

Church of the Visitation

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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

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 8
4:00 PM	Emil, Alfred & Anthony Capone/req. Sister, Rosemary Russell
5:30 PM	Gerard Bornemann/req. Toni Rygiel
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 9
6:45 AM	Michael Balasic/req. Wife
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Rocco & Marie Di Bello/req. Robert & Estelle Di Bello
12:30 PM	Rosario & Jennie Criscione The Thomsen Family
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 10
7:30 AM	Laura Travers/req. Tim Mc Caffery
8:15 AM	All Souls Novena
7:30 PM	Richard Murtagh/req. Frank & Kathleen Bottazzo
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 11
7:30 AM	All Souls Novena
8:15 AM	Alfonso & Anna Cautillo/req. Eugene & Yvonne Cautillo
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 12
7:30 AM	Lon Massingill/req. Marie & Dennis Georgia
8:15 AM	All Souls Novena
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 13
7:30 AM	Brother Richard Brunner S.S.P./req. The Lo Presti Family
8:15 AM	Patricia Skurat/req. Husband & Children
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 14
7:30 AM	Rev. William Mc Donnell/req. The Mc Donnell Family
8:15 AM	Dolores Conroy/req. Son, Jim
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 15
7:30 AM	Stephen Nevin/req. Mary Shannon
8:15 AM	Zita Price/req. The Stawicki Family
4:00 PM	Dustin M. Dresser/req. Love Nonna
5:30 PM	Joan Pawlowicz/req. Terri Altomare & Toni Rygiel
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 16
6:45 AM	Josephine Gelesky/req. Fr. Al & Staff
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Elizabeth & Frank Servidio/req. Joyce & Fred Flake
11:00 AM	Henry Leszczak/req. The Brennan Family
12:30 PM	Steven A. Knight, Sr./req. Mom

NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

	NOVEMBER 9	LOCATION
SUNDAY		
<i>Sunday Masses</i>		Church Worship
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 10	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:15 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
<i>Liturgy Meeting</i>	7:15 PM	Parish Room B
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 11	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium Aux
<i>Holy Name Meeting</i>	7:00 PM	Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 12	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Ushers Meeting</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>AFF Monthly Meeting</i>	7:15 PM	Parish Room C
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 13	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 14	
<i>DRP Meeting</i>	1:00 PM	Parish Room B
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 15	
<i>5TH Grade Penitential Service</i>	11:00 AM	Church
<i>Ushers Meeting</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room A
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:00 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

NOV. 9 SUN. Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome
 Genesis 28:11-18 First Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17 Luke 19:1-10

NOV. 10 MON. Saint Leo the Great, pope and doctor
 Titus 1:1-9 Luke 17:1-6

NOV. 11 TUES. Saint Martin of Tours, bishop
 Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Luke 17:7-10

NOV 12 WED. Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr
 Titus 3:1-7 Luke 17:11-19

NOV. 13 THUR. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
 Philemon 1:7-20 Luke 17:20-25

NOV. 14 FRI. Weekday
 Second John 1:4-9 Luke 17:26-37

NOV. 15 SAT. Saint Albert the Great, bishop and doctor
 Third John 1:5-8 Luke 18:1-8

For the Week of November 9, 2014



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Lyle & Henrietta Brehm/req. Daughter & Grandson

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Alphonse Minieri/req. Wife, Mary

Sacred Heart Candle is Happy 30th Anniversary

Fr. Al on your ordination/req. Staff

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Salvatore & Grace Scavone/req. Daughter, Annette

"THE WATERS OF THE RIVER GLADDEN THE CITY OF GOD"

Baptisms


Welcome into God's Family

Gianna Rose Delaney
Grant Michael Duncan



III. Teresa Knight, Al & Joan Fraraccio

"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; Reverend Bernardino Esguerra, Jean Modliszewski



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.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

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.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the vestibule of the Church. The drawing for November will take place

after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, November 23 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

Reflections for the

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



This story is composed of two parts, Jesus' action in the Temple and Jesus' predictions about the Temple's destruction. The time of year is the sacred feast of Passover. If the many pilgrims to Jerusalem during Passover were to have animals for the sacrificial rituals of the feast,

it was necessary to sell cattle in the Temple and to change the unclean Roman money. By denouncing this, Jesus is cutting to the core of the Temple cult. It is really about Jesus' fate, not the Temple's fate, revealing that Jesus, not the Temple, is the locus of God's presence on earth. As they often do in John, the Jews misunderstand Jesus' words. This gives John the chance to explicitly state his point. Although this is the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming death and Resurrection.

John intentionally integrates a post-Resurrection perspective into the Gospel narrative. The statement that concludes this passage uses the fact of the Resurrection to prove the point of Jesus' words. Believers need to remember the words and actions of Jesus and claim them as affirmations of the truths of their faith.

Christians sometimes point to Jesus' anger in this passage as a way to point out Jesus' humanity. But this would miss the powerful point of the entire Gospel, that the Word became flesh. The point is not that Jesus' anger proves he is human. It is that a human being, in his words and actions, can claim the authority of *Loyola Press*

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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 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE IN THE SECOND BASKET.



RCIA CORNER

REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING

Suffering is a fact of life. We have all been there or perhaps still are. Some suffer from physical illness, others mental and some spiritual illness. However, suffering is not worthless. Sadly, the concept of “redemptive suffering,” that human suffering united to the suffering of Jesus on the Cross for our salvation can benefit others, has often been ignored or lost in modern times. It is perfectly fine to take medication that would give comfort and limit suffering as much as possible, but it is impossible to avoid suffering altogether. We do not seek pain for its own sake, but our suffering can have great meaning if we try to join it to the Passion of Christ and offer it for the conversion or intentions of others. And sometimes that offering of the suffering actually relieves it. While often terrifying, the suffering and pain that we will all experience in our lives can be turned into something positive. It can sometimes be a very difficult task, but it is possible to achieve.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop off donations to us in the lower level of the Old Church during regular hours.. Come in and take a look around and you just

might see something you could use! All monies received help the needy families in our area.

THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 & 28 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. WE WILL REOPEN ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The VRC will once again be selling Christmas Trees this year. All trees will be sold by pre order **ONLY**. If interested, please call 732-746-3456.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES



On Thursday, November 27, 2014, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The schedule for masses will be **7:00, 8:15 and 9:30 AM**. Small loaves of bread will be distributed at each of the masses with a special blessing to say at your meal. We hope that you will join us at one of the Masses to give thanks and celebrate.

“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; His love is everlasting”

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

We are working **very hard** to beautify the church. **Please** help us by **NOT** putting anything such as prayer cards or booklets on the window sills. There are lost and found baskets in the narthex for any miscellaneous items found in the church.

We need your help to maintain a beautiful and clean worship space.



Special thanks to all who supported Harbor House, the children’s shelter in Toms River, through your generous donations and prayers. The 400-mile bike

Ride for New Beginnings was a success again. Thanks to your contributions, runaway, abused, abandoned or neglected children and youth in Ocean and Monmouth Counties are provided shelter and the important services they need to find their way. Our entire community benefits from the good work of Harbor House. May God bless you always, Harbor House Ride for New Beginnings Committee

TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AARP Tax-Aide Program will train volunteers in December 2014 and January 2015 to prepare them to complete and electronically file Federal and State returns free for those over 65 with low to moderate incomes. Volunteers eventually must pass an open-book exam and donate four hours per week from February 1 through April 15. Info: Call Phil at 732-928-8025.

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USE CANDLES WITH CARE; WHEN YOU GO OUT, BLOW OUT!

As part of fire prevention, follow these simple guidelines to assist in keeping our community and residents safe.



- 1) Use sturdy, non-flammable candleholders that won't tip over easily.
- 2) If you must burn candles- use level uncluttered surfaces.
- 3) Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.
- 4) Keep candles away from spots where they could be knocked over by someone.
- 5) Trim candlewicks to a quarter inch before lighting.
- 6) Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could cause combustibles to make contact and ignite.
- 7) Keep candles and open flames away from flammable liquids.
- 8) Extinguish candles when they burn to within 2 inches of their holder. Be careful not to splatter the hot wax.
- 9) Votives and filled candles should be extinguished before the last 1/2 inch of wax starts to melt.
- 10) Never leave burning candles unattended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 732-458-4100 regarding any issues involving candles or fire safety.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Life Choice is looking for caring people to visit patients who are nearing the end of their lives. Companion volunteers visit patients in nursing homes near where you live. They also have opportunities for specialized volunteers such as Certified Pet Therapy, Licensed Massage Therapists, and Certified Reiki Practitioners. For information, please contact Terri Wiebenga, Volunteer Coordinator at 1-800-557-7570 or TWiebga@LifeChoiceHospice.com.

