

Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, N. J. 08723



Welcome!

The entire parish community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed for Lunch 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Parish Registration

The Church of the Visitation is obliged to serve and minister to all baptized Catholics living in our local area. **PLEASE REGISTER** – it assists the staff in knowing you as a parishioner, providing for your needs, informing you of parish programs and activities, and utilizing your gifts and talents in service of the Church and one another. Envelopes for weekly contributions are available to you once you are registered. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Cannon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. 1. Be at least 16 years of age. 2. Have completed the Sacraments of the Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) 3. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 PM

Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

Daily: Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)

Monday Evenings: 7:30 PM

Holy Days: See Current Bulletin

Holy Hour: First Fri. of the month 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Church)

Baptism

Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to register 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism. Parents and Guardians are required and sponsors are encouraged to attend the Baptismal Formation Session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following the 12:30 Mass at 1:45 PM. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Marriages

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires sessions with a priest or deacon, Focus review and attendance at a Marriage Preparation Programs such as Pre Cana. Therefore couples should make arrangements with the Church at least 1 year before the planned wedding date and finalizing any social plans. Couples must also verify freedom to marry before dates and arrangements can be made. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45PM in the Church or anytime by appointment. A Penance Service is held during Advent and Lent.

Religious Education (CCD)

Our Religious Education and sacramental preparation for our children meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. Please call Dale Zanetti at ext. 214 for more information.

Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 14
4:00 PM	Tony Citro/req. M/M Peter Netti.
5:30 PM	Thomas Rygiel/req. Wife, Toni
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 15
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Patricia Veni/req. Husband, Joe
9:30 AM	Romoli Lechic/req. Wife Maria
11:00 AM	Paul Thomas Manganeli/req. Bev & John Mozart
12:30 PM	Donald Doyle/req. Ed & Linda Kelly
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 16
8:15 AM	Steve Vaccari/req. Thomas & Jason Otter
7:30 PM	John L. Lovasz/req. Janet & Austin Cammarata
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 17
7:30 AM	John Dryburgh/req. Madeline & Bill O'Dell
8:15 AM	Petosa & Senerchia Families/req. Family
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 18
7:00 AM	Judy Zoldak/req. Daughter Marilyn McSweeney
8:15 AM	Robert Feeney/req. Family
7:00 PM	Cheryl Perrone/req. Mom & Dad
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 19
7:30 AM	Giovanni Bruno/req. The Bruno Family
8:15 AM	John Dryburgh/req. Dee DeTuro
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 20
7:30 AM	Donald Smith/req. Tony & Marybeth Capone & Children
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/req. Mary Helik
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 21
7:30 AM	John Dryburgh/req. Mary Helik
8:15 AM	Charles McKeon/req. Florence Ochs
4:00 PM	Charles Hayes/req. Reilly Family
5:30 PM	Patrick Barry/req. Marilyn Emery
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 22
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Mark Geradi/req. Ed & Linda Kelly
9:30 AM	Donald Smith/req. Hugh & Maria Paladino
11:00 AM	Paul Thomas Manganeli/req. Michele Rinaldi
12:30 PM	Mary Loffredo/req. Esteves Family

NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 15	LOCATION
<i>H. S. Confirmation Class</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 16	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 17	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Adult Confirmation Orientation</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
ASH WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 18	
<i>Ash Service</i>	12:00 PM	Church
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Ash Service</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>Ocean Mental Health Services</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room A
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 19	
<i>Youth</i>	5:00 PM	Church
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 20	
<i>Traditional Stations</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 21	
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:00 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, WHEN THERE IS A HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, WE WILL NOT HOLD MONDAY EVENING MASS WITH NOVENA

For the Week of February 15, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing" on Greg Wallack/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Marie Cresanti/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Marie Cresanti/req. St. Vincent de Paul

Sacred Heart Candle is "God's Blessing" on Parishioners of Visitation Parish

"I TURN TO YOU LORD IN TIME OF TROUBLE"



- II. Rosemary Russell
- III. Bernadette Galgon

"REMEMBERING OUR SICK" LIST IS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS. THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS. IF EXTENDED PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT VISITATIONS PRAYER CHAIN AT 848-373-4239.

