in from the cold are needed. If you are interested, please email Kenyatta.Brunson@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

Human Resources

THANK YOU to all those involved in the tree sale this year. This FUNdraiser was a *treemendous* success. Thank you, also, to our parishioners who bought their trees and wreaths from us. Every tree was sold!

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except:
 Friday, 23 December Closes at Noon
 Monday, 26 December Office Closed
 Friday, 30 December Closes at Noon
 Monday, 02 January Office Closed

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



GIVE LESS TO THE IRS: All 2011 donations to the parish throughout the year and at Christmas are tax deductible. All stocks donated in 2011 are credited to the donor at full face value on the date of transfer.

CHRISTMAS GIFT: We are grateful to parishioners who make an extra donation to the parish at Christmas. Your donation helps us balance our parish budget.

FAITH DIRECT: Advent is a time of joy and sacrifice as we prepare for the return of Jesus and celebrate the memory of His birth. As we begin this new liturgical year, we encourage you to sign up with Faith Direct. Stop writing checks and using envelopes. Using Faith Direct saves precious time and money for both you and the parish, and don't forget that Christmas is on a Sunday this year! Make the change today by picking up an enrollment form at the parish office or from church, or sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is MD114.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: To receive tax credit in 2011, your contributions must be dated by Saturday, 31 December 2011. If you are mailing a contribution, it must be postmarked by Monday, 02 January 2012 and received in the parish office by Friday, 06 January 2012 to be credited to your 2011 contribution statement.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December

- 20 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 21 Wed No Faith Formation Sessions
- 23 Fri Office Closes at Noon
- 24 Sat Christmas Eve Sacred Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Passes Required
7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)
- 25 Sun Christmas Day Sacred Liturgy
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy)
- 26 Mon Office Closed
- 27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 29 Thu The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen
- 30 Fri Office Closes at Noon

January

- 02 Mon Office Closed
- 03 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 04 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 05 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Chapel
- 08 Sun *Epiphany*, 9:00 a.m. Family Liturgy
Refreshments in Founders Hall
Church Missions in USA Collection
Faith Formation, 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Grades 6, 7, 8, Lower Church
High School, Rectory
- 10 Tues Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Sun No Faith Formation Classes
- 16 Mon Office Closed
- 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

February 2012

- 10 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance
- 12 Sun Family Bingo

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CHURCH CITY: **Darnestown**

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