

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

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 7
4:00 PM	Mary Gregorio/req. Charlotte & Louis
5:30 PM	Dylsn Lomboy/req. The Lipka Family
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 8
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Member of the Holy Name Society,
9:30 AM	Francesco D'Ambrosio/req. Gloria Glocko
11:00 AM	Louis & Isabel Bulzoni/req. Estelle & Robert DiBello
12:30 PM	Dec'd Members of the Leck, Vitale & Pecora Families/req. Dennis & Veronica Leck
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 9
7:30 AM	Ernst Back/req. Daughter
8:15 AM	All Souls Novena
7:30 PM	Paul Wilson/req. John & Janel Powers & Family
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 10
7:30 AM	All Souls Novena
8:15 AM	Joan & Bernie Lewis/req. Family
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 11
9:00 AM	Joseph Iannace, /req. Wife, Carol & All Souls Novena
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 12
7:30 AM	All Souls Novena
8:15 AM	Ann Mesgleski/req. Marge Bebel
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 13
7:30 AM	Ann Brower/req. Jean Dwyer
8:15 AM	Patricia Skurat/req. Husband, John & Family
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 14
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	Robert Shanahan/req. Mimi Lauer
4:00 PM	Rev. William McDonnell/req. McDonnell Family
5:30 PM	Dolores Conroy/req. Jim & Linda
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 15
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Mauro & Louise Ferone/req. Abeal Family
9:30 AM	Romolo Lechic/req. Wife, Maria
11:00 AM	Rocco & Marie DiBello/req. Estelle & Bob DiBello
12:30 PM	Maria Fabrizio/req. Josephine D'Ambrosio

NO CCD CLASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 8	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 9	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall & Old Church
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 10	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Holy Name Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Room B
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 11	
<i>Newark Retired Priest Mtg</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall Aux
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Faith Alive</i>	7:30 PM	Room B
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM	Church
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 12	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Parish Hall
<i>Flu Clinic</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.</i>	1:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 13	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 14	
<i>5th Grade Penitential.</i>	11:00 AM	Church
<i>St. Vincent Thanksgiving Collection</i>	3:30 PM	Narthex & Doors
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

All morning masses will be held in the Church Worship Space until further notice. Please Note: Daily Chapel Sanctuary Candles will be in the church during this time period.

For the Week of November 8, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stephen Zaleski/req. Mom & Dad
Chapel Sanctuary Candle (In Church) is "In Loving Memory" of Deceased Members of Visitation Parish
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of

Filomena DiCicca/req. Mr. & Mrs. LaRocca

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Marie Turli/req. Family

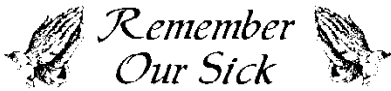
Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

“PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL”

Welcome into God's Family

*Lucas Augustine Guzman
Ava Jolie Licandro, Carly Cora Renn*



“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, especially, *Lorraine Kozak*, 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.

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 November 1, 2015

All Saints	\$10,349.39
All Souls	\$2,298.00
On Line	\$792.00

Total \$13,439.39

Some of the expenses for September included:

Building Maintenance	\$11,713.00
Electric	\$2,891.00
Natural Gas	\$265.42
Communication Services	\$1,003.42
Liturgical Supplies	\$703.80

Reflections for Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross. *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 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR IN THE SECOND BASKET.



You may remember Brittany Maynard, the 29-year old newlywed whose widely covered story of diagnosis with inoperable brain tumor and prognosis of 6 months to live, moving from California to Oregon to take advantage of that state's infamous "Death with Dignity" law. Despite the pleas of many people, including Catholic seminarian (now transitional Deacon) Philip Johnson who suffers from the same affliction, Brittany took her own life on November 1st of last year using a doctor-prescribed treatment.

Some people had described this act as one of bravery, in which a young person ended her life on her own terms. However, the Church expresses serious concern of this standpoint: "Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of. Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the living God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2280 and 2281).

Of course, no one asks to suffer and suffering in itself is not a good thing. However, the value of human life is something beyond any possible price as a most special gift from God. If we or someone we love finds themselves in such a situation, either physically or psychologically, we are called by Christ to follow his example of true courage in the face of death: the way of the Cross, which can ultimately offer salvation to all brave enough to walk it. Yes, at such times we make use of all reasonable means for palliative care, but also we do so with recognition and respect for the ultimate dignity of our lives as seen in the light of God.

