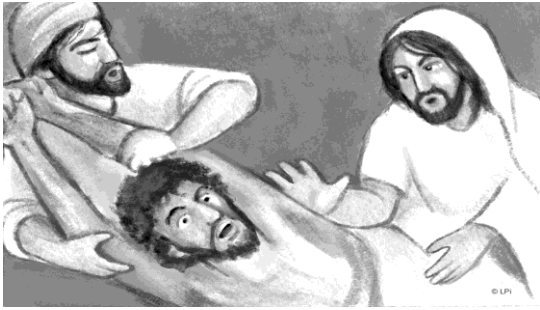


OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life



Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 4 - 5 February: PRESIDERS:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil/Deacon Bob

9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau/Deacon Bob

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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.

ORDINARY TIME: Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms 43). Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday, 10 January, and continues through Tuesday, 21 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is on Monday, 28 May, the day following Pentecost.

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 you remain at home, if feeling unwell.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Jerome John Podojil** (04 February 1997), **Julianne Copenhaver** (05 February 1999), **Claudia Hughes** (07 February 1999), **Frederick William Whalen** (09 February 1998), and **Joseph E. Gaffney** (13 February 1996).

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioner, **Sam Dennis**, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 291.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPER BOWL SUBS: The Our Lady of Fatima Council of the Knights of Columbus is selling subs. They include three kinds of meat as well as cheese, lettuce, tomato, and dressing, all for only \$5.00. Veggie Subs are available by special request. Order by 29 January and pick up 5 February after mass. To order, call Donald Patti at (866) 478-8080.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 2 February, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Thomas More Chapel in the parish Barn.

ANNUAL ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY: Friday, 10 February 2012, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Enjoy a delicious buffet and beverages. Dance to the music of the DJ. Volunteers from all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation are welcome. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, 08 February** by calling (301) 948-5536.

ANNUAL FAMILY BINGO: Sunday, 12 February, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

sheet. Families with last names beginning with A – H, please bring beverages to share; I – P, please bring snacks to share; Q – Z, please bring desserts to share. This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT: The Little Sisters of the Poor are offering a vocation discernment retreat for single, Catholic women 18 to 35 year of age on Friday, 17 February through Sunday, 19 February at the Jeanne Jugan Residence, 4200 Harewood Road, N.E. Washington, DC. To register or to obtain more information, please call Sister Camille Rose at (202) 269-1831.

GETTING READY DAY for those preparing to receive First Eucharist in 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, 25 February, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Church.

RCIA: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process designed for adults who are not baptized and would like to join the Catholic Church; adults who were baptized as children into the Catholic faith, but who have not completed their initiation in the church because they have not celebrated their First Holy Communion and/or received the Sacrament of Confirmation; and adults who have been validly baptized in another Christian denomination and who now want to be received into the Catholic Church. Here at *Our Lady of the Visitation Parish*, we are offering a **Get Acquainted Meeting on Monday, 27 February** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Barn. If you have questions or need more information, please call Deacon Bob Fischer (301) 514-8966.

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**. Our next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Saturday, 4 February** in Founders Hall at 10:00 a.m. Sponsors are also welcome to attend. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. For further information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 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 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be on Tuesday, 31 January, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.



MARY OF NAZARETH OPEN HOUSE: Please come visit Mary of Nazareth Elementary School, our interparish Catholic elementary school, for an Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2012 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. For information, please contact Mrs. Maryellen Weir at mweir@maryofnazareth.org or visit the school's website at www.maryofnazareth.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: Our summer Vacation Bible Camp, "SKY," is just around the corner. At "SKY", faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. "SKY" is for children from age 3½ years (by 01 June 2012) to 3rd grade, and will run from 25 to 29 June, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration will be held in Founders Hall on Sunday, 5 February after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Cost is \$100.00 per camper. Financial assistance is available. For additional information, please email molewack@olvp.org.

MARY OF NAZARETH PASTORAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Visitation Parish families who are registering to attend Mary of Nazareth School, both new and returning families, are asked to **mail their pastoral recommendation forms to the parish office** at least one week before the due date. Please mail them to:

Attn.: Pastoral Form, 14135 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Complete all parts of the form and include a family picture. The office will process and deliver the forms directly to Mary of Nazareth School.

maintain our reserves, please call Fr. Ray at (301) 948-5536 ext. 109

Social Concerns

2012 CARDINAL’S APPEAL: This year, the theme of the Appeal is, “Seek first the kingdom of God.” 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 2012 Cardinal’s Appeal.

LOBBY NIGHT – ANNAPOLIS: Join Maryland’s bishops and fellow Catholics on Monday, 20 February from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and make your voice heard. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the chance to speak in person with their elected officials about important issues. Registration is required. Visit www.mdcathcon.org or call (410) 269-1155 for information.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Caporusso.

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC.: Our bulletin publisher will have a sales representative available beginning on January 31st for those interested in placing a new advertisement. To place an ad, please contact Michael Schiavone at (800) 888-4574 ext. 3453. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their advertisements. Keep in mind that our advertising sponsors make this publication possible!

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



CHURCH PAINTING: Our beautiful church is currently being painted. The cost will be taken from our reserves. Some parishioners have already contributed to this effort. If you would like to help so that we can

Finance

FAITH DIRECT: Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. 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

January

- 29 Sun Open House, Mary of Nazareth, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- 31 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

February

- 02 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Chapel
- 04 Sat Baptism Prep Class, 10:00 a.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 05 Sun Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. 6, 7, 8 Grades, Founders Hall
- 07 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 08 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m., Founders Hall
- 12 Sun Family Bingo, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fdrs. Hall
Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
High School, Rectory
6, 7, 8 Grades, Founders Hall
- 14 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 - 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Sun No Faith Formation
- 20 Mon Office Closed
- 21 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Wed *Ash Wednesday*
Liturgies: 6:00 a.m., 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m.
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 25 Sat First Eucharist Getting Ready Day II, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m., Fdrs. Hall
- 27 Mon RCIA Meeting, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Barn
- 28 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 29 Wed Ember Day
Parish Penance Service, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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