ANGELS ARE AMONG US

Although Superstorm Sandy is two years behind us, the devastation for many families continues. Over the next six weeks you may see a few unfamiliar faces on the Church Campus. We have a group of Mennonites from Weaverland Disaster Services out of Pennsylvania here for the second year to help families rebuild their lives. Let us pray for these men and women who left their homes and families to give the help that we so desperately needed.

God bless you and keep you safe!

AMERICA'S CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK

The Catholic TV Network is now available to cable and satellite providers in our area. Please help provide this upbeat, youthful and exciting Catholic network and a powerful re-source to the people of our area and the entire nation. To help, simply visit **GetCatholicTV** as an easy way to petition your cable or satellite provider. If you are unable to access the internet please follow up with a postcard or letter to your provider.

BRICK HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

The Brick High School PTSA will hold their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 22. The event will include dozens of crafters as well as many popular vendors. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a gift auction featuring popular items from event vendors.

The hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission to the Craft Fair is free; however there is a fee to participate in the gift auction. Vendors are still being accepted. For vendor application contact Cathy Powell at cathypowell@verizon.net or call 732-241-6296.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



Complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 27, 2014 1:00 at Church of the Epiphany, Located at 615 Thiele Road, Brick. Meal delivery available. For additional information and reservation call 732-458-0220.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



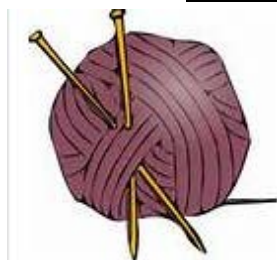
Consider joining our Children's choir to sing for the Christmas Concert Sunday, December 21st 3:00 p.m. Practice in the church on Mondays from 6:15 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. beginning Monday November 10th. For more information please contact our music director Natalya Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext. 217.

CHRIST THE KING

On Sunday, November 23, 2014, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The 12:30 Mass will end in silence as a sign of respect for the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held until 2:30 PM closing with benediction. Please sign the list in the vestibule of the Church for the time you choose to spend your prayerful visitation with the LORD.

*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”
Matthew 18:20*

KNITTING CLASSES



Once again we are knitting and crocheting on Saturday's at 2:00 p.m. in rectory room "C". Those that "can do" are teaching those that want to learn. We will be making lap blankets and afghans for nursing homes. Come spread your knowledge and enjoy yourself! For more information call Nancy Grodberg at 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com or just stop in.

This counts for 7th and 8th grade service hours

PEACE BE WITH YOU



It has been a practice for many of us to shake hands with our neighbors in church during the sign of the peace. For those who feel uncomfortable with the shaking of hands, an alternative form for the sign of peace maybe instituted; instead of a hand shake, a smile and a bow of the head with the words, "*Peace of Christ be with you*" would be acceptable.

APPLAUSE DURING THE MASS

The role of the music is to enrich the liturgy. The musicians are not performing a recital or concert they are praising the Lord, so please refrain from applauding after the prelude song (before the mass), the meditation song (after the communion) or the recessional song as there are members of the congregation still praying. Please say "Amen" or pray and meditate in silence after the musical pieces. Our music ministry is truly doing a wonderful job, we are asking everyone to sing with us as **the congregation singing is the part of the liturgy**. Please keep singing and praising the Lord!



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.

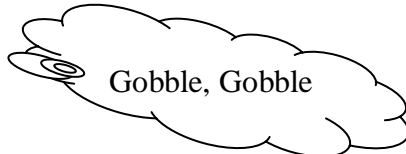
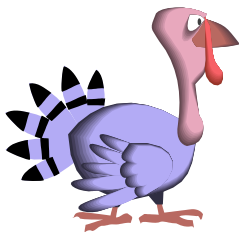
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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD COLLECTION AND
ANNUAL MONETARY THANKSGIVING COLLECTION
November 15 & 16**

Members will be at the doors of the Church to accept your contributions before and after all the Masses. This collection helps in assisting the needy in our community.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**ALL FOOD DONATIONS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE REAR ENTRANCE
OF THE OLD CHURCH BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM**



**Frozen turkeys will ONLY be accepted in the Old Church
Sunday, November 23
between 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM**

**IF YOU WISH TO WRITE A CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO:
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

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**STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER**

**November 5, 9:30 AM—3 PM—**Contemplating everything and everyone. Day of Reflection \$50.00 per person.

**November 5, 7-9PM—**Carrying Sunday into Monday: How to build a functioning workplace spirituality. Free will offering.

