

Lent



First Sunday

*"everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved"*

Romans 10:13

*Church
of the
Visitation*

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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
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 9:15~10:30 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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| SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 21 | SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 22 |
| 4:00 PM | Charles Hayes/req. Reilly Family | <i>Community Sunday</i> | After All Masses Auditorium |
| 5:30 PM | Patrick Barry/req. Marilyn Emery | <i>C.C.D. Classes</i> | 9:15 AM Lake Riviera MS |
| SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 22 | <i>H. S. Confirmation Class</i> | 11:00 AM Parish Room C |
| 6:45 AM | People of the Parish | MONDAY | FEBRUARY 23 |
| 8:00 AM | Mark Geradi/req. Ed & Linda Kelly | <i>Children's Choir</i> | 8:00 AM Church |
| 9:30 AM | Donald Smith/req. Hugh & Maria Paladino | <i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i> | 8:15 AM Daily Chapel |
| 11:00 AM | Paul Thomas Manganelli/req. Michele Rinaldi | <i>Rosary For Life</i> | 1:30 PM Daily Chapel |
| 12:30 PM | Mary Loffredo/req. Esteves Family | <i>CCD Classes</i> | 4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| MONDAY | FEBRUARY 23 | <i>Cub Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM Auditorium |
| 7:30 AM | Bud Reott/req. Thomas & Jason Otter | <i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i> | 7:30 PM Daily Chapel |
| 8:15 AM | John Nesci/req. Sue & Jim Vendemia | TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 24 |
| 7:30 PM | Mrs. Costello/req. PJ. & Mary Ryan | <i>Bingo</i> | 11:00 AM Auditorium |
| TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 24 | <i>CCD Classes</i> | 4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| 7:30 AM | Nancy Caldwell/req. Dolores & John | <i>Boy Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM Old Church |
| 8:15 AM | Robert Udet, II/req. Mother, Marilyn Mc Sweeney | WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 25 |
| WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 25 | <i>Community Lunch</i> | 12:00 PM Auditorium |
| 7:00 AM | Elizabeth Quattrocchi/req. Family | <i>CCD Classes</i> | 4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| 8:15 AM | Dominic Ferrara/req. Wife, Josephine | <i>Contemporary Stations</i> | 7:00 PM Chapel |
| THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 26 | <i>Ocean Mental Health Services</i> | 7:30 PM Parish Room A |
| 7:30 AM | Susan Briante/req. Thelma | THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 26 |
| 8:15 AM | Antonio Barreira/req. Constance Lord Wujciak | <i>VRC Training</i> | 10:00 AM Old Church |
| FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 27 | <i>CCD Classes</i> | 4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| 7:30 AM | Tony Baldowski/req. Tom & Venus Leahy | <i>Youth Choir</i> | 5:00 PM Church |
| 8:15 AM | James Mazurek/req. Julie Watson | <i>Adult Choir</i> | 7:15 PM Church |
| SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 28 | AA | 7:30 PM Auditorium |
| 7:30 AM | Paul Chapman/req. James & Catherine Relph | FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 27 |
| 8:15 AM | Michael Guido/req. Mr. & Mrs. Len Competello | <i>Traditional Stations</i> | 4:00 PM Church |
| 4:00 PM | Msgr. Joseph O'Connell/req. The Towey Family | <i>Children of the Light Prayer</i> | 7:00 PM Parish Room C |
| 5:30 PM | Donald Smith/req. Lynne Rac | <i>Bingo</i> | 7:30 PM Auditorium |
| SUNDAY | MARCH 1 | SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 28 |
| 6:45 AM | Dougals Huff/req. Joan Huntley | <i>Wedding Fair</i> | 12:30 PM Church |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Dec'd. Members of the Rosary Altar Society, | <i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i> | 4:30 PM Auditorium |
| 9:30 AM | Dominic Mazzara/req. Wife | | |
| 11:00 AM | Paul T. Manganelli/req. Mary Helik | | |
| 12:30 PM | People of the Parish | | |

For the Week of February 22, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Dominic Ferrara/req. Carol Howard

Chapel Sanctuary Candle No Intentions

Blessed Mother Candle is "God's Birthday Blessings" on Fr. Jim Sauchelli

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

“YOUR WAYS O LORD, ARE LOVE AND TRUTH”



- I. Teresa Knight
- III. Rosemary Russell
- III. Bernadette Galgon

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



In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors especially; *Alfred Clapp*



HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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



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



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

DINE TO DONATE



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



LENTEN REFLECTIONS



In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's

Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross.