In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors especially; *Marie Cresanti, James Clarke, Kathleen Douglas*



HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

Please consider "Creating a Legacy" that will last for generations to come. When you remember Church of the Visitation in your will, you will help to provide for the many organizations and ministries after you are gone. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216.



The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.

DINE TO DONATE



Every Thursday in the month of February, Quaker Steak & Lube in Brick will donate 10% of the bill (excluding tax and gratuity) to the Visitation Relief Center. Head on over this week and enjoy some delicious wings.

Reflections for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, a man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power and people sought him out in search of his healing.

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR THE ASSESSMENT IN THE SECOND BASKET.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend is Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all of the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA.

This year Visitation's share of the goal is \$92,000. As the people of the Diocese of Trenton, you have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate. This year we again are striving to reach our goal of \$7 million.

I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

Fr. Al

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAMS

Beginning on February 2 and ending April 13, 2015, IRS certified AARP volunteers will prepare and e-file Federal & State Tax returns here at Visitation Church by appointment only, Mondays mornings from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. They will also assist with Homestead Rebates and Property Tax Rebate applications. This free service is available to all residential (non-business) taxpayers with low to moderate incomes. You must supply a copy of last year's tax forms along with a Photo ID. For an appointment please call 732-477-7059 ext. 156. **Please do not call the rectory office to schedule an appointment. Thank you!**



The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic "Abies Irish Rose". Please join us on Monday, April 20. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 9:00 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$80.pp (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and a full course dinner. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terri Deegan 732-903-7527 or Marilyn Emery 732-920-9763.



RCIA CORNER

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday of this coming week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays, which are days of resurrection. Fasting and abstinence are very simple. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, (having only one full meal a day) and abstain from meat. On the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from meat. We are encouraged "to give up something" for Lent as a sacrifice. However, on Sundays one is exempt and can partake of whatever has been offered up for Lent.

From our reading from the Book of Joel on Ash Wednesday we hear "rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God." Joel is calling upon the people to repent and return to their God. This is a call that is extended to us too, and to all.

Paul's letter to the Corinthians shows us why we reform our lives as suggested by Joel. Jesus took our sins by his death on the cross, so that we might "become the very holiness of God." Now is the day of Salvation!

Our gospel tells us about almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Three things we must concentrate on during Lent. These practices will enable us to enter into a deeper walk with him.

We have five Candidates who are getting ready to start their journey towards the Easter Sacraments. They will take part in the Penitential Rite on the First Saturday of Lent. In this rite they will hear the comforting message of pardon for sin for which they will praise the Father's mercy.

Please keep, Cindy, Esther, Marina, Gloria, Velma and Maricela in your prayers as they journey toward conversion.

NEW HOURS

Please take note, the VRC has changed the hours of operation. The new schedule will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Thursday, 9:00 am-8:00 pm. (Note the later closing time on Thursday) Closed on Saturdays & Sundays

Every day between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 pm they are CLOSED to the public.





The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.

HELP NEEDED!!



V.A.S.T. - Visitation Altar Server Team – is in need of servers, especially at the 4:00 Saturday evening mass and the 12:30 Sunday mass. Adults or children who have received First Holy Communion and are in third grade or older are welcome to join the team. Being an altar server is a wonderful way to serve God and worship him through the Liturgy. If you would like to become an altar server, please contact Mrs. Stranieri at (732)458-1492. Meetings are held 3-4 times a year.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed for regular business Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day. We will reopen Tuesday morning at 8:30 am.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL

My dear parishioners:

I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern I have received from all over our Diocese, including your parish. I have received over 10,000 cards, letters, emails, video messages, gifts and countless prayers during my hospitalization and ongoing recovery. I could not begin to respond to each one personally, as much as I wish I could. Your pastor has allowed me to offer my heartfelt thanks in your parish bulletin. I am most grateful to you for your loving concern. The future looks good and I hope to be back in public by Palm Sunday. My thankful prayers are with you. God bless you.

Bishop O'Connell

LENT INSTRUCTION

The days of **fast and abstinence** are **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**.

The other **Fridays of Lent** are **DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**.

Those between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obliged to fast. By this obligation, the individual is permitted only one full meal a day.

At the age of fourteen, people are obliged to abstain. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Missing abstinence on any one (1) Friday is not a serious sin. Missing abstinence most of the Fridays of Lent (or more than half of them) is a serious sin that needs to be confessed & absolved.

The obligation of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22, to Trinity Sunday, May 31**. However, the Code of Canon Law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

Join Us For Coffee,  Donuts and Conversation

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

is next Sunday, February 22 after all Masses and will be hosted by the Boy Scouts. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.

If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, please stop by or call the rectory office (ext. 201) and speak with Denise Patetta. You can subsidize a month with a donation of \$100 or more or you can sponsor a month for a donation of \$300. You can honor either a living or deceased loved one.

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

SMUDGED WITH ASHES, SMEARED WITH OIL

On a somber Wednesday (February 18) we will gather to smudge every forehead with ashes, admonishing each other to remember that dust returns to dust and that the only way through death to life is Christ. The ashes are made by burning palms—given to us on Passion Sunday a year ago with the invitation to “go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds that welcomed him into Jerusalem.” Our baptismal life is a lifelong pilgrimage with Christ toward Jerusalem. Yet like our best intentions, last year’s palm branches now have become dried and brittle—fodder for the fire. So our pilgrimage leads us to Lent. And a hostile climate of sin and suffering necessitates drastic measures: We are marked with ashes as a sign of our willingness to pray, fast and give alms.

But this gritty smudge that we accept on our foreheads is not a death sentence. It is not the mark of Cain. A reminder of our fragile mortality, it is nonetheless shaped in the great sign of salvation: The ashes form a cross, a thumb-printed cross that marks the same heads that were smeared with chrism at baptism. Anointed with that royal oil, we are committed to conversion, to continually setting out for the New Jerusalem, to leaving behind forever our captivity in Egypt.

This gritty ashen sign reminds us that on the way there is soil and toil, sweat and hard work before we come to the oasis in this desert—the Easter bath of baptism. At the font, on a damp and chilly night, water will wash away soil and oil will soothe away toil to make new Christians royal: heirs of the reign of God. The dusty smudges will be gone, and in the light of the paschal candle the oily heads of the newly baptized will shine like the moon and the stars, reminding us of our destiny. What begins in ashes ends in water and in fire.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

7:00 AM MASS

(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

8:15 AM MASS

12:00 PM ASH SERVICE ONLY

4:00 PM ASH SERVICE ONLY

7:00 PM MASS

(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Lent is not only about sacrifice. It is a time that provides us with opportunities to strengthen our prayer life and our commitment to be faithful servants of God. Here at Visitation, in addition to the year round devotions available, activities are available at various times to meet a variety of schedules.

Our prayers help us remember that we are totally dependent on God. In prayer we recognize and express the sovereign nature of our Creator. No Christian Prayer can occur without the action of the Holy Spirit. It is this action that unites the whole Church. The Church is a community. It expresses its nature as a community in its coming together in prayer.

Private prayer is good. But prayer as a community adds another dimension to the experience of prayer. Joined as a community, we experience the Body of Christ as members of the Church. You may recall that as a Church we believe the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Traditional Stations of the Cross are available every Friday at 4:00 in the Church.

Contemporary Stations of the Cross are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent in the quiet of the Daily Chapel. They provide time for meditation as well as a dialog between Christ and each one of us. As we follow the stations, each meditation is an authentic application of Jesus' suffering to our personal lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the presence of God and experience the depth of the Lenten Season. The prayers used in this encounter help us connect Christ's last steps on this earth to our own daily lives.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST RALLY

Save the Date! All men and youth (8th grade and above) are welcome. The date is Saturday, February 28th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Gregory the Great Church, Hamilton Square, NJ. Speakers include Bishop David M. O'Connell, Diocese of Trenton, Mike Piazza, Major League Baseball Catcher, Jack McKeon, two time National League Manager of the year, Deacon Harold Burke, most sought after Catholic speaker/Author/Radio Host, and Mark Houck ,Author/Lecturer/Radio Host/Activist, National Catholic Speaker/Evangelist. For additional information or to register for this event visit www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.

