

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgical Life

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 19-20 February. Presiders:

5:00pm Fr. Mathew PUNCHAYIL/Deacon Bob
9:00am Fr. Raymond FECTEAU/Deacon Bob
11:00am Fr. Mathew PUNCHAYIL/Deacon Bob

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2011

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Mt 5:38-48

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.

OLVP LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Postcards have been mailed to all liturgical ministers asking for dates they are available to serve in March, April and May 2011. **Ministers are kindly asked to return completed cards to the parish office by Monday, 14 February.**

Parish Life

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Norman Grolman**, father of David Grolman.

ECCE QUAM BONUM: This weekend, **Juliana Belle Rauenzahn** will celebrate **Baptism.**

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).

MEN'S BRUNCH: All men and teenage boys of the parish are invited to attend the Holy Name Society's annual brunch on Sunday, 20 February 2011. It will be held at the newly renovated Gaithersburg Holiday Inn on Rt. 355 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 for a full buffet, beverages and tip. Come meet some new friends or spend time with existing friends. To reserve your spot or for additional information, contact Brian O'Sullivan at (240) 477-5717 or email TBirdBTO@aol.com.

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.

ANNUAL 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANNUAL 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.

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.

8th 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.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, *The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 15 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 20th through June 24th and the second session from June 27th through July 1st, both weeks from 9:00a.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 5th grade to register; 3 1/2 year olds can register for the second session. Join us for refreshments after mass on March 6th while you register.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Thank you to the Mary of Nazareth families from OLVP who provided refreshments last weekend after the 9:00am Mass in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

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 5th and Saturday, March 12th with daytime and evening appointments available. A limited number of sonograms will be provided free. The sonogram will only take 30 minutes and each individual will receive a picture of their unborn child and a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Please contact Robin Ross, Nurse Manager, or Jackie Stippich, Executive Director, at (301) 963-6223 to schedule an appointment. Please let interested expectant mothers know of this opportunity, as 50-75 sonograms must be performed to complete the sonographer's training.

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

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 by noon on Monday.

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

2010 STATEMENTS: Contribution statements for 2010 have been mailed. Please contact the parish bookkeeper at (301) 948-5536 x102 if you have any questions or did not receive your statement. Faith Direct donations will be included on your parish statement.

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. 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

- 13 Sun High School Faith Formation Session
6:30 – 7:45 pm, Fr. Ray's House
- 14 Mon RCIA, 7:00 pm, Barn
- 15 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions
- 16 Wed Faith Formation Sessions
- 21 Mon Parish Office Closed, Presidents' Day
- 22 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn
- 26 Sat **1st 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
- 11 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm, 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

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

END OF BULLETIN
ANY TEXT OR GRAPHICS ENTERED ON THIS PAGE
WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE PRINTED BULLETIN

CHURCH NAME: **Our Lady of the Visitation**

CHURCH CITY: **Darnestown**

ROUTING CODE: **W**

RUN NUMBER: **2**

FILENAME: **03-0338.10b**

PHONE NUMBER: **301-948-5536**

FAX NUMBER: **301-948-7452**

EDITOR/ CONTACT: **Jean O'Connor**

CURRENT FORMAT: EBSWUN

Comments:
