

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 NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 17
4:00 PM	Rose Dempsey/req. Family
5:30 PM	Sam Christopher/req. Pat Zambrano
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 18
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Patricia Twomey/req. Husband, Denis
9:30 AM	Romolo Lechic/req. Wife, Maria
11:00 AM	Leslie Pucci/req. Family
12:30 PM	Helen & Joseph McQuade/req. McQuade Family
MONDAY	OCTOBER 19
7:30 AM	Joao Lopes/req. Wife & Family
8:15 AM	Amelia Bavosi/req. Peter & Family
7:30 PM	Paul Wilson/req. Denise Patetta
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 20
7:30 AM	Helen Burke/req. Family
8:15 AM	Minnie Bavosa/req. Uncle Pete & Family
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 21
7:30 AM	Douglas Huff/req. Joan Huntley
8:15 AM	Cheryl Perrone/req. Mom & Dad
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 22
7:30 AM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Arlene Stiffler & Patti Martino
8:15 AM	Danny Narciso/req. Jim & Helen McTernan
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 23
7:30 AM	James Sager/req. Rosella Harris
8:15 AM	Judy Mancino/req. Diane & Dick Koempel
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24
7:30 AM	Beatrice Enevold/req. Natalya & Richard Bencivenga
8:15 AM	Dorothy Weil/req. Rebar Family
4:00 PM	Frank & Eleanor Barlowski/req. Children
5:30 PM	William Lillis/req. Family
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25
6:45 AM	Special Intentions for Msgr. Peter Kachery/req. Lu Anne & Joe Spallina
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Raymond Barrett/req. Wife
11:00 AM	Lucy Rynkiewicz & Alexander Bannoff/req. Chris B.
12:30 PM	Maria Fabrizio/req. Gloria & Stan Klocko

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 18	LOCATION
Masses		Church
Baptism	1:45 PM	Church
MONDAY	OCTOBER 19	
M M & Saint Jude Novena	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Church
Community Luncheon Planning Mtg.	9:00 AM	Auditorium
Rosary For Life	1:30 PM	Church
CCD Classes	4:00 PM	Rooms A, B & C
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM	Auditorium & Old Church
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 20	
Bereavement	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
Bingo	11:00 AM	Auditorium
CCD Classes	6:00 PM	Rooms A
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM	Old Church
Adult Faith Formation Mtg.	7:15 PM	Room C
Alanon	7:00 PM	Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 21	
Community Luncheon	12:00 PM	Auditorium
CCD Classes	4:00 PM	Rooms A
Faith Alive	7:30 PM	Room B
Youth Choir Practice	7:30 PM	Church
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 22	
Bible Study	9:45 AM	Auditorium
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.	1:00 PM	Auditorium
CCD Classes	6:00 PM	Rooms A & C
Adult Choir Practice	7:15 PM	Church
AA	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 23	
Children of Light	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
Parents Baptismal Formation Session	7:00 PM	Church
Bingo	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24	
3 rd Grade Penitential	11:00 AM	Church
Wedding	2:00 PM	Church
RCIA Teaching	5:00 PM	Room A
Cubs Halloween Party	6:00 PM	Auditorium

All morning masses will be held in the Church Worship Space until November 8 due to the gift auction preparation. Please Note: Daily Chapel Sanctuary Candles will be in the church during this time period

For the Week of October 18, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing" on the people of the South Carolina flooding.

Chapel Sanctuary Candle (In Church) is "God's Blessing" for the safety of College Students

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of

Dolores Conroy/req. Jim & Linda Conroy

Sacred Heart Candle is "God's Blessing" on Vincent Arnot/req. Pat Feeney

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

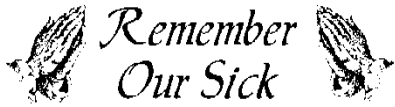
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Wedding Banns

III. Shawn Giles & Danielle Fabrizio



"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.



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

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Tuesday morning bingo. If you can help in any way, even if it's only for a few hours, please stop by the Church Auditorium during Tuesday Bingo and speak with Cindy.



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 October 11, 2015

Regular	\$13,640.00
On Line	\$3199.00
Total	\$16,839.00

Reflections for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership? *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 ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE IN THE SECOND BASKET.



Given the discussion reported from the current Synod of Bishops on the Family, this may be a good opportunity to review the Church’s teachings on marriage so that we can properly respond to speculation as well as clarify our own expectations from the Synod. Simply put, the Church’s understanding of marriage comes from Jesus Himself: Jesus said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” (Mark 10:11-12) Try as we might to rationalize what he really meant, it is difficult to deny that Jesus was against someone divorcing and marrying another. The Catholic Church has always been quite specific about the indissolubility of marriage: it cannot be ended except through the death of one of the partners: “The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of their whole life; the essential properties of marriage are unity and indissolubility; in Christian marriage they acquire a distinctive firmness by reason of the sacrament” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1055-1056). Divorce and remarriage is considered intrinsically disordered, both of the divorced person and of the person who knowingly attempts marriage to a divorced person.