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PRIESTHOOD.....CONSIDER THE CALL



Vocational discernment groups meet to assist young men who are discerning the possibility that God may be calling them to a life of priestly ministry. If you are a faithful, single, Roman

Catholic man, between the ages of 18-40, and are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are cordially invited to attend this month's discernment meeting with Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Walsh on February 22, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at St. James Parish, 115 East Delaware Avenue, Pennington, NJ. To register please call The Diocese of Trenton Vocation office at 609-406-7449 or visit vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR AN
" IRISH CELEBRATION "**

Starring Tony Kenny, star of Jury's Irish Cabaret & Ireland's Premier Entertainer, and Comedian

Richie Hayes, Leprechaun of Laughter & Song

Friday, March 6th at 7:00 PM

St. Dominic's Parish Center

THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER

Making Time for Those Burnt Out Areas of Our Lives

Date: February 18, 2015, 9:30 am-2:00 pm

Doesn't life hand us enough penances without our creating or embracing more? Can't such religiosity makes us morbid, joyless? What does a really good Lent look like? What is it supposed to accomplish? Join, if you can. **Presenter: Fr. Dick Rento**

Fr. Rento is Chaplain at Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls and a regular broadcaster at radio station WPAT. Fee: \$50~\$60. Call 732-922-0550 or email office@theupperroom.org for information or reservations.

MERIDIAN'S ANGIOSCREEN

In celebration of Heart Month, Meridian Health is having a vascular screening program February 19, 2015 9:30 AM-4:00 PM at Ocean Medical Center, Brick. For a fee of \$49.95 (discounted from regular price of \$74.95) you will receive a 15 minute vascular screening to include: •Carotid Artery Ultrasound •Peak Systolic Velocity (PSV) •Ankle Brachial Index (ABI) •Blood Pressure in both arms •Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm •Body Mass Index •Heart Rhythm EKG and Pulse •Color Report •Educational Materials •Consultation with Registered Nurse. Preregistration is required by calling 1-800-560-9990 or for additional information call 732-751-7590.

HELP SUPPORT HARBOR HOUSE

Harbor House, an agency that helps homeless and runaway youth, invites bike riders and SAG (Support & Gear) volunteers to join the 2015 Ride for New Beginnings, a 5-day, 400-mile bike ride June 24 through 28 (3-day option also available). The fully supported ride will go along coastal NJ to Chincoteague, VA, and back.

Visit <http://oceansharborhouse.org/bike-tour/>

5 Days
400 Miles
3 States
2 Wheels



FEBRUARY 15, 2015

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FEBRUARY 15, 2015

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and Senior Housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or Vicki@visitationchurch.com*

LECTORS enhance the community's celebration of the Mass by meaningful reading of God's Word and by providing direction and overviews during the Liturgy. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vicki@visitationchurch.com*

LITURGY TEAM meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. 732-477-9672, ext. 201 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

MUSIC MINISTRY spiritually enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are always seeking individuals who would like to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. 732-477-9672, ext. 217 - *Natalya Bencivenga or natalie@visitationchurch.com*

USHERS promote hospitality by assisting parishioners, taking up collections and preparing Offertory gifts for presentation at Mass. 732-262-4186 – *Kathy Cifelli*

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM see Youth Ministry

Sacrament Preparation

BAPTISMAL TEAM assists the Priests and Deacons with Baptismal Formation Sessions, as well as the actual ceremony. 732-477-9028 - *Donna Stawicki or SewSimple@aol.com*

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process used to welcome those who wish to complete some or all of the sacraments of initiation in the Church. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

