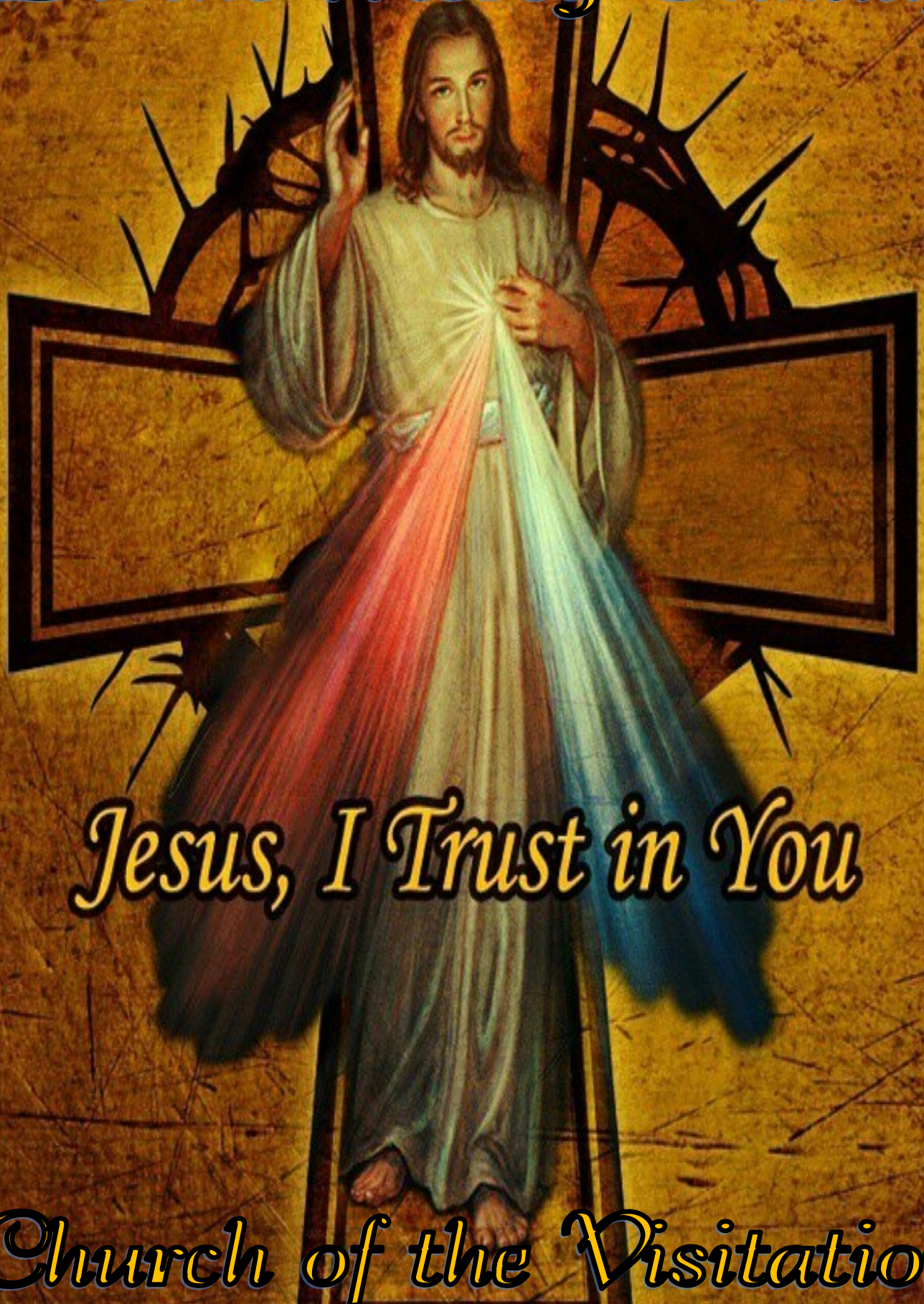


Divine Mercy Sunday



Jesus, I Trust in You

Church of the Visitation

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755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, N. J. 08723



Welcome!

