

# 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*

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 15</b>
4:00 PM	Dustin M. Dresser/req. Love Nonna
5:30 PM	Joan Pawlowicz/req. Terri Altomare & Toni Rygiel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 16</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>
7:30 AM	Sergio Raguseo/req. Dan & Delphine Scalera
8:15 AM	Gerlanda & Nicola Albano/req. Family
7:30 PM	Diana Connelly/req. Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>
7:30 AM	Amy O' Grady/req. Karen Contino & Family
8:15 AM	Salvatore Arrabito/req. Daughter, Jo Ellen
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 19</b>
7:30 AM	Anthony Travelise/req. Carmen Cortese
8:15 AM	Pasquale & Rosaria Laudisi/req. Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 20</b>
7:30 AM	Robert Posluszny/req. Mom
8:15 AM	Tom Dellano/req. Wife, Marion
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 21</b>
7:30 AM	Gary Cuccie/req. The Schweighart Family
8:15 AM	Hugo Vicari/req. Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 22</b>
7:30 AM	Norman Huntley/req. Wife, Joan
8:15 AM	Hugo Vicari/req. Family
4:00 PM	William Russell/req. Wife, Rosemary
5:30 PM	John Paul/req. Linda Lutkiewicz
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 23</b>
6:45 AM	Josephine "Josie" Gelesky/req. Dee De Turo
8:00 AM	Thomas Rygiel/req. Wife, Toni
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Jeanne Kahn/req. The Kahn Family
12:30 PM	Marion Teresavage/req. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Naden

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 16</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<i>C.C.D. Classes</i>	9:15 AM	Lake Riviera MS
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>	
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Community Lunch Planning</i>	9:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:15 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium Aux
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<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 19</b>	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 20</b>	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Youth Choir</i>	5:00 PM	Church
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<i>Royal Hearts of Jesus &amp; Mary Prayer Group</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room A
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 21</b>	
<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
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 22</b>	
<i>4<sup>TH</sup> Grade Penitential Service</i>	11:00 AM	Church
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:00 PM	Daily Chapel

## For the Week of November 16, 2014



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is for The Living & Deceased Members of Church of the Visitation/req. Fr. Al & Staff

**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Rev. Eugene Keenan/req. Fr. Al & Staff

**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Billy Smock/req. Parents

**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Mae De Stefano/req. Patsy Russo

## Readings for the Week

**NOV. 16 SUN. Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 First Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

**NOV. 17 MON. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious**  
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Luke 18:35-43

**NOV. 18 TUES. Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin**  
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Luke 19:1-10

**NOV 19 WED. Weekday**  
Revelation 4:1-11 Luke 19:11-28

**NOV. 20 THUR. Weekday**  
Revelation 5:1-10 Luke 9:41-44

**NOV. 21 FRI. Presentation of the Virgin Mary**  
Revelation 10:8-11 Luke 19:45-48


**NOV. 22 SAT. Saint Cecelia, virgin and martyr**  
Revelation 11:4-12 Luke 20:27-40

**“BLESS ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD”**



**IV. 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; *Frances DiMartino*



**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  
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In preceding passages Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

This parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.. *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 THE ASSESSMENT IN THE  
SECOND BASKET.**



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES**

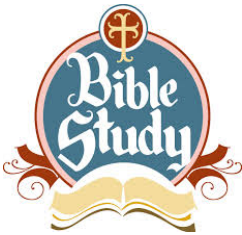


Thursday, November 27, 2014, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The schedule for masses will be **7:00, 8:15 and 9:30 AM.** Small loaves of bread will be distributed at each of the masses with

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”**

**ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH**



Our Thursday morning Bible Study will be taking a 2 week break for Thanksgiving. We will not be meeting November 27, or December 4, 2014. We will resume on December 11, at 9:45. We are studying the Sunday readings each week. Please join us.

**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 Schultz 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.

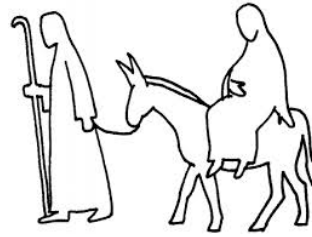


**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

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.

**ADVENT PROGRAM**

*Saturday, December 6, 2014 - 12:30 To 3:30 pm.*



This year we will be introducing a live presentation in our Advent Program. An afternoon of “Heart” prayer will be presented by Dr. J. Dennis Cadigan who attended Monmouth University, and

graduated Summa Cum Laude from there. He went on to Penn State where he earned his Phd in Clinical Psychology. Dr. J. became a Christian oriented psychologist after he had an encounter with God. He has presented many retreats for varying parishes and is currently certified as a Spiritual Director in the Trenton Diocese. For thirty one years in the fields of psychology and spirituality he has been helping others, now he comes to Visitation to offer this afternoon of prayer in this second week of the Advent season. Dr. J. will talk to us about how to pray for our friends, families and loved ones and show us how to enter into prayer at any notice.

Lite lunch will be served. The event is free however we ask you to bring a dessert for the sharing table. Pre-registration is required so that we can supply ample food and supplies. To register please call 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email [dale@visitationchurch.com](mailto:dale@visitationchurch.com)

**BRICH 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](mailto:cathypowell@verizon.net) or call 732-241-6296.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalie Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our Music Ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 PM in the Church. Please join us in the beautiful and inspiring Holiday Celebration. Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me". This experience will be happily received by Him.

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



Held on Sundays @ 11:00 a.m. in Rectory room C. If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and they are in High School please call Nancy Grodberg at 732 477-5217 or email [nancy@visitationchurch.com](mailto:nancy@visitationchurch.com).