**November 7-9—**Discipleship in John: An invitation to see—Weekend Retreat. \$235.00 per person. To register or for information call 732-229-0602 or E-mail: retreats@stellamarisretreatcenter.com.

**“A TRIBUTE TO THE MAN INBLACK – JOHNNY CASH!”**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society conference of St Martha’s and St. Peter’s invite you to join the fun at “a tribute to the man in black – Johnny Cash” featuring Michael Patrick’s ring of fire band on Friday, November 14, 2014 from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. at St. Martha’s Church on Herbertsville Road in Point Pleasant. The tickets are \$20 each and the evening will include wonderful music, refreshments, BYOB, desserts, and optional dancing. The society will use the proceeds to continue to help the needy in our area. Tickets are available by calling the hotline at 732-295-3630 X 33. Leave a message for Johnny Cash tickets and someone will return your call.

**UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER**

Recovery, Substance Abuse Treatment and It’s Spiritual Connection

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014 Time: 7:00—9:30 PM

Based on his professional experience, Doug will speak on and look for a discussion on the various components of substance abuse recovery and the spiritual component that often accompanies the journey into recovery. Doug and other treatment professionals will look to invite a discussion, answer questions and hopefully provide some answers on the topic of substance abuse recovery. **Presenter:** Doug Schultz: **Fee:** \$25~40 (sliding scale) Call 732-922-0550 for more information.

**Ordinary Time: Autumn**

**A Sense of the Season**



All of our days are numbered. Now that Christ has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we count down the days until he returns in glory to judge the living and the dead. Ordinary Time is “ordinal” time: numbered days, days in which we lay out the scriptures and the prayers to bide our time until Christ returns.

Although the church makes no official distinction between the days of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, in our lives we experience the subtle shift from the relaxed days of summer to the increasingly active days of autumn. For some of us, the shift comes with the end-of-summer holiday or the beginning of school. Others

see work activities shift, from tending to harvesting, from stocking shelves to increasing sales, from cashing out an old fiscal year to digging into a new one.

The church’s calendar contains some subtle shifts, too. On September 14 we celebrate the Holy Cross, and the waning of the natural world around us points us to the mystery of suffering and redemption. At the end of September we invoke the holy archangels to guard us in the encroaching twilight. And if we listen closely to the scriptures in October, we begin to hear talk of the last days and the final things. These thoughts reach their culmination with the great festival of saints and souls, November 1 and 2. And we spend November remembering the dead, preparing for the end and celebrating Christ, the first fruits harvested of the new creation, the firstborn from the dead.

This is the extraordinary opportunity that autumn’s Ordinary Time opens up for us.

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THE NECESSITY OF SHARING

Over a thousand years ago, a saintly Christian made the following comment: "If a man were given all the material things of the world, all the cattle, lands, lakes, he would be unhappy unless he could share them with someone he loved." (St. Aelred) .

When one thinks about sharing seriously, the likelihood is that one will come to understand that sharing is an absolute necessity. Especially if we are to have good spiritual and mental health. God has made us to give, to share. It is part of loving. It is part of what brings inner joy. It is surely one of the reasons that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Giving does as much, often even more, for ourselves as it does for the people and good causes we support. Think about that when the offering is taken during worship. Think about that when you have an opportunity to share your God given resources with legitimate charities or someone who desperately needs a handout and a handup.

Then enjoy the blessings you will receive in return

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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 (MEMBER OF THE OCEAN COUNTY HUNGER RELIEF) accepts donations of nonperishable food the second weekend of every month. 732-255-2835 - *Isabel Kronicz or fkronicz@comcast.net*

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. 732-581-0987 – *Coach Mike Fattibene or fattibene@kean.edu*

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

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 8:00 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 & Old Church & Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Old Church. 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 7:00 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 and meet 12:00 PM on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month. 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.