

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

Liturgical Life

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 - 2 November: Presiders:

5:00 pm – Fr. Mathew Punchayil

9:00 am – Fr. Raymond Fecteau

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, 1 November at 10:00am in the church.

Readings for the Week of October 26, 2008

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Eph 4:32-5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday:	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: An hour of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Thursday, 6 November, 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Thomas More Chapel in the parish Barn.

SAINTS/WINDOWS: 13 November, Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) was born in San Angelo, Italy. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and established dozens of schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout the United States and South America. While on a picnic in Colorado with orphaned children, she had them gather rocks and construct a large image of the Sacred Heart (upper panel). Mother Cabrini believed that each of us is called to carry the gospel message to others, and that Mary, Star of the Sea, guides us to where we are most needed (lower panel).

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

2009 CONFIRMATION DATE: The Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will

administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish on Sunday, 17 May 2009 at 2:00pm.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of **Mary E. Savage**, sister of *Marty Kelly* and the death of **Maria Carla Barzotti**, mother of *Anna Maria Cantarella*. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets on Monday evenings, 7:00pm in the church. For more information, please visit the RCIA website at <http://www.rcia.ihweb.net> or contact Deacon Bob Fischer, (301) 948-5536, ext. 106.

ROSARIES: During the month of October, blessed rosaries are available in a basket at the rear of the church, near the statue of the Blessed Mother. Please feel free to take a rosary, if you need one. If you have extra rosaries at home and would like to be a part of this project, you may place your rosaries in the basket for others to use.

ST. MONICA SOCIETY: This society, for widows and widowers in our parish, is a source of spirituality, prayer, social activities and service to others. All widows and widowers in our parish are invited to meet with our group for coffee after the 9:15 Mass in the Barn on Wednesday, 5 November. For information, call Frances Childs, (301) 519-8728 or Carol Anne Puglisi, (301) 417-0839.

MEN’S COMMUNION BRUNCH sponsored by the Holy Name Society will be on Sunday, 9 November following the 9:00am liturgy. For more information call Brian O’Sullivan, (301) 330-0593. All men of the parish, their relatives and their friends are invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION STUDY SESSION for those in the seventh grade preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parent/sponsor will be held on Saturday, 15 November, 3:00pm – 5:00pm in Founders Hall.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have special intentions remembered in our prayers, please call Jean O’Connor at the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org.

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 (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARRIAGE PLANNING: It is both Archdiocesan and parish policy that, in order to facilitate marriage preparation, couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon prior to setting a wedding date. A minimum of six months is needed for preparation.

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 Sunday Liturgy call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Engaged Encounter is a program of the Catholic Church dedicated to preparing couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. For information or to register for a weekend, go to www.dcengagedencounter.org.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 28 October 2008, 10:00am, in the Barn.

FAITH FORMATION: Grades K -8 will meet this week on Tuesday and Wednesday, 28 – 29 October.

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL: 8th Grade Raffle. The 8th grade students of Mary of Nazareth School are holding a raffle to raise funds for their New York City class trip in December 2008. The grand prize is a 22" Samsung Flatscreen HDTV. A number of other prizes include an iPod Video Nano, a T-Mobile Phone, a weekend getaway for two at Woodfin Suites, a \$50 Visa giftcard and Silpada Earrings. Anyone who wishes to support the students and have a chance to win one of these great prizes may purchase raffle tickets at \$5.00 each by contacting your Parish Liaison, Heidi Titus, at (301) 948-0432. The raffle drawing will take place at the school on 18 November; you do not have to be present to win.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES for all 7th and 8th grade students and their families:

St. Anselm's: Sunday, 2 November 2008, 11:00am - 3:00pm for boys entering grades 6 – 12 in the Fall 2009. For more information call (202) 269-2379.

The Woods Academy: Thursday, 6 November 2008 from 9:00am – 11:30am. For more information call (301) 365-3080.

THEOLOGY ON TAP, a ministry of the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry, offers the opportunity for young adults age 21+ to reflect on how the Catholic faith relates to your life in contemporary society. The evening begins with a “happy half-hour” at 7pm: The talk begins at 7:30pm and is followed by a Q & A session with the featured speaker. Come join us at Ireland’s Four Fields, 3412 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC on Tuesday evening, 28 October at 7:00pm when Fr. Bill Byrne will speak on “*Saturday Night to Sunday Morning: Smooth Transition?*”. For more information contact Laura Ferstl, ((301) 853-4559 or email yam@adw.org.