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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
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 Canon 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 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)
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

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



SATURDAY	APRIL 2
4:00 PM	Nancy Spinelli/req. Husband
SUNDAY	APRIL 3
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Music Ministry/req. Bencievenga Family
11:00 AM	Anna Michels/req. Daughter
12:30 PM	Thomas Smith/req. Wife, Linda
MONDAY	APRIL 4
7:30 AM	Anne Boris/req. Michael McGowan
8:15 AM	Henry Karpinski/req. Sister
TUESDAY	APRIL 5
7:30 AM	David Coombe/req. Ehrola Family
8:15 AM	Pete Dood/req. Jim Capozio
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 6
7:30 AM	Geraldine Streckfuss/req. Tooley Family
8:15 AM	Katherine Bielsky
THURSDAY	APRIL 7
7:30 AM	Al D'Agostini/req. Denise & John Corvino
8:15 AM	Joseph Ilaria/req. Gail Bickett
FRIDAY	APRIL 8
7:30 AM	Donald Queren/req. Carol Landrigan
8:15 AM	Keith Juengling/req. Carol Stanisz
SATURDAY	APRIL 9
7:30 AM	Geraldine Streckfuss/req. Carol Landrigan
8:15 AM	Ronald Tyarp/req. Wendi Winn
4:00 PM	Mary Cordova/req. Linda & Ed Kelly
SUNDAY	APRIL 10
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	William J. Mack/req. Sharon, Erin & Stephanie
11:00 AM	Anne Smith/req. Terri & Toni
12:30 PM	Frank Zickar/req. Fr. Al

SUNDAY	APRIL 3
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	7:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Divine Mercy</i>	1:30 PM Church
MONDAY	APRIL 4
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary Altar Society Mtg.</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A, B, C
<i>Cub Scouts.</i>	6:30 PM Old Church & Parish Hall
<i>8th Grade Confirmation Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM Church
TUESDAY	APRIL 5
<i>Bereavement Mtg.</i>	10:30 AM Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Old Church
<i>Event Development Mtg.</i>	6:30 PM Room B
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Adult Faith Formation</i>	7:15 PM Room B
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 6
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM Parish Room C
THURSDAY	APRIL 7
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	APRIL 8
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM Parish Room A
SATURDAY	APRIL 9
<i>Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

For the Week of April 3, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of John Lewicki/req. Walter Bandurski & Family
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "No Intention"
Blessed Mother Candle is In Loving Memory of Carrie & Steve Turner/req. Aunt Blanche & Uncle Matt

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Dan Lanni/req. Niece, Gloria

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



I. Jason Basilotto

"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.

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 March 20, 2016

Regular	\$13,483.76
On Line	\$1,299.00
Total	\$14,782.76

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

We are extremely pleased to announce that, starting the weekend of April 16 & 17, we will be offering low-gluten hosts to those suffering from celiac sprue disease. These will be provided through a special, distinctive-looking ciborium attachment which keeps them separate from the regular hosts. If you are in need of this type of host **please go to the priest's station** at Communion and indicate that you would like to receive a low-gluten host. If you have questions, please contact the Rectory office.

ONLINE GIVING



Eliminate the hassle of writing checks and getting your donation envelope ready before rushing to church! Sign up now and have complete control over

your On-line Giving by visiting us on the World Wide Web at www.visitationrcchurch.org.

Reflections for Divine Mercy Sunday

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

Loyola Press

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS IN THE SECOND BASKET

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APRIL 3, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Jim O'Neill

DIVINE MERCY

Do you remember what you were doing on Saturday, April 2, 2005? I was driving to visit my dying brother in Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania, when I heard that Pope John Paul II was very close to death. He died that night at 9:37 p.m., Roman time. It was the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2000, JP2 instituted the feast and canonized the apostle of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina Kowalska.

April 2, 2005, was also the First Saturday, a Marian devotion connected to Our Lady of Fatima. That apparition included a prophesy of a bishop in white falling to the ground. Our Lady of Fatima guided the bullet around John Paul's vital organs on May 13, 1981.

Also in 2005, Good Friday occurred on March 25th, the most important day of the year. We normally celebrate the Annunciation and Incarnation on March 25th. It is also the day that Jews believe the world was created and Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Isaac. Early Christians wondered if Jesus died on March 25th. Good Friday occurs on March 25th in 1921, 1932, 2005, 2016, and 2157. This rarity seems connected to Divine Mercy since JP2's first Holy Week after his May 1920 birth was in 1921. He was called home to the Father's House in 2005. And we are now in the midst of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

We very much need Divine Mercy, especially after the horrors of the early 20th century which seem to continue in other forms to the present day. How fitting it was that the Lord would call St. John Paul home to the Father's house during the celebration of Divine Mercy.