In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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LENTEN PARISH RETREAT



March 21, 2015 – beginning at 4:00 Mass in the Church proper until 8:30 pm. As we pass through the days of Lent and reflect on and pray about Jesus’ promise of salvation, we are assured that his ways are love and truth to those who keep his covenant. We will join as believers and servants of the Lord on March 21, 2015 beginning at the 4:00 pm Mass to recall the power and purpose of our journey. Come and share with each other the unconditional love and friendship of God in our Lenten Parish Retreat. There will be a presentation, prayer, discussion, directed prayer and many other inspirations. A light dinner will be served and the retreat will continue after Mass in the church auditorium, please bring a dessert. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Contact the Adult Faith Formation Office. 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dale@visitationchurch.com

SOME ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

- Daily Mass:** 7:30 and 8:15 AM Daily Chapel.
- Saturday Masses:** 4:00 and 5:30 P.M.
- Sunday Masses:** 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.
- Mondays:** Miraculous Medal and St. Jude Novena 8:45 AM and during the 7:30 PM Mass Daily Chapel.
- Mondays:** Rosary for Life 1:30 PM Daily Chapel
- Wednesdays:** Contemporary Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Daily Chapel.
- Fridays:** Traditional Stations of the Cross, 4:00 PM Church Worship.

LENT HAS BEGUN



To observe this season of austerity and simple reflection is by not having flowers on the altar during the 40 days of Lent. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!



RCIA CORNER

LENT

Lent is a penitential season that prepares us for the celebration of Easter. This passed Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday which marked the first day of the season of Lent that lasts 40 days, (Sundays are not included in the count because they are days of resurrection).

It is a time of preparation for us by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

Lent is not just observed for Roman Catholics. It is also followed by the Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglican denominations. Eastern Orthodox churches, which we are presently having talks with regarding unity, observe Lent or Great Lent, during the 6 weeks or 40 days preceding Palm Sunday with fasting continuing during the Holy Week of Orthodox Easter. Lent for Eastern Orthodox churches begins on Monday (called Clean Monday) and Ash Wednesday is not observed.

The Bible does not specifically mention the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21. And we know that repentance leads to holiness. We all do some physical spring cleaning around the house at this time of year so it seems right to do some “spring cleaning” of our spiritual lives during Lent.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gospel reading from the first Sunday in Lent from Mark proclaims a time of repentance. The season of Lent reminds us of our sinful humanity and that God’s grace is accessible to us each day. It is a time of personal and communal forgiveness. As we join with Noah and Jesus on this first Sunday of Lent, ask yourself, “Have you seen any signs lately of God’s redemptive love?”

***“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel”
Mark1:15***

PENITENTIAL RITE



On February 28, 2015 we will be celebrating the Penitential Rite for our Candidates in the RCIA process. These are our Candidates who have already been baptized and now are preparing themselves for completion of their sacraments or entering into full communion with our Catholic Church. The Penitential Rite is designed to help those seeking complete initiation to overcome their areas of weakness, and to strengthen their areas of goodness. This Rite will be celebrated at the 4:00 pm Mass on February 28, 2015.

Our Candidates who are being received into full communion are Esther Ganeshanada and Skyler Edge. Those who are completing their Sacraments are, Marina Flores, Gloria Flores, Maricela Flores and Vilma Nieto. As their parish family let us join in prayer with them, asking God to purify them and help them be ready to receive the Sacraments of initiation at the Easter

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

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” is acceptable.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Our Choir is extending an invitation for new members to join us. The youth choir practices on Thursday at 5:00 pm in the church and sings at 11:00 am Mass on Sunday. The adult choir practices on Thursday at 7:15 pm in the church and sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. For more information please contact our Music Director Natalya at 732-477-7059 ext. 217.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Daily Chapel on: April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 12, & 19. Please call Deacon Rich Johnston at 732-477-7059 ext. 221 if you’re planning on attending or for additional information.