A persistent error is that divorced and re-married persons are excommunicated from the Church. This is simply not true. Individuals in this situation are encouraged (and obligated as Catholics) to participate in the sacramental life of the Church to the greatest extent possible. They should not receive the Eucharist, as this implies an informed consent to the way of life which Jesus taught, one that they have publicly contradicted. Incidentally, this restriction also applies to cohabiting couples, as they in violation of the first property of marriage mentioned above, namely that of unity.

Does this mean that people who have divorced and remarried are forever excluded from receiving Communion? Not necessarily. Although the Church remains insists on the permanence of marriage, she does her best to determine as far as possible if prior marriage(s) were truly sacramental in the first place. Canon law also states that those who are “impeded” (i.e. have some condition or situation which prevents a true contract) from marriage do not validly enter a marriage. Several factors could contribute (Canons 1073-1107 give examples: lacking sufficient use of reason, unable to assume the duties of marriage due to physiological/psychological reason, ignorance of the permanence of marriage, etc.) Most of the work of diocesan tribunals (i.e. Church courts) in the United States involves annulment investigation. If through such investigation it is discovered that some impediment prohibited the sacramentally valid contract of marriage in the first place, then the marriage is considered null and the persons are free to marry in the Catholic Church. Streamlining this process while still attempting to remain true to Church doctrine was the subject of Pope Francis’ *motu proprio* (Latin for “on his own initiative) issued back in September (details at www.news.va/en/news/motu-proprio-mitis-iudex-dominus-iesus-and-mitis-e).

If you are in such a situation, either as a divorced person who has remarried or one who has married someone who has been divorced, consider contacting us to apply for an annulment investigation. If the prior marriage(s) are determined to be invalid, then your marriage can be convalidated (“blessed”) by the Church.

Frr. Ed

OUR FATHER/SAINT FRANCIS PRAYER



October 21, 2015, St. Joseph by the sea welcomes you for a day to renew your commitment to personal prayer and to Gospel holiness through a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Our Father and the Peace Prayer of St. Francis – two prayers that reflect the spirit in which God and Saint Francis lived their entire lives. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:30 a.m. Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF, BS, NCAPSII) Cost: \$45

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.



RCIA CORNER

WHY DO WE NOT RE-BAPTIZE THOSE THAT WERE BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH?

Cannon 845.1 states that the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders cannot be repeated. They imprint a character on the recipient that cannot be taken away. Only an unbaptized person can be baptized. So what happens when someone comes from another faith who wants to be a Catholic?

Those who have been validly baptized outside the Catholic Church become Catholics by making a profession of the Catholic faith and being formally received into the Church. This is normally followed immediately by Confirmation and the Eucharist.

There is only one baptism for all and as long as the proper form is followed there is no need to re-baptize. There are three criteria for Baptism. One, the intent must be there to Baptize; second, water must be poured or the recipient must be immersed in the water and finally they must be baptized in the name of the Trinity. If all of these conditions are met the person is considered baptized.

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



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for October will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, October 25 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

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



HONOR LUNCHEON
Saluting our Military
Past & Present

November 8, 2015

1:00 PM

No Fee

Donovan Catholic Dining Hall

711 Hooper Avenue

Toms River, NJ 08753

RSVP: by October 20, 2015 to: Patti Kunzman
732-349-8801 x 2432

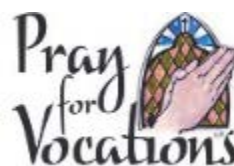
Please leave your Name, phone #, branch of service & number attending.

BASILICA SHRINE



The Diocese of Trenton will sponsor its bi-annual Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, November 7,

2015. This year Bishop O’Connell extends an invitation to our families who have children who have made their First Holy Communion in May of 2015 or who will make their First Holy Communion this coming May. As always, Saint Robert Bellarmine parish will run a Bus to Washington for this witness of faith. For more information on the bus contact 732.462.742



The Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations invites you to the Ocean County Holy Hour for Vocations. The Holy Hour will consist of Scripture reading,

reflection, recitation of the Rosary, meditation, and closing Benediction. St. Dominic Parish, 250 Old Squan Road, Brick, Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

For further information, please visit vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or call (609) 406-7449.

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.

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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH



The Respect Life Ministry along with St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and blankets for the needy through the month of October. Men's coats are especially in need. These items may be brought to St. Vincent de Paul Monday-Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.

AI-ANON

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? AI-Anon members are people just like you and me-people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. They are parents, children, spouses, partners, brothers, sisters, other family members, friends, employers, employees, and coworkers of alcoholics. AI-Anon is anonymous, the meetings are confidential, and we do not disclose whom we see or what we hear at meetings to anyone.

