

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
24-25 SEPTEMBER, PRESIDERS:**

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

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2011

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



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.

ROMAN MISSAL REVISED: The third edition of the Roman Missal will be inaugurated on the First Sunday of Advent 2011. Our current English translation dates to 1973. The new translation will use language that is more biblical and more in keeping with the translation of the Revised Lectionary. Also, the new English translation adheres more closely to the original texts in Latin.

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 resumes when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, 13 June, the day following Pentecost.

SALVE REGINA: The Marian antiphon, *Salve Regina*, is sung from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. It was used as a processional chant at Cluny as early as 1135. The text of the antiphon is the familiar prayer, "Hail, Holy Queen." At Visitation Parish we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember the following parishioners in your prayers: **Agnes F. Kelly** (2 September 2002), **Harry T. Lackey, Jr.** (10 September 2002), **Vincent Burns** (10 September 1994), and **Andrew Garde** (22 September 1994).

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last weekend, **Emily Marie Conner** and **Nicholas Todd Serenyi** celebrated **First Eucharist**.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: **Peter Claver** (1581 - 1654) was born to a poor farming family in Spain. He became a Jesuit missionary (upper panel) and, at his ordination to the priesthood, Peter vowed to become "a slave to the slaves." As slave ships (lower panel) arrived in Cartagena (Columbia, South America) he boarded the ships with food, drink and medicine. With the help of interpreters, and despite open opposition and ridicule, Peter Claver instructed and baptized almost four hundred thousand people. His feast is listed in the United States liturgical calendar.

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside Wednesday, 21 September, Friday, 23 September and Saturday, 24 September as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING for the parents of those parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2012 will be on Sunday, 25 September at 3:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. This meeting is for **parents only**. For more information, please call Michele Olewack, 301-948-5536 ext. 107.

SODALITY: The Women's Sodality will hold its annual Membership Tea in Founders Hall on Sunday, 2 October

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from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All women of the parish are welcome. For information, please email Sheila Bouley, wbouley@comcast.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 6 October, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Chapel. "Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test." *Mark 14, 37 – 38*.

BONNE ANN I VERSAIRE: Please join the women's Sodality and the men's Holy Name Society in Founders Hall on Saturday, 8 October after the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy to celebrate **Father Ray's 65th birthday**.

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**. Our next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Saturday, 15 October in Founders Hall. Sponsors are also welcome to attend. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. For further information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 105.

MARRIAGE SUMMIT: How do we, as Catholics, navigate the culture wars on the issues of marriage? If you are interested in finding the answers, join other singles, engaged and married couples for presentations, discussion and prayers on the gift and meaning of marriage on Saturday, 01 October at Catholic University's Pryzbyla Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call Richard Kramer, Associate Director for Evangelization and Family Life, at 301-853-4546.

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.

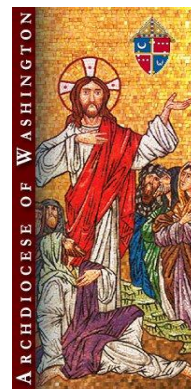
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of matrimony. For further information go to www.dcengagedencounter.org and register for a weekend.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be on Tuesday, 20 September, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: We have seven Kindergarden children needing a teacher on Wednesday afternoons. Assistants are needed for Grades 3 and 5. If you feel called to help, please contact Michele Olewack at 301-948-5536 ext. 107 or email molewack@olvp.org.



HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION: *Scripture and Snacks with Fr. Ray* begins on Sunday, 2 October from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in the rectory for grades 9 – 12. Registration forms have been mailed to all students; please return registration forms as soon as possible.

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6 – 8: NEW DATE AND TIME: All youth in grades 6 to 8 will meet for Faith Formation sessions on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in Founders Hall beginning 02 October. We currently have team teachers for all grades and parents are being asked to assist in the classroom for one session per family during the school year. Sign-ups will be in Founders Hall at the first sessions on Sunday, 2 October. Please **plan to sign up**.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K – 5: Sessions for grades K – 5 begin Tuesday/Wednesday 4/5 October. Grades K-5 will meet from 4:45 – 6:00 p.m. **Note - Grade 2, Tuesday Class is now filled;** Grade 2 spaces are still open on Wednesday. Registration forms have been mailed to all children currently enrolled in our Faith Formation program. If you are a new parishioner, would like more information about our program, or would like to enroll your children, please call (301) 948-5536, ext. 107.

Social Concerns

SPECIAL REQUEST: One of our adopted families is in need of three used dressers and a table with four chairs for the kitchen. If you are able to donate any of these items, please call Jane Stenson at 301-977-9094 to arrange for pickup.

URGENT NEED IN SOMALIA: Please send any contributions **as soon as possible**, to CRS, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090, marked for **Africa Drought Response**.



THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN: Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at the soup kitchen on Thursday, 29 September. If you are able to help, please call Connie Johnson at 301-651-1570 or email ConnieJohnson@mris.com.

MARYLAND CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: To stay current on social justice issues, visit Maryland Catholic Conference's website www.mdathcon.org and the Conference's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com>.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL: As of September 2011, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish has pledged \$112,313 to the 2011 Cardinal's Appeal. This is 136.42% of the goal established for our parish, or \$82,329. To date, 118% of the pledges have been received. **Thank you** to all parishioners who have donated so generously to this campaign.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: Lisa Flynn, Daniel and Allison Rascher, Peter Shiner, Stephen and Jeanette Staton, and Nina Yalla.

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 Wednesday.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIR: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the parish office at (301) 948-5536 ext. 103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed.

Finance

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$1,478.00 to this national collection.

THANK YOU to the many parishioners who have recently joined Faith Direct and to those who have increased their weekly and monthly contributions. Your financial commitment to Our Lady of the Visitation parish is both needed and **greatly appreciated**. If you would like to join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Our Lady of the Visitation parish, sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

- 20 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 21 Wed Ember Day
- 23 Fri Ember Day
- 24 Sat Ember Day
- 25 Sun First Eucharist/Reconciliation Parent Mtg., 3:00 p.m., Founders Hall
- 27 Tue Scripture Study, 1000 a.m., Barn
- 29 Thu The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

October

- 02 Sun Mortgage Reduction Collection
Sodality Tea, 3:00 p.m., Founders Hall
Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Grades 6, 7, 8, Lower Church
High School, Rectory
- 04 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
K - 5, Lower Church
- 05 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
K - 5, Lower Church
- 06 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 p.m., Barn
- 08 Sat Fr. Ray's 65th Birthday, 6:00 p.m. Fdrs. Hall
- 09 Sun Holy Name, 10:00 a.m., Founders Hall
- 11 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 15 Sat Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Founders Hall
- 16 Sun 7th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Founders Hall

SAVE THE DATE

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- 06 Sun Confirmation, 2:00 P.M.

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