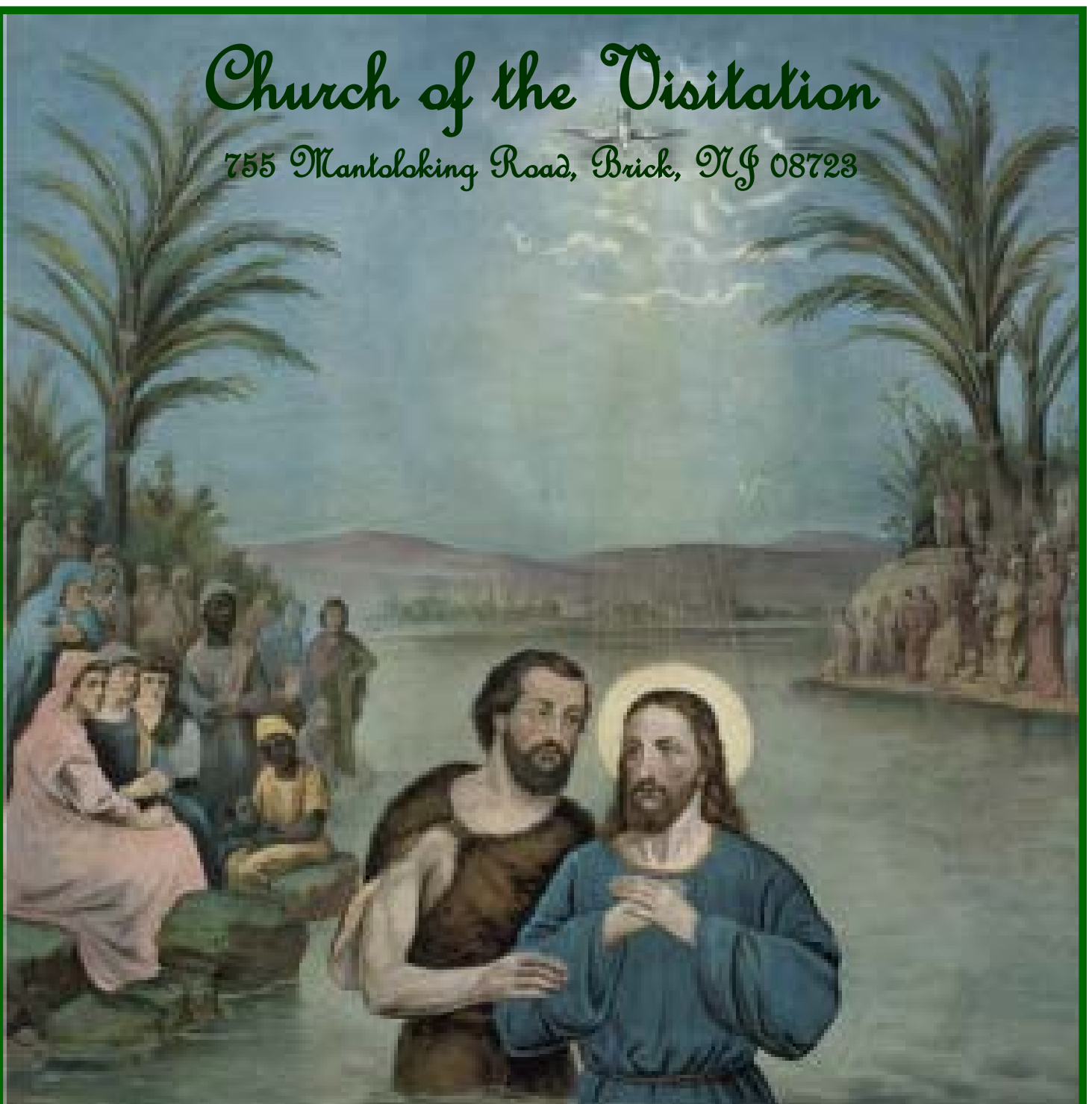


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And a voice came from heaven:
"You are My Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased"

Mark 1:11

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Welcome!

