

# 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

### 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*

# TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 12</b>
4:00 PM	Olga & Andrew Coniglio/req. Camille & Joe Licandro
5:30 PM	Mario Altomare/req. Terri & Toni
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13</b>
6:45 AM	Cornelius Britton/req. Maryann
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of The Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Ron Gabourny, Sr./req. Children
12:30 PM	Jane & Michael Zaccardi/req. McQuade Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>
7:30 AM	Walter & Mary Kalicki/req. Family
8:15 AM	Dennis Cremins/req. Henry & Lillian Karpinski
7:30 PM	Sam LoGuidice/req. Rosanne Spirito
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>
7:30 AM	Rev. William McDonnell/req. McDonnell Family
8:15 AM	Prayer Service
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>
7:30 AM	Anthony Crai/req. Daughter Linda
8:15 AM	Prayer Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>
7:30 AM	Theresa Wall/req. Sister, Carol
8:15 AM	Prayer Service
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>
7:30 AM	Janet Pozniak/req. Brian & Denise
8:15 AM	Andrew Dimetros/req. Daughter Linda & Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>
7:30 AM	Joao Lopes/req. Wife & Family
8:15 AM	Vincenza Shaw/req. Mom & Dad
4:00 PM	Klusack Family/req. Barlowski Family
5:30 PM	Walter Grabowski/req. Richard & Grace Faruola
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Violet Gajewski/req. Family
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Music Ministry/req. Music Ministry
11:00 AM	Richard McCoy/req. Family
12:30 PM	Patrick Barry/req. Bernice Crimaldi

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM	Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>	
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary Altar Mtg.</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A & B
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>	
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Holy Name Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Auditorium
<i>Alanon</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<i>Royal Hearts Prayer Group</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>	
<i>Walk A Thon Registration</i>	3:30 PM	Narthex
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Auditorium

*All morning masses will be held in the Church Worship Space until November 8 due to the gift auction preparation*

## For the Week of September 13, 2015

**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Robert Rigby/req. Toni Rygiel & Terri Altomare



**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Dennis Cremins/req. Lynn Sadowski

**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Mark Domogauer/req. Family

**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Mario Altomare/req. Wife & Family

## Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



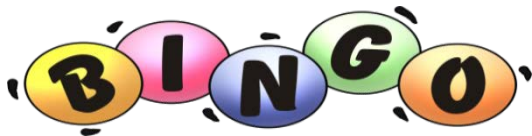
- I. Dorothy Ann Di Mambro, Bernadette Galgon
- II. Mick Winters

“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, *Henry Stansfield, Henry*

*Karpinski,*



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

**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.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Offering for the Week of August 2, 2015**

<b>Regular</b>	\$12,374.60
<b>On Line</b>	\$1,212.00
<b>Total</b>	\$13,586.60

***Some of the expenses for July included:***

Building Maintenance	\$1,026.00
Electric	\$3,401.82
Natural Gas	\$278.48
Communication Services	\$1,058.10
Liturgical Supplies	\$910.00
Water/Sewer	\$696.67
Property Taxes	\$6,202.19

*Reflections for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean “human being.”

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. *Loyola Press*

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



This week we remembered the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on our nation – attacks that have left their mark on our country, the world, and in the hearts of far too many innocent people. As we listened to the stories and witnessed the heart-wrenching sadness of those who mourned the loss of life or lives of loved ones, we felt so helpless and ill-equipped to deal with a tragedy of such magnitude, and that had far-reaching implications.

In our society we are used to dealing with problems logically and with all the technology available to us. But we learned very quickly that technology has no solution for a broken heart. There was no magic formula to eliminate the emptiness that came from such a loss. We found ourselves posing the question: How do we who mourn get on with what sometimes seems like the chore of living? The only answer we had then – the only one that still makes any sense today – is that we cling to faith, which provides hope. Faith allows us to go on because we believe that nothing or no one in this world can take away that which is given to us by God. Yet, even this didn't take away the heartache of grief. It didn't take away the sense of inadequacy as we wondered what we could do, and then realized how little we had to offer. Faith is what gave us a reason and the ability and desire to find the joy of life. As we searched for answers over these past years we saw signs of God's love: sometimes in the valiant and heroic sacrifice of others, sometimes in the kindness, generosity and compassion poured out by so many to the suffering, many times in the prayers that were offered so constantly as people publicly and steadfastly clung to their faith.

As a community of faith and a nation, we continue to pray that our faith will always grow. We continue to pray for all who have died, for those who still mourn, for our families and friends, and for peace and justice in our world.

