

**Liturgical Life**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 26-27  
February. Presiders:**

5:00pm Fr. Raymond Fecteau  
9:00am Fr. Mathew Punchayil  
11:00am Fr. Raymond Fecteau

**Readings for the Week of February 27, 2011**

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2,17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48  
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50  
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16  
Next Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** Postcards have been mailed to all liturgical ministers asking for dates they are available to serve in March, April and May 2011. **If you haven't returned your postcard, please call the parish office this week with your availability: (301) 948-5536 x105.**

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15am liturgy. Morning prayer begins at 8:45am in the Thomas More Chapel.

**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 Monday, 10 January, and continues through Tuesday, 8 March, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. It will resume when the Easter Season ends, that is on Monday, 13 June, 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 one should remain at home, if one is feeling unwell.

**Parish Life**

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of **Melissa Lichvar**, niece of *Richard Lichvar*. We commend her and her family to God in our prayers.

**FEBRUARY PARISH NECROLOGY:** On the anniversaries of their deaths, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **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).

**RECEPTION FOR JEAN O'CONNOR:** All parishioners are invited to a reception for Jean O'Connor to honor her retirement from 17 years of service as Our Lady of the Visitation parish manager. **The reception will be held in Founders Hall immediately following the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday, 26 February, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.** Come join representatives from our parish councils and organizations for this special celebration. Light refreshments will be served.

**ADULT VOLUNTEER PARTY:** Come enjoy a Mardi Gras themed party before Lent, including a buffet, beverages and dancing on **Friday, 4 March 2011, 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm in Founders Hall.** Volunteers from all activities, organizations, committees, councils, fundraisers and Faith Formation sessions are welcome. Please **RSVP by Monday, 28 February 2011** by calling the parish office (301) 948-5536 x 108.



**FAMILY BINGO: Sunday, 6 March 2011 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm 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 sheet. Families with the last name beginning with A-H, please bring beverages to share; I-P, please bring snacks to share; Q-Z, please bring desserts to share. RSVP (301) 948-5536 x108 by **Monday, 28 February 2011.** This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** The Knights of Columbus Council #6901 is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, 5 March 2011 from 6:30 to 10:00 pm at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville, MD. Come enjoy the live Irish band "Paddy Racket" and Irish dancers from the Broeslar School. Great Irish food and beer and a terrific time for all! The cost is \$15 per person/\$35 per family/\$12 for seniors. Please contact [jhipps@gl.com](mailto:jhipps@gl.com) or (301) 972-8660 for reservations. Tickets also available at the door. Please bring non-perishable food donations to be given to WUMCO.

**GETTING READY DAY** for those preparing to receive their First Eucharist in 2011 is scheduled for Saturday, 12 March 2011, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, in the Church.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT** will be held on Friday, 18 March 2011 at 6:00 pm through Saturday, 19 March 2011 at 6:00 pm.

**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. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 105.

**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.

**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 information or to register for a weekend, go to [www.dcengagedencounter.org](http://www.dcengagedencounter.org).

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

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

### ***Faith Formation for Life***

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for next Sunday, *The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 22 February, 10:00am, in the Barn.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION:** Hey kids, are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us for **"PANDAMANIA"**, a totally Catholic VBC where **God is wild about you!** Registration begins on March 6, 2011 after the 9:00 a.m. mass and before the 11:00 a.m. mass. The Bible Camp fun will be held in two sessions: the first session from June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup> and the second session from June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>, both weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The fee is \$100.00 per child for one week. We invite those 4 1/2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to register; 3 1/2 year olds can register for the second session. Join us for refreshments after mass on March 6<sup>th</sup> while you register.

### ***Social Concerns***

**FREE SONOGRAM:** Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is seeking women who are 7 to 30 weeks pregnant to help us complete their nurse sonographer's training. Sonograms will be performed under the supervision of a licensed ultrasonographer on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> with daytime and evening appointments available. A limited number of sonograms will be provided free. Each individual will receive a picture of their unborn child and a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Please let interested expectant mothers know of this opportunity, as 50-75 sonograms must be performed to complete the sonographer's training. Contact Robin Ross, Nurse Manager, or Jackie Stippich, Executive Director, at (301) 963-6223 to schedule an appointment.

**2011 CARDINAL'S APPEAL:** **"Seek First the Kingdom of God"** (Mt. 6:33): Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2011 Cardinal's Appeal. The Appeal funds the operations of the Archdiocese and services that are of great help to the ministries in the parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is: *'Seek first the kingdom of God.'* (Matthew 6:33). As we seek first the kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us. How does this happen? The kingdom of God is made present through our works of charity, and our works of love and compassion. 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 2011 Cardinal's Appeal.

**Human Resources**

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** The following families have recently joined our parish: **Brenna Dorney, Mr. and Mrs. John Macken, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jurgena.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; the office is closed during the lunch hour, 12 noon – 1:00 pm.

**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.

**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.**

**Facilities**

**WINTER WEATHER:** You are reminded that, for your convenience, there are coat racks on the upper and lower levels of the church.

**SNOW EMERGENCY:** Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not canceled because of weather. Faith Formation sessions are canceled if a snow emergency plan is in effect, or if Montgomery County public schools are closed for school/community use. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

**Finance**

**FAITH DIRECT:** Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning? 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, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. 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). 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**

**February**

- 21 Mon Parish Office Closed, Presidents' Day
- 22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
- 26 Sat **1<sup>st</sup> Penance and Reconciliation, 9:00 am Retirement Reception – Jean O'Connor**  
After 5:00 pm mass until 7:30 pm, Founders Hall
- 28 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn

**March**

- 01 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn  
Faith Formation Sessions
- 02 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 03 Thur Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 04 Fri **Volunteer Mardi Gras Party, 7:30pm**
- 06 Sun **Family Bingo, 2:00-4:00 pm, Founders Hall**  
Monthly Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 08 Tue Faith Formation Sessions
- 09 Wed Faith Formation Sessions  
**Ash Wednesday, Sacred Liturgy**  
6:00 am, 12 noon, 6:00 pm  
8:00 pm, Ecumenical Service  
Fairhaven United Methodist Church
- 11 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 12 Sat **Getting Ready Day, 9:00-11:00 am, Church**
- 13 Sun Holy Name Society, 9:00 am Liturgy  
High School Faith Formation Session  
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, Fr. Ray's House
- 16 Wed Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 18 Fri 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat  
begins at 6:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 19 Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat  
ends with 5:00 pm mass

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April**

- 09 Sat **Forty Hours, begins at 5:00 pm Mass, Procession to Thomas More Chapel**
- 11 Mon **Forty Hours, ends at 9:15 am Mass**

**May**

- 22 Sun **Confirmation, 2:00 pm**  
The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout

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