

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life



**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: 7 - 8 January, PRESIDERS:**

**5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (Baptisms)**  
**9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (Family Liturgy)**  
**11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau**

#### Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**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.

**CHRISTMAS SEASON:** Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season. The Christmas season extends from Christmas Eve through the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, 9 January 2012.

**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.

**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 provided by Mary of Nazareth Catholic School families afterwards in Founders Hall to honor the 21st anniversary of our first public mass in Darnestown.

### Parish Life

**PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Frances DeSales Zobel** (01 January 2002), **Virginia Crim** (10 January 2006), **Edward Gubish** (10 January 2007), **Jane Gordon** (12 January 2010), **Audrey Lazzari** (15 January 1996), **James R. Schillinger** (16 January 2008), **Sheila DiDuca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995), and **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000).

**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.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, 1 January:** "Mother of God" is the oldest title and feast for Mary. Mary, under this title, is the patroness of the Archdiocese of Washington. The coat of arms for our Archdiocese appears in the **upper panel**; St. Matthew's, the Cathedral for our Archdiocese, appears in the **lower panel**.

**ELIZABETH ANN SETON, 4 January:** Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774 – 1821) was born in New York and raised as an Episcopalian. Widowed with five children, Elizabeth became a Catholic and was especially devoted to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (**upper panel**). She founded the American Sisters of Charity in 1809, establishing the foundations for the parochial school system in America. Mary of Nazareth School, a school serving our parish and six other parishes, met in our parish barn (**lower panel**) until their new school was built in 1996.

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN, 5 January:** St. John Neumann (1811 – 1860) was born in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States and was ordained a priest in New York City. He joined the Redemptorists (**upper panel**) and did missionary work in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. Consecrated bishop of Philadelphia (**lower panel**), he

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organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, invited teaching orders to the diocese, and established parishes for immigrants. John Neumann was also known for his great love for the Eucharist and for the rosary.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** The Holy Name Society members will attend the 9:00 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, 8 January and will hold a meeting immediately afterward in Founders Hall. All men of the parish who are high school age and older are welcome. For information, please call Brian O'Sullivan, (240) 477-5717.

**SEVENTH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP STUDY:** A Group Study Workshop, Session II, will be conducted on Sunday, 22 January from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for 7<sup>th</sup> grade candidates and their parents. Contact Fr. Ray at [rfecteau@olvp.org](mailto:rfecteau@olvp.org) with questions concerning Confirmation.



**FIRST PENANCE:** First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on Saturday, 28 January at 9:00 a.m. A reception for children and their families will follow in Founders Hall. Two **volunteers** (not parents of second graders) **are needed** from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and two volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to help set up, monitor, and clean up.

**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@comcast.net](mailto:TomnCarol@comcast.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](http://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 Feast of the Epiphany will be on Tuesday, 3 January, 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 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. Come tour our [Blue Ribbon](#) school, meet the teachers, and talk to current parents and students. Registration materials for the 2012-2013 school year will be available in mid-January. For information, please contact Mrs. Maryellen Weir at

[mweir@maryofnazareth.org](mailto:mweir@maryofnazareth.org) or visit the school's website at [www.maryofnazareth.org](http://www.maryofnazareth.org).

**Social Concerns**

**U.S. CHURCH MISSIONS:** This collection will be taken on 7-8 January 2012. There are many places in the United States where the church is poor, communities are scattered, and priests are few. Money given to the missions helps Catholic communities across America survive and thrive. Your generosity toward this national collection is appreciated.

**YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE: 23 January 2012:** The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held at the Verizon Center (7:00 a.m.) and at the DC Armory (6:30 a.m.). Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. with departure for the National March for Life at 11:30 a.m. For more information please visit [www.facebook.com/youthrallyandmassforlife](http://www.facebook.com/youthrallyandmassforlife).

**Human Resources**



**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gearhart-Benko, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Diethrich, Mr. & Mrs. James Horman, and Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Zuppas.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except:  
Monday, 02 January                      Office Closed  
Monday, 16 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](mailto: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:** We encourage you to sign up with Faith Direct. Stop writing checks and using envelopes. 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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is MD114.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**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.
- 22 Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Study Session,  
6:30 – 7:45 p.m., Lower Church
- 24 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Sat First Reconciliation/Reception, 9:00 a.m. ,  
Church/Hall; Catholic School Students  
Wear Uniforms to 5:00 p.m. Liturgy
- 29 Sun Holy Name Society Brunch
- 31 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

**February**

- 02 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Chapel

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**February 2012**

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

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