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 you 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](mailto: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.

**RESPECT LIFE**



The Euthanasia Movement is becoming more active in our country and recently two more states have legalized assisted suicide making the total of five states now! Assemblyman John Burzichelli (D-Gloucester) has been leading the fight, claiming that the basic

issue is "freedom of choice and control of ones body."

Even the Medical Society of New Jersey and some disabled-rights groups argue that provisions are inadequate to protect the vulnerable against coercion or misdiagnosis.

We are staying on top this and will put out an alert or phone calls as soon as there is new movement by Burzichelli who withdrew the measure in June since he did not have the 41 votes needed to pass it.

Keep praying!!

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

You may see our young people at Mass taking notes during the homily. These are our Confirmation candidates who, in preparation for this third sacrament of initiation, will "sit at the feet of Jesus" and learn from Him. In their reflections on the Sunday Gospels, they will come to know Jesus more deeply and to learn how to apply His teachings to their daily lives. Please pray for all young people to strive to follow Christ.

*Jesus says the Father has set His seal on Him. As the Father sets His seal on Jesus, so Jesus sets His seal on us in the sacrament of baptism, and later, in the sacrament of confirmation. John 6:27*

# ***NOVEMBER 16, 2014***

## **CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**



information and reservation call 732-458-0220.

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

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**



information please contact our music director Natalya Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext. 217.

Consider joining our Children's choir to sing for the Christmas Concert Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00 p.m. Practice in the church on Mondays from 6:15 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. beginning Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>. For more

## **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 began knitting and crocheting on Saturday's at 2:00 p.m. in the 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](mailto: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.

## **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!

## **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, at 1-800-557-7570 or [TWiebga@LifeChoiceHospice.com](mailto:TWiebga@LifeChoiceHospice.com).

**COMMUNITY SUNDAY** is next

**Join Us For Coffee,  
Donuts and Conversation**

Sunday, November 23 after all Masses and will be hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Art & Environment Team and the Liturgy Team. 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.



***NOVEMBER 16, 2014***

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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***



**RCIA CORNER**

**THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY**

The Bishop's concluded the most recent Synod on the Family by saying:

“We must give hope to those families in difficult situations, while at the same time promoting the riches and beauty that family life embodies. Among the challenges listed in the message are those of marital breakdown, of sickness or bereavement, of poverty and unemployment, conflict, persecution and exploitation of women and children. The bishops call on governments and international organizations to promote the rights of the family, but they also insist that the credibility of the Church lies in its ability to be a house with open doors to welcome all people in every situation....

Cardinal Gracias, who heads the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences, said in his region where Christians are a tiny minority, traditionally strong family values are also under threat. This message, he said, admits the Church does not have answers to all the questions people are posing today. But the bishops do firmly reiterate a commitment to finding pastoral approaches for all people in their care, based on the teachings of Scripture and tradition.

“There are the Catholic principles, Scripture, Magisterium, but also openness, a pastoral approach for everyone.....you ask if gays are welcome? The answer is an unequivocal ‘Yes’.”

Despite the heated debate that has characterized the past two weeks ‘work, most bishops are encouraged by the atmosphere of honesty that Pope Francis called for at the start of the Synod.”

This is a very hopeful statement that comes from our Bishops. We hope to see much of this honesty coming forth in the upcoming months that follow. While we know that doctrine cannot change – attitudes can. Let us all keep an open mind.

## NOVEMBER 16, 2014

### UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER

#### **Centering Prayer**

Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Fee: \$35-45 (Light lunch and materials included)

#### **Knitting and Prayer**

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Free will offering

#### **Recovery, Substance Abuse Treatment and Its Spiritual Connection**

Thursday, Nov. 20 from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm  
Fee: \$25-40 (sliding scale) For information or to register visit <http://www.theupper-room.org>



Visitation welcomes new parishioners to our parish family. If you recently moved into the area, and are interested in becoming a member, please contact Deacon Sal at 732-477-7059 ext. 218 to set up an appointment.

### THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. At this time, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.



### **INTENTIONS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

**Universal:** That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

**For Evangelization:** That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

### **IS GOD CALLING YOU?**



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. These groups are designed to explore a priestly vocation with other like-minded men through prayer and sharing vocation stories and experiences. The group meetings aren't meant to convince anyone that the priesthood is their vocation. They are designed to assist you in discovering if the priesthood is your true vocation and build your relationship with Christ along the way. If you are a faithful, single, Roman Catholic man, between the ages of 18 and 40, and are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are encouraged to attend the discernment meeting which will be held on 11/23 from 4:00-6:00PM at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2226 Riverton Rd., Cimmaminson, NJ. Please register with the Diocese of Trenton Vocation Office by calling 609.406.7449 or email [vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org). Join us at this exciting time as you discover and respond to His invitation!



### AT LIFE'S END

A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life. Thursday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. Presenters and topics include: Rev. Mr. James Grogan on "When I Become the Matriarch or Patriarch of My Family"; Rev. Michael Manning on "Catholic Doctrine & End-of-Life Medical Decisions"; Rev. Anthony Siranni on "Prayerfully Considering End-of-Life Medical Decisions"; and Rev. Msgr. Sam Siranni on "Funeral Rites and My Faith". \$10 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Register online by visiting us at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/FaithHopeLove](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/FaithHopeLove) or call 609-403-7192. Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton Office of Worship & Dept. of Pastoral Care.



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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***