BIBLE SHARING offers day sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9:45 AM in the Church Auditorium. No meeting during July & August. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

EVANGELIZATION TEAM promotes and fosters evangelization in all ministries by reaching out and encouraging all to live life as active Catholics. 732-477-9672, ext. 218 - *Deacon Salvatore Vicari or ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School and weekdays in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-5217- *Nancy Grodberg or nancy@visitationchurch.com*

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 7:00 PM in Parish Room C to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

ROYAL HEART OF JESUS & MARY CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Room A. All are welcome. 732-742-2600 – *Joellen Arrabito – 732-262-3938 – Mary Casella or mnick123@aol.com*

PRAYER CHAIN is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. 848-373-4239.

Pastoral Care Ministries

BEREAVEMENT TEAM provides support and meets Spring and Fall. 732-477-9672, ext. 221- *Deacon Richard Johnston.*

On-going support to grieving families is available- *Linda Conroy 908-902-2741 or lconroy58@verizon.net*

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-367-5329 – *Rosemary Russell.*

VISITATION CAREGIVERS provide supportive services to the frail elderly and homebound in our community such as friendly visits, food shopping, transportation to medical appointments and respite care for families. 732-505-2273 ext. 211- *Mary Malagiere or marym@caregivervolunteers.org*

Services

ANNULMENT TEAMS are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life. 848-333-2671- *Eleanor Troiano ~ 732-477-7059* ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is offered to anyone in the community who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. 732-477-9672, ext.221 *Deacon Richard Johnston*

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 7:30 PM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*; Friday - *Anna Tortoriello*

EVENT DEVELOPMENT TEAM meets as needed to develop and implement social activities (such as the Gift Auction and Wine Tasting/Art Auction) for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN) provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community. 732-255-2835 - *Isabel Kronicz or fkronicz@comcast.net*

RESPECT LIFE focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. The group gathers every Monday in the church at 1:30 PM to recite the Rosary. 732-262-2047 – *Charles Pocher or 732-270-2588 – Bernadett Brandner*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL operates the Thrift Shop in the old church and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the needy in our parish and the surrounding community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church the second weekend of the month. These donations assist the hungry of our community. 732-746-3456 - *Visitation Relief Center*

Youth Ministries/Activities

CHILDREN'S CHOIR welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. The choir sings monthly at the 12:30 PM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 - *Jim Daniels*

CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 201-522-3679 – *Coach or doug_roman4@yahoo.com*

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all adults and boys and girls third grade and higher who have received their Holy Communion. 732-458-1492 - *Sue Straneri or stranieri.sue@gmail.com*

VISITATION TEEN MINISTRY provides a safe place for high school teenagers to come together, meet new people, and have fun while serving God and the community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – *Marie Bottazzi or youthministry@visitationchurch.com*

Temporal Welfare

BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM works to improve and enhance the appearance and safety of the existing church, former church, rectory building, and the associated grounds. The goal of this team is to adhere to all current safety and building codes and ensure that the house of God is maintained in an appropriate manner. 732-477-0028 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

FINANCE COUNCIL oversees the financial aspects of the parish 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Karen Smith*

FUTURES TEAM assesses and implements the needs of the parish to ensure that we are prepared for the future. The various teams coordinate all activities pertaining to the development of the Faith Formation Center. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - *Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.

CUB SCOUT PACK #38, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. No meeting during July & August. 732-451-0252 *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*

BOY SCOUT TROOP #38, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the old church. 732-262-8977 - *Matt Powell or matthewapowell@verizon.net*

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 8:00 AM Mass the second Sunday of the month and meet the Tuesday following the second Sunday at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-477-8456 – *Paul Hegadorn or paulhegadorn@verizon.net*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Council Home on the corner of Cedarbridge Avenue and Route 70 East.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY honors the Blessed Virgin Mary to secure her patronage through the daily recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of the parish community. Members attend the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month. The Monday following the first Sunday of the month they meet at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary. The meeting will follow at 12:00 noon in the Church Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or deed@visitationchurch.com*

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin & Announcement Deadline: Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.