*Fr. Ed*



*We Remember*

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**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A PERMANENT DEACON?**

If you are discerning God's call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Trenton as a Permanent Deacon, a man ordained to the ministry of Charity, Word, and Sacrament, you are invited to take part in an upcoming information session. The presentation will include information concerning the role of a deacon, the discernment process, and the five-year Diaconate Formation Program. Before registering to attend this session, please schedule a meeting with your pastor to discuss the call to the diaconate, Sessions are scheduled for September 29 and October 6, 2015 7-9 p.m. at the Diocesan Chancery, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ. Pre-registration is required.

Please register with Deacon Michael Riley, Associate Director of Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life (609-403-7134).

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**INVITATION TO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & LECTORS FROM FR. ED**

Two meetings have been scheduled for active Extraordinary Ministers of Communion as well as those parishioners interested in becoming a part of these special ministries. The dates are **Monday, September 21** at 7:00 PM and **Saturday, October 10** at 9:00 am in the main Church. It is only necessary to attend one session. There will be a short presentation to discuss any changes and my thoughts on the future for these vital parish roles. It will also help us to get an up-to-date list of practicing ministers, schedule training classes for new ministers, and provide data for the Diocese to (re)new commissions



## RCIA CORNER

### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Faith is never separated from the community of believers. Rather, "The Church's faith precedes the faith of the believer who is invited to adhere to it." (CCC 1124) Keep in mind that we have all received the faith from someone else. "When the Church celebrates the sacraments, she confesses the faith received from the apostles" (CCC 1124) and "It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe." (CCC 1253)

All of us are actually baptized on the faith of the community of believers rather than our own faith. Infants are dependent upon the faith of their parents for baptism as God grants the graces of baptism at the request of the parent rather than the infant. Infant baptism exemplifies the "sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation" (CCC 1250) which comes from God alone. God reaches down to us as a free gift which we in no way deserve, whether we are an adult or an infant. In Baptism we become freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ..."(CCC 1213).

For additional information regarding the RCIA program please contact Dale at 732-477-7059 ext. 214.

### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

The next meeting for the Rosary Altar Society will be held on Monday September 14. We will begin in the Church by saying the rosary followed by the meeting at 12:00 in the Auditorium. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

### **POPE FRANCIS & THE FAMILY**

The Pope's visit to the United States is a landmark occasion for the American Church. Be prepared and get connected to this spiritual event by coming to Sacred Heart Parish, Bay Head Monday, September 14 at 7 pm in the parish hall for a presentation on Pope Francis, the Jubilee year of Mercy, and the Synod of the Family. Light refreshments served.

For more information please contact Dawn Rusinko at the Parish Office 732-899 1398 or [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com).



We would like to wish a warm and special thank you to Mr. Robert Trusdale from

*The Crystal Point Yacht Club* in Point Pleasant for his very generous donation of all the delicious fruit and cheese displays and the salads for the installation luncheon.

We are always grateful for good stewards who remember the Lord in their giving.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Rt. Rev. John F. Baldwin Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is having a 7 Day Fundraising Cruise to the Bahamas. Sailing from Baltimore, Md, March 6, 2016 on Carnival Pride. Cost: 4-D Inside Cabin \$866.94 p/p double occupancy and, 8-C Balcony Cabin \$1,027.94p/p double occupancy. Includes: Cruise fare, Taxes and Port Charges, Cruise Protection, Pre-paid Gratuities and Fundraiser Donation. A \$50 deposit will hold your cabin, due by Sept. 17, 2015. For additional information: Call Darryl at Prestige Travel Services (732)370-8810 / (732) 462-2150

### **"ROOM 5" IN CHURCH**

We would like to thank all who did such a marvelous job in cleaning out this room and once again making it usable as a storage and preparation space - it was amazing to see that a carpet had been there all along! Going forward we request that all groups making use of this room leave it as neatly arranged as you found it. Failure to do so may put your group at risk of losing the privilege of using parish facility space (which really belongs to all in the parish and as such must be used responsibly) for meetings and events. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.



**50/50 TICKETS** are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for September will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, September 27 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

**BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**



Bishop David O'Connell will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Anniversary Blessing Mass on October 25, 2015 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish,

Freehold, 3:00 pm. All Catholic married couples in the Diocese of Trenton celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50th and beyond wedding anniversary in 2015 are invited to participate. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register.

**ANNUAL ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY AREA WIDE COMMUNION BANQUET**



The 18th Annual Rosary Altar Society Mass and Luncheon is being hosted by St. Peter's Rosary Altar Society. The Rosary will begin at 10:30 AM followed by Mass at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 7th, in St. Peter's Church.

Pt. Pleasant Beach. The luncheon will follow at: THE MILL, 101 Old Mill Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ. The tickets are \$37.00 and we still have a few tickets left. If interested, please contact Dotty at 732-295-0862.

**FLU VACCINE**



Walgreens Pharmacists will be administering vaccines at the September 27 Community Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Vaccines are free with Medicare or discounted to \$25 cash. Other insurances can be

billed. (must have insurance cards with you) Don't miss out on this opportunity! We hope to see you there!