WEDDING FAIR



February 28, 2015 at 12:30 in the Church worship Space, there will be a Music Wedding Fair. Any couples planning a wedding at Visitation are invited to attend. Please contact Natalya at 732-477-7059 ext. 217 if you would like

further information.



The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic “Abies Irish Rose”. Please join us on Monday, April 20. The bus will leave Visitation parking

lot at 9:00 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$80.00 (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and a full course dinner. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terri Deegan 732-903-7527 or Marilyn Emery 732-920-9763

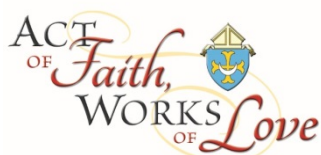
Holy Water will remain in the fonts during the Season of Lent. It will be removed Holy Thursday (after the Mass of the Last Supper,) Good Friday and Holy Saturday. We will fill the fonts once again during the Easter Vigil.



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

ANNAUL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!



Simon's Soup Kitchen operates in Seaside Heights, NJ. The kitchen serves meals Tuesday and Friday nights during the months of October through April to anyone

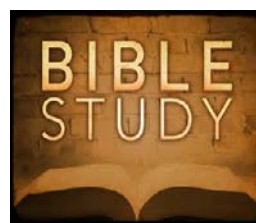
in need of a meal and a friendly smile. Simon's Soup Kitchen is sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and the Knights of Columbus Council 8415. Since the start of Simon's Soup Kitchen over 45,000 meals have

been served. Many of our clientele live in Seaside Heights and the surrounding area throughout the year and work in our community during the summer months, and sometimes need a little extra support during the winter. Your gift can help to keep the kitchen going.

PALM



With Palm Sunday just around the corner, some of you may be wondering what you should do with last year's palm once you receive this year's. There will be a basket for Palm in the narthex of the church. You may drop off your old Palm to be burned at this year's Easter Vigil.



Our Thursday Morning Bible Study is postponed until April 16th, 2015. New and exciting things have been added. There will still be Scripture reading and commenting but added to that will be:

- discussion groups to better understand the scripture and how we can use it to direct our lives.
- intercessory prayer for our friends and loved ones, meditative prayer (for us), prayers for peace.
- questions and answers on different topics, like "how to deal with annoying people", and "weight lifting for your soul".

Find out why we are "pestering" God (and if we should continue). Don't miss the "boat"; even though Jesus appears to be asleep in it- he is not and he is calling us to more, so much more.

Everyone is welcome even if you have no experience in reading or praying scripture. Don't have a Bible, we can provide one for you. Want to know more about your faith? Want to know what Jesus says as opposed to the world about what is going on today? Come and join us-Thursday mornings starting April 16th, 2015 at 9:45 am until 11:00 am. Refreshments are served. For more information contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214.

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!**

LENT INSTRUCTION

With the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, the Church proclaims anew Christ’s call to penance and conversion of life.

“If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”

(Matthew 16:24).

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

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

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

At the age of fourteen, people are obliged to abstain. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, (beast & fowl) but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Missing abstinence on any one (1) Friday is not a serious sin. Missing abstinence most of the Fridays of Lent (or more than half of them) is a serious sin that needs to be confessed & absolved.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST

RALLY

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

During these 40 days, let me put away all my pride. Let me change my heart and give up all that is not good within me. Let me love God with all that I am and all that I have." -- Genesis Grain

FLOWERS/DECORATIONS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Easter Season begins to unfold, much of our thoughts are of others. Let us remember those who have touched our lives in some way. Parishioners and guests at Church of the Visitation will have the opportunity to honor family or friends by making a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful Easter flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church. or use the form provided below. Please complete all information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** A list of donors along with their loved ones names will be published in the bulletin shortly after the Easter Season.

If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.

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EASTER FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Easter Season

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IN HONOR OF: _____

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PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE

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FEBRUARY 22, 2015

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All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or place in the collection basket. **A certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vicki@visitationchurch.com.

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FEBRUARY 22, 2015

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

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

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM see Youth Ministry

Sacrament Preparation

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

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

Education and Evangelization Ministries

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

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

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

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

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

Pastoral Care Ministries

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

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

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

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

Services

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

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

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Social Ministries/Activities

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

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

Social Concerns

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

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

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

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

Youth Ministries/Activities

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

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

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

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

Temporal Welfare

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

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

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

Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bulletin Deadline

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