Social Concerns

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: All Souls Day, 2 November, is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones. Parishioners are encouraged to make a special visit to the sacred ground of the Archdiocese’s Catholic Cemeteries on Sunday, 2 November to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. Please note that the annual All Souls Day Mass at Catholic cemeteries will not be held this year, so parishioners can gather with their parish communities. For further information about Catholic cemeteries, please contact (301) 871-1300, or visit the website at ccaw.org.

DOROTHY DAY WOMEN’S SHELTER is in need of paper products – toilet tissue, tissues, paper towels and napkins. If you would like to make a donation, please call Barbara Wiles, (301) 208-2633.

EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE: The “Catechism of the Catholic Church” teaches that individuals have a moral obligation “. . . to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote and to defend one’s country . . .”(#2240). In service to the common good, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish serves as a polling site in both the primary and the general elections.

WORLD MISSION COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$2,044.00 to this national collection.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. William Knight** and **Mr. Walter Vasquez**.

OLVP CRAFT SHOPPE will be taking orders for Advent Wreaths, religious books and poinsettias the weekend of 15 – 16 November. Delivery will be the weekend of 6 – 7 December. The Shoppe will be open from Friday evening, 5 December through noon on Sunday, 7 December. Our raffle item for this year is a Santini crèche. Raffle tickets will be available through 7 December. All proceeds benefit the parish.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES VOLUNTEERS are needed to help setup and sell Christmas trees. Setup will be Saturday 22 November, 8:30am; unloading trees will be Thursday, 4 December at 1:00pm, and sales will begin Friday evening, 5 December. Sign-up to help the weekend of 15 – 16 November.

BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE: To submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer for the weekend of 1 – 2 November, please submit the information to Jean O’Connor, (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email jocconnor@olvp.org by noon on Tuesday, 28 October.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIRS: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 and report the problem.

Finance

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the fiscal year July 2007 - June 2008 will be published in the November 2008 parish newsletter which will be mailed to all registered parishioners.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 October our mortgage debt is \$837,996.29. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500. The September revenue from our Building Fund collection amounted to \$5,648.00

DIRECT DEPOSITS – Please note: If you are currently using a direct deposit option for your offerings or wish to begin doing so, please notify Marcia Montanio, (301) 948-5536, ext 102. **Direct contributions to our bank are not identified by the sender and credit cannot be posted to your contribution statement unless we are notified.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October

- 26 Sun Sodality Tea, 3:00pm, Founders Hall
- 27 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 28 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 29 Wed Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 30 Thu Lord’s Table Soup Kitchen

November

- 01 Sat Feast of All Saints
Sacred Liturgy, 10:00am, Church
- 02 Sun High School Faith Formation
6:30pm – 7:45pm, Founders Hall
- 03 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 04 Tue Election Day Polling Place
Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
No Faith Formation
- 05 Wed St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn
No Faith Formation
- 06 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00–8:00pm, Chapel
- 09 Sun Holy Name Society At 9:00am Liturgy
Men’s Communion Brunch, 10:30am
- 10 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 11 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
- 12 Wed Faith Formation, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
- 15 Sat 7th Grade Confirmation Study Session,
3pm - 5pm, Founders Hall
- 16 Sun Welcome Weekend
Tree Sales Sign-up
- 17 Mon RCIA, 7:00pm, Church
- 18 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation, 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 19 Wed Faith Formation, 4:30pm & 6:30pm
- 20 Thu Sodality Meeting, 7:00pm, Barn
- 22 Sat Christmas Tree Setup, 8:30am
- 23 Sun Human Development Collection
- 25 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 26 Wed Sacred Liturgy, 6:00pm
- 27 Thu Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Fri Parish Office Closed

December

- 02 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
- 03 Wed St. Monica Society, 10:00am, Barn
- 04 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Chapel
- 05 Fri Tree Sales/Craft Shoppe Sales Begin

SAVE THE DATE

February

- 20 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Party

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