I visited JP2 on the feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, January 4, 2003. In four seconds flat, I asked him to "Please pray for my brother Patrick." After JP2's death, we asked for his intercession for my brother. We didn't receive the miraculous cure we were requesting, but my brother looked ecstatic on the night before his death. I wonder if he saw his guardian angel or Jesus in a way similar to what we're hearing in the Scriptures during this Easter Season.

When the cross is heavy, we plead for Divine Mercy. God is thrilled to love us to wholeness, to one day share in His Son's Resurrection. Don't wait until the cross is too heavy. Let's ask for Divine Mercy today. I invite you to join us for our Divine Mercy celebration. Each Sunday Mass is a Divine Mercy Mass. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:30 p.m. Mass. Fr. Ed and I will hear confessions until 3 p.m. when we will pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. Our celebration concludes with Benediction.

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**DINE TO DONATE**

Buffalo Wild Wings, located at 2770 Hooper Avenue in Brick, will donate 15% of your purchase, on Wednesday April 13 & Wednesday, April 27 from 11:00 am to 1:00 am. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

**MINISTRY TO FAMILIES, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

These ministries strive to promote a Catholic understanding of life through faith formation at every stage of human living. They support you and your family, recognizing that your family is "holy, not because it is perfect, but because God's grace is at work in it, helping it to set out anew every day on the way to love." Your gift promotes individuals and family life.



**TIDBITS**

Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations, which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people is their *right and duty* by reason of their baptism. *Constitution of Sacred Liturgy*

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS**

For years our Vincentians have always worked "behind the scenes" to protect and respect the privacy and dignity of those in need.

While that has not (and will never) change, there are new efforts popping up on the national level of the Society. Ending poverty through Systemic Change is a program that aims to impact and improve lives. Our conference constantly strives to offer assistance and resources in addition to the basics of food, clothing and shelter. Having a better understanding of the complexities of poverty can open our minds to creative solutions to address those complexities.

Another new effort is FAMVIN (The Worldwide Vincentian Family). This is a group of more than 2 million people wanting to follow Christ, the evangelizer of the poor.

Would you like to be a part of this? Here's what you can do:

- Are you a parent? Show your child how to do a random act kindness.
- Are you a business owner? Donate your service one time a year.
- Are you on-line? Check out [www.famvin.org](http://www.famvin.org). Sign up for a daily quote of the day. 30 seconds of prayer can be powerful.
- None of the above?

Stay tuned to the Visitation bulletin for more updates.

*"Proceed quietly, pray a great deal and together."*

*St. Vincent de Paul*

**PEACE BE WITH YOU**



It has been a practice for many of us to shake hands with our neighbors in church during the sign of the peace.

For those who feel uncomfortable with the shaking of hands, an alternative form for the sign of peace may be instituted; instead of a hand shake, a smile and a bow of the head with the words, "*Peace of Christ be with you*" is acceptable.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Saint Dominic School, 250 Old Squan Road, Brick, will host an Open House on Wednesday, April 13th from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and 1:00-2:00 P.M. Applications for the 2016-2017 school year for PreK - Grade 8 will be accepted during Open House times. Visit [www.stdomschool.org](http://www.stdomschool.org).

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.**

Children are trafficked for forced labor, domestic work, as child soldiers, for begging but most children are trafficked for sexual exploitation. There is a demand for younger and younger victims worldwide. This demand comes from customers in the growing global sex industry.

Pray for children of the world. Visit the web site [sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org)...

*U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR MARCH 50/50**



Frank Ziobro was the winner of \$563. The next drawing will be April 24, in the church auditorium after the 12:30 PM mass.

**PARISH MISSION**

It's almost here! It won't be long now! Sunday, April 17, 2016 through Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Just 2 weeks away. It will be a time of renewal and rejoicing for our parish community. Don't let these 4 days pass you by and leave you saying: "I wish I had been there". Bill Wegner from Good News International will lead us in God's Mercy, Our Mercy. If you haven't made your plans yet, do it right now. Stop whatever you are doing and put it on your calendar. And remember bring a friend!