During the month of November, it has been customary for the Church to remember those who have gone before us and our hope grounded in faith that they now enjoy the fullness of God's love. This provides the basis of the inestimable value we place on human life and its Creator. It is all the more imperative to defend this sanctity of life by noting that, since last year, Brittany's home state of California has joined Oregon, Washington and Vermont in having so-called "Death with Dignity" laws on their books. For Brittany, and all those who have made such a choice, we commend to God's love and mercy. As the Church also says: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to Him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (Catechism, 2283).

Fr. Ed



2015-2016 INFLUENZA CAMPAIGN

The Ocean County Health Department is pleased to offer chronic disease screening and prevention services in addition to seasonal influenza (flu) and pneumonia vaccinations during this year's flu shot campaign. Clinic services will be held Monday, November 12, 2015 from 11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and will include:

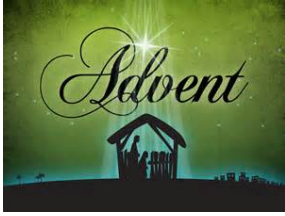
- *Influenza (Flu) Vaccination
- *Pneumonia Vaccination
- *Blood Pressure Screening
- *Stroke Risk Assessment*
- *Osteoporosis Screening
- *Shingles Vaccination*
- Tdap Vaccination (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)
- *Lead Poisoning Prevention Education.

While the screenings and education are free of charge, vaccinations do include a fee which may be less depending on your current insurance status:

- *Influenza \$20.00
- *Tdap \$20.00
- *Pneumonia \$20.00
- *Shingles \$180.00

For questions about services offered, please call 732-341-9700 ext. 7604.

ADVENT RETREAT



An evening with Dr. J. Dennis Cadigan who attended Monmouth University, graduated Summa Cum Laude. He went on to Penn State where he earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology. Dr. J. became a Christian oriented psychologist after he had an encounter with God. He has presented many retreats for varying parishes and is currently certified as a Spiritual Director in the Trenton Diocese. For thirty two years in the fields of psychology and spirituality he has been helping others, now he comes to us once again here at Visitation to offer us reflection and prayer on the coming of Jesus in our Advent season. Dr. J. will talk to us about how to pray for our friends, families and loved ones and show us how to reflect deeply on the Advent experience. Join us, Saturday, November 14, 2015 – 4:00 to 8:30 pm (beginning with 4:00 PM Mass). We will be serving a light dinner. The event is free we just ask you to bring some type of dessert for the sharing table and to pre-register so that we can supply ample food and supplies. You may register with Dale Zanetti at our Adult Faith Formation office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214, email dale@visitationchurch.com or check our web page at visitationrcchurch.org.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for November will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, November 23 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering. We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 26, 2015 1:00 at Church of the Epiphany, Located at 615 Thiele Road, Brick. Meal delivery available. For additional information and reservation



call 732-458-0220.



RCIA CORNER

THE YEAR OF MERCY



The logo and the motto for the Year of Mercy are a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo which is the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. It represents an image important to the early Church - the Son taking upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all. (Jubilee of Mercy site). On December 8, 2015 we will begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us with one voice announce mercy by the love we show each other!



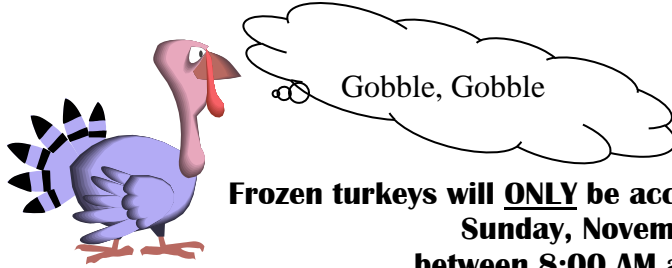
The rectory office will be closed for regular business on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. The office will reopen on Thursday at 8:30 AM.

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD COLLECTION AND
ANNUAL MONETARY THANKSGIVING COLLECTION
November 14 & 15**

Members will be at the doors of the Church to accept your contributions before and after all the Masses. This collection helps in assisting the needy in our community.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
ALL FOOD DONATIONS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE REAR ENTRANCE
OF THE OLD CHURCH BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM**



**Frozen turkeys will ONLY be accepted in the Old Church
Sunday, November 22
between 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM**

**IF YOU WISH TO WRITE A CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO:
*ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY***

**Holiday
Craft
Fair**

BRICK HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

The Brick High School PTSA will hold their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21. The event will include dozens of crafters as well as many popular vendors. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a gift auction featuring popular items from event vendors. The hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission to the Craft Fair is free; however there is a fee to participate in the gift auction. Vendors are still being accepted. For vendor application contact Cathy Powell at cathypowell@verizon.net or call 732-241-6296.