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

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 9:15~10:30 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SATURDAY	JANUARY 10	SUNDAY	JANUARY 11	LOCATION
4:00 PM	Joan Barry/req. Evelyn & Carlos	<i>C.C.D. Classes</i>	9:15 AM	Lake Riviera MS
5:30 PM	Fred & Katherine Geyer/req. Catherine Zack & Family	<i>High Confirmation Class</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
SUNDAY	JANUARY 11	MONDAY	JANUARY 12	
6:45 AM	People of the Parish	<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society	<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
9:30 AM	Frank Flake/req. Mom & Dad	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
11:00 AM	Ray Cosgrove/req. Carmen, Cathy & Quentin	<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:15 PM	Church
12:30 PM	Maureen Sabieszczyk/req. Maryann & Dan Murphy	<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
MONDAY	JANUARY 12	<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
7:30 AM	Andrew Virga/req. Mary & Russ Kierstead	TUESDAY	JANUARY 13	
8:15 AM	Bobbie Pocher/req. Family	<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Ann Donofrio/req. Paul & Tim Mc Entyre	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
TUESDAY	JANUARY 13	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
7:30 AM	Ralph Kelley/req. The Ryan Family	<i>2ND Grade Parent Meeting</i>	7:00 PM	Church
8:15 AM	Paul Manganelli, Jr./req. Maureen O'Keefe	<i>Holy Name Meeting</i>	7:15 PM	Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 14	WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 14	
7:30 AM	Bridget Daly/req. Edward & Claire Farrell	<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/req. Maureen O'Keefe	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
THURSDAY	JANUARY 15	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
7:30 AM	Peter Barna/req. Family	<i>AAF Meeting</i>	7:15 PM	Parish Room C
8:15 AM	Sean O'Brien/req. Edward Pierce & Denise Strapko	THURSDAY	JANUARY 15	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 16	<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
7:30 AM	Anna Louise Britton/req. Carol Petersen	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
8:15 AM	Alois Ambacn/req. The Glandorf Family	<i>Youth Choir</i>	5:00 PM	Church
SATURDAY	JANUARY 17	<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
7:30 AM	Louise Robinson/req. Mary Mc Coy & Family	<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
8:15 AM	Phil Dugan/req. The Ehrola Family	<i>Royal Hearts of Jesus & Mary</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room A
4:00 PM	Mary Ann Ammerata/req. Frank	<i>Prayer Group</i>	FRIDAY	JANUARY 16
5:30 PM	Rene Sanchez/req. The Mc Ternan Family	<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
SUNDAY	JANUARY 18	<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
6:45 AM	Patrick "Chickie" Vescuso/req. Adryenne	SATURDAY	JANUARY 17	
8:00 AM	Michael Zaccardi/req. The Mc Quade Family	<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:00 PM	Auditorium
9:30 AM	People of the Parish			
11:00 AM	Paul Thomas Manganelli/req. Aunt Mary			
12:30 PM	Patrick Barry/req. Denise Patetta			

For the Week of January 11, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is God's Blessings on Marylou & Anthony Bifi/req. Patricia Feeney

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Joan M. Shaffer/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Sacred Heart Candle is "God's Blessing for Health" on Bishop David O'Connell/req Fr. Al & Staff

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Eleanor Villani/req. Husband & Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

"YOU WILL DRAW WATER JOYFULLY FROM THE SPRINGS OF SALVATION"


Welcome into God's Family

Skylar Elizabeth Badalmenti
Emma Rose Swick



I. Bishop David O'Connell, Theresa Knight, Rita Napolitano, James Walsh, Joseph Giganti, Joyce Honecker, Andrea Romano

"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; *Joseph Gleason, Sr., Stephen Zaleski, Joan Fraraccio, Joyce Honeker*

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.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"The Church of the Visitation is a Roman Catholic Community. We are committed to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the needs of people, through prayer, service, friendship and love. Our commitment is expressed in Sacramental and Gospel interaction. Through Ministry and Stewardship we give greater glory to God."

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call Denise Patetta at the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to dee@visitationchurch.com If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 30, 2015.

*Reflections for
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*



In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a

preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

Clearly, Jesus' baptism was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.

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WHY USE ENVELOPES?

God calls us to be good stewards. In the spirit of good stewardship we are reminded to be generous in offering our time, talent and treasure. Our treasure, no matter how great or how small is donated each week through the regular use of the Sunday envelopes. The faithful use of these envelopes makes us conscious of your presence at worship with our Parish Family.

Knowing you are a practicing Catholic is very important in decisions that are made to enter into marriage in the Church or to have your baby baptized. It is extremely important for us to know this when you request a letter of recommendation for sponsorship, either as a godparent at Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation. The Catholic Church, not just Visitation Parish, requires that signs of good faith commitment be present when people request to be sponsors. As a sponsor, you are being asked to give witness to your Catholic faith; to be a model for the person you sponsor.

In addition to sponsorship, using the envelopes the Parish provides confirms the fact that you are a practicing Catholic, participating at Mass, and contributing to the support of the Church. These components are necessary in order to enroll your child in our religious education or sacramental programs and to obtain a favorable tuition rate at a Catholic School.