**LED BY DIOCESE OF TRENTON PRIESTS**

October 2016

**"Shrines of Southern Italy"**

Being hosted by: Msgr. Gervasio, Msgr. Sirianni, &

Father Peirano

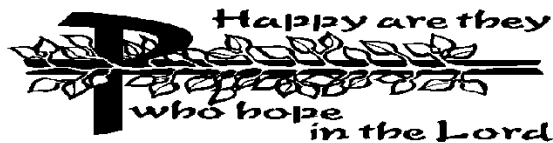
Information Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

in the bridal room at

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

61 Georgia Road

Freehold, NJ 07728





## RCIA CORNER

### **BAPTISM**

In the Gospel of John Jesus answers Nicodemus when he asks what he must do to gain salvation: Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. (John 10:5)

Baptism is the first sacrament and necessary for salvation. Baptism is a door to the church and an entrance into new life. It incorporates us into the body of Christ and we become adopted children of God. Baptism not only removes sin, but also the punishment for sin.

There are 3 criteria for a valid Baptism:

1. The intention must be there to Baptized. In other words, the person, or the parents and Godparents must want Baptism for the candidate
2. The water must be poured – Jesus told the woman at the well that he had living water to give her, holy water that was not hemmed in or that any well could contain, water that she would never again thirst for. The water at Baptism is this living water and that is why the person must either have the water poured over them or be immersed in it; and
3. The Trinity must be invoked.

Sanctifying, holy grace is given as are supernatural gifts and added virtue. All of this to enable the baptized to live out their life in holiness. We have not been left alone to our own devices but the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts for our edification. We grow each day more and more in grace. This is why Baptism is the first and most important sacrament. It is God's way of enabling us to lead a good Christian life.

Let us keep our newly Baptized, our Neophyte, Nicole Rita Kindnersky in our prayers.

If you know of anyone who is not baptized, please direct them to Dale Zanetti in our Adult Faith Formation office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or [dale@visitationchurch.com](mailto:dale@visitationchurch.com).

### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be Monday April 4. As always we will meet in the Church Worship Space at 11:30 to recite the Rosary. The meeting will begin at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. See you there.



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00.

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Daily Chapel on: April 5, 12, 19; 26 & May 3, 10, & 17. Please call Deacon Rich Johnston at 732-477-7059 ext. 221 if you're planning on attending or for additional information.



### **RETRouvaille**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins on the weekend of April 15 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, P A. Another weekend will also be held beginning August 12. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

***APRIL 3, 2016***

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Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2016**



Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects including upgrades to the parking lot. A \$20 annual subscription gives you 12 tickets for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2016. **All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.**

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

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**MY CREATIVE CANVAS**  
**PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER**  
a nonprofit community outreach program that was formed by members of the community in the wake of Super-Storm Sandy. [www.visitationreliefcenter.org](http://www.visitationreliefcenter.org)

**Thursday, April 21, 2016 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**\$35 Per Painter (Adults only please)**

**PAINT THIS CANVAS IN ONE CLASS!**

- ✓ No prior art skills required
- ✓ Step-by-step instruction
- ✓ All supplies provided
- ✓ Leave with a one-of-a-kind masterpiece

**Please arrive before 6:45 PM to check-in.**  
**BYOB \* Light refreshments will be provided \* Prize giveaways**  
Please bring any unwanted clothes to the event to contribute to our ongoing clothing drive.

**Purchase your tickets before 4/14 | Space is limited!**

Contact Adele at 732-746-3456  
or [development@visitationreliefcenter.org](mailto:development@visitationreliefcenter.org)

Location: Visitation Relief Center  
725 Mantoloking Rd | Brick, NJ 08723

**MISSION PRAYER**

God our Father,  
We offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts you have given us.

We thank you especially for the gift of our parish mission.  
Quiet our minds and open our hearts to receive the gift of your truth.

Grant that our coming mission will be a time of Grace for all.

*A time of growth for our young.*

*A time of refreshment for our old.*

*A time of renewal for our families.*

*A time of healing for the broken.*

*A time of joy for the sorrowing.*

*A time of challenge for the complacent.*

*A time of Grace for the sinner.*

*A time of strength for the holy.*

*A time of homecoming for those who have been away.*

Grant most loving Father, that the Mission may bring down your richest blessings on one and all.

We ask this thorough the intercession of Mary, our Mother, and all our Patron Saints and in the name of Jesus Christ who is Lord forever. Amen

***“God’s Mercy! Our Mercy!”***

***Sunday April 17 through Wednesday April 20***



***APRIL 3, 2016***

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**MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Liturgical Ministries**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** see Youth Ministry

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

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

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

**ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM** visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. – *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 sing 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. 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*;  
**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.***