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.

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH PRESENTS.....

Christmas Amore starring The Sicilian Tenors Friday, December 11, 2015 7:00 PM at St. Dominic Parish Center 250 Old Squan Rd. Brick, NJ. The Sicilian Tenors is a must see show filled with the power and beauty of classical tenor voices singing songs and arias, as they should be sung, combined with light-hearted fun for all ages. The Sicilian Tenors that's all wrapped up like a present around the beautiful music of the holiday. Tickets are \$30 and include complimentary beverages during intermission. Call 732-840-1410 for additional information or to purchase tickets.

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES



On Thursday, November 26, 2015, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The mass schedule will be **9:00 AM mass only**. Small loaves of bread will be distributed at the masse with

a special blessing to say at your meal. We hope that you will join us at Mass to give thanks and celebrate.

**“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
His love is everlasting”**

ST ALOYSIUS

The Saint Aloysius Health Care Ministry is proud to present: “*Deliver Us From Anxiety*”, presented by Linda Rose, advanced practice nurse and St. Aloysius parishioner. At this stressful time of the year, “The Holiday Season”, we should take the time to reflect on identifying sources of anxiety and stress and develop strategies for becoming resilient. Topics will include;

- How diet, exercise and problem solving can help prevent stress and anxiety from becoming harmful to our health and well-being
- Utilizing coping tools such as visualization and affirmation
- How to kick the worry habit.
- Developing an attitude of gratitude

Please join us on *Tuesday November 10th at 7:30pm* in the Saint Aloysius Parish Office at 935 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson, NJ to learn more about why we worry. There is no charge to attend. For more information call the St. Aloysius Parish Office at 732-370-0500 ext. 204.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Consider joining our Children's choir to sing for the Christmas Concert Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. Practice is in the church on Mondays from 6:15 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. beginning

Monday November 16th. For more information please contact our music director Natalya Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext. 217.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

ST. ALOYSIUS

This is a new series starting November 10 and running every Tuesday through December 15. Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Bill and Peggy will lead the six relaxed but directed *Catholics Returning Home* information sessions which start on Tuesday, November 10 (7:30 -9:00 p.m.) through Tuesday, December 15 in the Saint Aloysius Parish Office at 935 Bennetts Mills Road, Jackson, NJ.

Take the first step - please contact either Bill at 917-751-5962/bbells12@optonline.net or Peggy at 732-928-8950/marletin@aol.com to discuss this program or for more information. There is no charge to attend.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop off donations to us in the lower level of the Old Church during regular hours.. Come in and take a look around and you just might see something you could use! All monies received help the needy families in our area.

THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 & 27 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. WE WILL REOPEN ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



The VRC will once again be selling Christmas Trees this year. All trees will be sold by pre order **ONLY**. If interested, please call 732-746-3456. Please

place your orders early.

NOVEMBER 8, 2015



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and they are in High School please call Nancy Grodberg at 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalya Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our Music Ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217.



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



Harvest Gift Auction

Donovan Catholic 7th Annual Harvest Gift Auction
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
Doors open at 5:00 PM
\$40.00 per ticket
For tickets contact: Mrs. Karry Rosenberg
732-278-1154 or Email: rosenberg1374@comcast.net

THE NECESSITY OF SHARING

Over a thousand years ago, a saintly Christian made the following comment: "If a man were given all the material things of the world, all the cattle, lands, lakes, he would be unhappy unless he could share them with someone he loved." (St. Aelred) .

When one thinks about sharing seriously, the likelihood is that one will come to understand that sharing is an absolute necessity. Especially if we are to have good spiritual and mental health. God has made us to give, to share. It is part of loving. It is part of what brings inner joy. It is surely one of the reasons that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Giving does as much, often even more, for ourselves as it does for the people and good causes we support. Think about that when the offering is taken during worship. Think about that when you have an opportunity to share your God given resources with legitimate charities or someone who desperately needs a handout and a handup.

Then enjoy the blessings you will receive in return

NOVEMBER 8, 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.