Joining our Parish Family on Sunday at Mass and using your envelopes enables us to thank you and to provide you with a record of your contributions for tax purposes. If you don't have envelopes, but would like to have them, or if you think you may not be registered in the Parish, please call the Parish Office at 732-477-0028 Ext. 201.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION



Visitation will be having a Spiritual Adoption. Parishioners will be asked to “adopt” an unborn baby, to name him or her, and to pray for that baby every day for nine months. Then in we will hold a “baby shower” for all those who have “adopted” a baby. The gifts brought to the shower will be donated to Birthright in Toms River. Stay tuned for dates in future bulletins.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015



We need our voices to be heard and our presence to be felt in Washington. This year's theme is ***EVERY LIFE IS A GIFT!***

The bus will be departing from St. Peter's, Point Pleasant Beach 7:00 AM, returning approximately 10:00 PM. Bring lunch and snacks. We will be stopping for a buffet dinner on the return trip at your own expense. Cost per person is a donation of \$10.00. The March begins with a rally on the mall, followed by a mile and a half march. We board the bus for home at 4:00 PM. Reserve your seat by calling Ellen Conaghan at 732-899-7322. This is a wonderfully uplifting opportunity to join with others who share your

belief that life is beautiful choice.



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on February 13-15 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, P.A. For more information, or to register visit our website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This Sunday is The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the end of the Christmas Season. Gloria In Excelsis Deo. “Glory to God in high heaven”. The greeting of the angels at the birth of Christ. This greeting is an announcement to humanity that the Savior of the world has been born. The Word made flesh dwelling among his people. Like us in all ways except sin. Jesus was first made visible to those witnesses in Bethlehem, the angels, the shepherds, the Magi, Mary, and Joseph all gave testimony to his arrival. John’s baptism in the Jordan was that of preparing the way for the manifestation of Jesus.

When Jesus was baptized, God sent down the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, while he proclaimed “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” At that moment, Christ instituted the Sacrament of Baptism, the mysterious way in which we come to meet Jesus for the first time just as those witnesses in Bethlehem at the manger. At baptism, a person is “cleansed from original sin, and incorporated in Christ and made a member of His Body the Church; he is infused with sanctifying grace and receives the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit; and this enables him to receive the other sacraments effectively”. This is precisely why Catholics baptize newborn babies.

PRAYER:

God of mercy, you wash away our sins in Water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the Blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ’s resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us.



COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Rectory Office at 732-477-0028 ext 216 during office hours so that we can schedule a Eucharistic Minister to visit the home.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We turn to Jesus for understanding and healing through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is for adults and children who are suffering from serious physical or mental illness, or about to undergo surgery. Please call the Rectory Office for more information.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

If you are admitted to Ocean Medical Center, please alert the Admissions Clerk that you are a parishioner at Visitation; so that our hospital ministers can care for you spiritually.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish to have a blessing of your home, please contact the rectory office 732-477-0028 ext. 201 to schedule a time for a Priest or Deacon to visit.

BINGO



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

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Adults, 18 and older who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, classes are now forming. You should already have received Baptism and Holy Communion in the

Catholic Church; you should be an active Catholic and your marriage should be in accordance with the laws of the Church. Orientation and registration will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Daily Chapel. There are 10 instruction weeks, 1 practice session and Confirmation Day. We begin on Saturday, February 21, 2015. There will be no classes on March 28, 2015 (Palm Sunday), or April 4, 2015 (Easter). Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 12:30 pm. The sessions start at the Saturday. 4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word and continue in the auditorium until 6:30 PM. Refreshments are served. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or call the Adult Faith Formation Office for pre-registration. You may also register at Orientation on February 17, 2015. For more information please call Dale Zanetti at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dale@visitationchurch.com.



RCIA CORNER

Jesus did not ask us to do anything that he did not do. Jesus was baptized to show us the way. By our Baptism we are made sharers in the mystery of Christ. It incorporates us into the church community and enables us to share in Jesus' mission. It is the gateway into life in the Spirit.

At Baptism we enter into a life of faith. The word "baptism" comes from the Greek and means to plunge or immerse. We are immersed in his body. We die to our old lives and are reborn in Christ. It is the bath that washes and seals our souls. Sin is completely washed away and we enter into the community of the faithful. It makes us a member of that body. As such, we are called by our Baptism to witness to the faith that we have received. Baptism is to be lived and celebrated throughout our lives. We need to give away what we first have received.

Jesus' command to us before he ascended to his father was: "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you... Amen!

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM. 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.

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAMS

Beginning on February 9 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!

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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. 732-604-1499.

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*

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 area. 732-477-9672, ext. 160. Thrift Shop hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location. 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 Doug Roman or droman@fedway.com*

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 Stranieri 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 & 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 7:15 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*

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