

Liturgical Life



Readings for the Week of June 5, 2011

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

PENTECOST: 12 June. Presiders:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Family Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

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, **Jack Thornton Patric** celebrated **Baptism**.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: 30 June, Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853). Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti (upper panel). Jean and Marie Berard brought him to New York City in 1787, where he became a hairdresser. He attended mass daily. With Elizabeth Ann Seton, he founded one of New York City’s first orphanages, and he helped raise funds for the city’s first cathedral. In 1990, John Cardinal O’Connor moved his remains to the crypt beneath the high altar of St. Patrick’s Cathedral (lower panel).



PARISH PICNIC: Our annual parish picnic will be held today, 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.

GAUDEAMUS IGITUR: Congratulations to all parishioners in the class of 2011.

SILENT RETREATS: Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers silent retreats based on the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*, for women on 22 – 24 July and for men on 26 - 28 August at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside Wednesday, 15 June, Friday, 17 June and Saturday, 18 June as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

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. 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.

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 and register for a weekend.

Faith Formation for Life



SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Solemnity of Pentecost will be on Tuesday, 7 June, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION CHANGE: Don't forget to register your three and ½ year olds through 5th graders 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 20th through June 24th and June 27th through July 1st, 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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE – TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Discover a diverse, faith-filled environment where teachers are empowered to impact young lives through faith, service and scholarship. Discover a supportive community of fellow teachers, parents and students. Discover the difference you can make in students' lives. Faculty positions are available across the archdiocese. For employment information and a listing of positions, visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org, or call 301-853-4518.

Social Concerns

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.**

INTERFAITH WORKS homeless facilities need high efficiency laundry detergent, hand sanitizers, liquid soap, blankets, twin-size bedding, and toiletries. To learn more about the programs' needs and how you can help, please contact Julie Kirby at 301-315-1092.

www.faihtdirect.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.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: John and Lisa Lombardi.

EMAIL ADDRESS: To receive announcements and messages about parish activities, please send your email address to 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 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June

- 04 Sat Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 05 Sun **Ascension of our Lord**
Family Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
Mortgage Reduction Collection
Parish Picnic 20th Anniversary Celebration, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Pavilion
- 07 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 12 Sun **Pentecost**
Family Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 15 Wed Ember Day
- 17 Fri Ember Day
- 18 Sat Ember Day
- 19 Sun **Trinity Sunday**
- 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 **Corpus Christi**
9 a.m. Procession
Peter's Pence Collection
- 27 Mon Vacation Bible Camp, Session II, Begins
- 28 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 30 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Barn

July

- 01 Fri Vacation Bible Camp, Session II, Ends
- 02 Sat Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 03 Sun Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 04 Mon Parish Office Closed
- 05 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn



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