Many who come to AI-Anon are in despair, feeling hopeless, unable to believe that things can ever change. We want our lives to be different, but nothing we have done has brought about change. In AI-Anon, members share their own experience, strength, and hope with each other. You will meet others who share your feelings and frustrations, if not your exact situation. We come together to learn a better way of life, to find happiness whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

If you would like more information, join us at 7:00 pm in the Church Auditorium or call Ann at 732-861-9051 or annern508@comcast.net.



This is a great time to join our Adult, Youth Choirs and Children's choirs. Adult Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday and practice is on Thursdays 7:15-8:45 p.m. in the church. Youth Choir sings at 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and is open to all from 6th grade to high school. Practice will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the church. Our children's choir will practice on Monday evening from 6:15 to 7:00 PM in the Church and will sing at the 12:30 PM mass. For more information please contact our Music Director Natalya Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext.217.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open SIX days a week. Help spread the word! We hope that



having the Thrift Store open 6 days a week (Closed on Sunday) it will be more convenient to shop and encourage everyone to clean out their closets, garages, and attics for items that are clean and can be recycled. Drop off donations to us in the lower level of the Old Church. Hours: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday – Saturday. Come in and take a look around and you just might see something you have been looking for! All monies received help the needy families in our area.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Rt. Rev. John F. Baldwin Assembly 4th 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. For additional information: Call Darryl at Prestige Travel Services (732)370-8810 / (732) 462-2150

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

APRIL 4-14 2016 WITH

BISHOP DAVID M. O'CONNELL, CM

Join Bishop David O'Connell for the Holy Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome & Tuscany as a way of observing the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by our Holy Father Pope Francis. This pilgrimage has been designed for those who are seeking a greater understanding of our Catholic Faith during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Enjoy the spiritual, liturgical and cultural places that have shaped our Catholic Identity throughout the centuries; responding to Our Holy Father Pope Francis' to reflect more deeply on the meaning of God's mercy in our lives and the life of the Church. Travel round trip non-stop from Newark to Rome; Specially selected hotel while in Rome; Specially selected hotel in Tuscany; Air-conditioned buses will transport pilgrims to some of the most important church building in our Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated daily in some of the most significant church buildings of the region. Bishop David O'Connell will accompany the group and lead us in our prayer making these historic buildings not only artistic treasures but more importantly places where the liturgical and prayer life of Catholics continues today. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Come and See! Visit <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-year-of-mercy-pilgrimage/>

Have questions? www.Unitours.com/questions. For additional information and reservations: Marianna Pisanompisano@unitours.com

PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Domestic Violence services of Catholic Charities provide services to survivors of domestic abuse and their children in Ocean County. The program is in need of volunteers to assist with donation solicitation and management. There are also opportunities for volunteers to work with Domestic Violence Response Teams. These teams of trained volunteers work in conjunction with Ocean County police departments and respond to the police stations to talk to victims immediately following an incident of abuse. If interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact Erin Shealy, Community Liaison, 732-350-2120 or email eshealy@cctrenton.org.

PROMISE TO PROTECT-PLEDGE TO HEAL



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. 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 you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-800-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.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 local law enforcement authorities.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



When a loved one cannot attend mass due to illness, it is often a desire to bring Communion to them. However the Universal Church has regulations to ensure that

proper respect is shown for the Blessed Sacrament at all times. The Universal Church allows for lay people who have been **properly trained** to distribute Communion, including to the homebound. This training includes theological and spiritual aspects as well as practical aspects surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion. It is important that proper respect and adherence to Universal Church teaching is maintained at all times. When the Blessed Sacrament is administered outside of Mass, it must be transported in an appropriate vessel. If the person is unable to attend Mass for a period of time, 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.

OCTOBER 18, 2015

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Family & Friends,

On Sunday, November 1 we commemorate the Feast of All Saints. This is a day in Church life where we remember the example of the Saints.

Mass times:

Normal Sunday Schedule

All Souls Naming and Remembering Mass held on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM

This is a time to celebrate the memories of those we love who are sharing in Jesus' promise of eternal life so that we may feel their presence during this special Mass. We recall all those who have died and received services from Visitation Parish in the last calendar year. Your presence is the gathering of the spiritual Body of Christ where we become the real Body of Christ for and to one another. We encourage you to arrive early to include the names(s) of your loved one(s) in the Book of Remembrance.

Throughout the month of November *we reflect on and reaffirm our belief in Christ's Resurrection and remember our deceased relatives and friends. We all have fond memories of our deceased loved ones. These memories are always with us as we go about our daily lives. It is important that we do not allow these memories to fade.*

Sincerely,

Reverend Edward H. Blanchett

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Pastor

P.S. Please return your intentions by dropping the envelope in the collection basket at Mass, by bringing the envelope to the Parish Office or by mailing it.

OCTOBER 18, 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 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 – *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.

AL-ANON MEETINGS are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. Call Ann at 732-861-9051 or email *annern508@comcast.net*.

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 Rectory Room B. 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.