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Fall sessions for Visitation's Bereavement Support Group will take place on Tuesdays, 10:30 am in the Daily Chapel. Dates are: September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 13, and 20. To register, call Deacon Rich at 732-477-7059 ext. 221. Leave your name and phone number.

**SIGHT & SOUND**



Join the Visitation Rosary Altar Society for a trip to *Sight and Sound* in Pennsylvania to see "The *Miracle of Christmas*" on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Tickets

are \$115.00 per person which will include your bus seat and lunch at the famous Shady Maples Smorgasbord, with over 140 delicious items to choose from. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 8:15 AM and return approximately 8:45 PM. Please call Terry 732-903-7527 or Marilyn 732-920-9753 for any additional information or to purchase tickets. Seats on the bus go fast, so get your tickets early.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, September 26, 2015



Grab your walking shoes or sneakers and help us take steps for a great cause! The 2015 *Friends of the Poor Walk/Run* is a National Event coordinated by the

National Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Plans are underway to promote this unique fundraising effort. 100% of the funds stay with our Visitation Conference to be used to help the poor in our community. Once again, we will walk around the Brick Reservoir on Herbertsville Road Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 9:00 am with the walk beginning at 10:00 am. Members of St. Vincent will be in the Church Narthex the weekend of Sept 19 & 20 for early registration and/or monetary donations.

Hope to see you there!

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Please note that there is now a bottle of hand sanitizer available at the credence table (the small table by the entrance to the sacristy) for your use prior to distributing Communion. Please make use of it when you come forward and thank you for your service of ministry to God's people!

**THE PELICAN**



On the face of our altar is a pelican feeding its young. Our Roman Catholic tradition tells us that this bird is a wonderful visible sign of Jesus. Like the pelican, Jesus sustains his own, feeding us with his body and blood. The life that is nurtured and grows in the young pelican is a sign of our own eternal life which is nourished by the body and blood of Christ.

Watching pelicans today as they soar majestically in good or bad weather, illustrates to us that the Church, despite good or bad experiences through the ages, continues to soar majestically. Just as humans have by our failures and shortcomings, sometimes unintentional, almost succeeded to cause the pelican to be extinct, still it flies. So too does our Church remain strong and vibrant because Christ promised, despite our human failings and shortcomings, that not even the gates of hell will prevail against her.

It is said that pelicans mate for life and take great care of their offspring. They nourish their young by catching and eating fish, predigesting it, and then regurgitating it for the babies. Because the adult's breast would be stained through this process, it was believed that the pelican would actually wound itself, by pecking at its own chest until blood was drawn, so that its blood could nourish its young. This belief led to the pelican becoming a symbol of Christ who wounded himself to feed us. It is a beautiful Eucharistic symbol that is not biblical, but rather comes from the tradition of the Church. It is a symbol that has been used for centuries. St. Thomas, in beautiful poetry for the Feast of Corpus Christi, calls Christ "Pie Pelicane Jesu Domine" which translates to: "Pious Pelican, Jesus the Lord". The pelican symbolizes for us, therefore, the sacrifice Jesus made for us: He opened His life to death so that we might live; He shed His blood so that we can have eternal life.

Be sure to notice that we have a symbol of Christ right before our eyes - on our sacred altar - the pelican pecking itself and drawing its own blood to sustain her children.



**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

If someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Rectory Office at 732-477-7059 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.

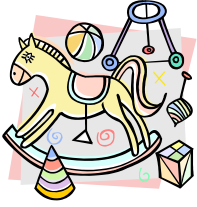
**LAY CARMELITES**

Are you new to the area and are looking for a Lay Carmelite Community? The Little Way Community of St. Dominic Church meets once a month, on Sunday, after the 12:00 noon Mass. Both beginners and professed Carmelites are welcome! For more information, please contact Lydia at 732-279-9939.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2015**

**AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION**  
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 7, 2015, and we're looking for your help.



Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

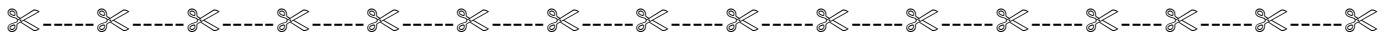
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to the restoration of the original church building to make it safer and more useful. This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about donating a gift and/or helping us prepare for the event, call Betty Kilkenny 732-245-6071 or Dee DeTuro 732-232-7132 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

***GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY OR AT THE RECTORY OFFICE***



- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 8, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted by:  Phone  E-mail

The best time to contact me is:  Morning  Afternoon  Evening



# ***SEPTEMBER 13, 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. – *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

**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. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

**Bell Choir** is open to all ages. 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. 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*

**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. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

**VISITATION FOOD BANK** accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church. 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 – *Christie 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. - *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

**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. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationchurch.com*

**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.***