

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: 02-03 APRIL. Presiders:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau
11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2011

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



PASSION SUNDAY

Blessing of the Palms
Family Liturgy

17 April 2011
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

21 April 2011
6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

22 April 2011
7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil

23 April 2011
8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sacred Liturgy

24 April 2011
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday, 22 April 2011. On fast days, two

additional smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. However, liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, through 15 April, 7:00 p.m. in the church.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION:

During Lent, the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation will be celebrated Wednesday evenings, 16 March – 13 April 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church.

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

Parish Life

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **Patsy McGee**, mother of Chris McGee.

MARCH PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversaries of their deaths, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Elizabeth Bonfils** (05 March 2008), **Alex Martin** (16 March 2006), **Mario Marini** (17 March 2002), **Paul DiDuca** (17 March 2006), **Sue Ann Baluta** (23 March 2003), **Richard J. Marcinko** (29 March 1992), **Alfred Alex Soltesz** (29 March 1996).

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.

SPECIAL MASS/FIRST COMMUNICANTS: All those preparing to receive First Communion are to attend a special mass with their families at **9:00 a.m. on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 03 April 2011.**

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Thank you to Deacon Bob Fischer, Michele Olewack and all the parish/parent volunteers who made this past weekend's retreat a prayerful and reflective time of preparation for the confirmandi. During the overnight retreat, students also had an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: The Sodality will host a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, 9 April 2011 in Founders Hall. Please save the day to honor Jesus and to learn about the women he encounters on his way to Calvary. The retreat will begin at 11:30 a.m. It will include Midday Prayer, reflections by the Rev. Msgr. Maurice (Maury) O'Connell, an opportunity for confession, and will end with mass and procession to the Thomas More Chapel to start the 40 Hours of Devotion. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact Sheila Bouley at (240) 632-9720 or wbouley@comcast.net.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The focus of the devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. The Forty Hours Devotion begins with the 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Saturday, 09 April, followed by a procession to the Thomas More Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament will remain on the altar for parishioners to gather for personal prayer and will conclude at the 9:15 a.m. liturgy on Monday, 11 April. The devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of an individual, a couple, or a family. Please schedule a time to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament by filling out the form enclosed in the bulletin and either placing the completed form in the collection basket during liturgy or sending an email to parishoffice@olvp.org, noting "Forty Hours" in the subject line.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, 5 June 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Donald Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. **To register, please contact the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x108 by Wednesday, 13 April 2011.**

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, will be on Tuesday, 29 March, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE STUDY: During the season of Lent and during the Easter Season, the weekly scripture study will be included as a flyer in the weekly bulletin.

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 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. The fee is \$100.00 per week for an OLVP parishioner and \$120.00 per week for a non-parishioner. We invite 4 1/2 years olds through 5th grade to register for the first session; 3 1/2 year olds through 5th grade may register for the second session.

Social Concerns

DEVASTATION IN JAPAN: As with all such disasters, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will help people recover from the emergency and will stand with them as they recover in the months and years to come. CRS has already begun to assess the needs in Japan where the earthquake and tsunami have caused the most damage. You may donate online at <http://crs.org/Japan/>.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers are needed to serve at the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, 31 March 2011. **If you can help serve, please contact Connie Johnson at conniejohnson@mrjs.com or (301) 651-1570.**

HEAD START LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: The Social Concerns Committee will distribute slips and grocery bags for the Head Start Food Collection after all the masses on the Third Sunday of Lent, 26-27 March 2011. Please help with this important collection by returning filled bags with non-perishable food items in cans or plastic containers on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 2-3 April 2011.

2011 CARDINAL'S APPEAL: "Seek First the Kingdom of God" (Mt. 6:33): Thank you to all parishioners who have so generously contributed to the 2011 Cardinal's Appeal. For those who have not had an opportunity to pledge, you can obtain a pledge envelope from the presider/usher after mass or from the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x108.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following have recently joined our parish: Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kimble and Mr. Francis Llave.

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



SPRING SPRUCE UP DAY will be Saturday, 9 April 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, 10 April. 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Families, couples, individuals - please bring safety glasses, work gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, hedge clippers, branch pruners/loppers, leaf blowers and small gardening tools with you. See the bulletin insert for rain date and further information. For those preparing for Confirmation: a service project opportunity.

Finance

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 www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is MD114. You may also pick up an enrollment form from the presider/deacon after mass, from the parish office (301) 948-5536 x108 or by calling Faith Direct's toll-free number, (866) 507-8757 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 27 Sun Head Start Food Bag Collection - Bags Distribution
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 am, Barn Faith Formation Sessions
- 30 Wed Faith Formation Sessions Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 31 Thur Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Barn

April

- 01 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 02 Sat Head Start Food Bags Returned Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 03 Sun **Special Mass at 9:00 a.m. Family Liturgy for First Communicants** Head Start Food Bags Returned Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 09 Sat Spring Spruce Up Day, 8:00 am Sodality Retreat, 11:30 am, Founders Hall **Forty Hours**, begins with 5:00 pm Mass, Procession to Thomas More Chapel
- 10 Sun Holy Name Society, 9:00 am Liturgy High School Faith Formation 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, Fr. Ray's House
- 11 Mon **Forty Hours**, ends at 9:15 am Mass
- 12 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation Sessions
- 13 Wed Faith Formation Sessions Penance, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 15 Fri Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm, Church
- 17 Sun **Passion Sunday**
- 21 Thu **Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00 p.m.** Collection for our parish in Haiti
- 22 Fri **Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 pm**
- 23 Sat **The Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.**
- 24 Sun **Easter Sunday Masses, 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.**
- 25 Mon Parish Office Closed

May

- 22 Sun **Confirmation, 2:00 pm** The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout
- 31 Tue **Sacred Liturgy, Parish 20th Anniversary** 7:00 p.m., Church

June

- 05 Sun **Parish Picnic 20th Anniversary Celebration**

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