

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 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
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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY	APRIL 16
4:00 PM	Victoria Fazio/req. Hayes Family
SUNDAY	APRIL 17
6:45 AM	Michael Zarecki/req. Betty & Kwaider
8:00 AM	Carol Fetterman/req. Irenee Connor
9:30 AM	Salvatore Spinelli/req. Emma Lambusta
11:00 AM	Alexander Banoff/req. Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	APRIL 18
7:30 AM	James Daley/req. Rosamary Matsko
8:15 AM	Andrea Ragan/req. The Wallace Family
TUESDAY	APRIL 19
7:30 AM	Kevin C. Fairchild/req. Joanne & Billy Fairchild
8:15 AM	Alan Hauptman/req. Elizabeth Manger
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 20
7:30 AM	Kevin Fairchild/req. The Lopresti Family
8:15 AM	Cornelius Britton/req. Mary Ann
THURSDAY	APRIL 21
7:30 AM	God's Blessing on Loretta & Ed Nonnemacker/req. Denise Esposito
8:15 AM	Christopher Winn/req. Wendi Winn
FRIDAY	APRIL 22
7:30 AM	Mary Papenhausen/req. Peggy Conklin & Family
8:15 AM	Joe Ilaria/req. Betty Kilkenny
SATURDAY	APRIL 23
7:30 AM	Walter F. Hyde/req. The Tooley Family
8:15 AM	Joe Dilauro/req. Phyllis Russo & Family
4:00 PM	Mario Altomare/req. Terri & Toni
SUNDAY	APRIL 24
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Rose Nemeth/req. Rich Cirner
9:30 AM	Susan Thornton/req. Claudia Eichinger
11:00 AM	Frank Zickar/req. Richard Schuler
12:30 PM	Stanley Swiechocki/req. Wife, Maddalena

PARISH MISSION, APRIL 17 – APRIL 20 ALL MASSES HELD IN CHURCH

SUNDAY	APRIL 17	
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Mission</i>	7:00 PM	Church
MONDAY	APRIL 18	
<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>Mission</i>	7:00 PM	Church
TUESDAY	APRIL 19	
<i>Bereavement</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>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Mission</i>	7:00 PM	Church
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 20	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM	Room A & C
<i>Mission</i>	7:00 PM	Church
THURSDAY	APRIL 21	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM	Room A & C
<i>First Communion Practice</i>	6:00 PM	Church
<i>Adult & Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Royal Hearts</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
FRIDAY	APRIL 22	
<i>Con-Validation</i>	5:30 PM	Church
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Baptismal Formation Class</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
SATURDAY	APRIL 23	
<i>First Communion Practice</i>	11:00 AM	Church
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

For the Week of April 17, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Frank Zititaglio/req. Family
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of the deceased members of Visitation
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Nicole T. Ruggieri/req. Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "No Intentions"

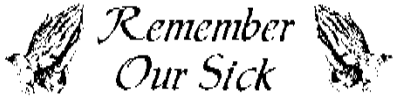
Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

“WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK”

Welcome into God's Family

Autumn Raine Albertie, Madison Willow Albertie
Camryn Brielle Deily, Xavier Jose Gil Santiago



- II. Anna Marie Blumensteel, Richard Rebar
- III. 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.



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

Imelda Sariego



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 April 10, 2016

Regular	\$9,903.08
On Line	\$786.00
Total	\$10,689.08

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 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, “Are you the Messiah?” Jesus responds by saying, in essence, “If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep.” Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God

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APRIL 17, 2016



This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is known in the Church as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. Listening to the readings during Mass, which teach Jesus as the chief Shepherd, makes this evident. It also signals, starting this weekend and continuing at different Masses throughout April and May, the celebration with our young people who are receiving Jesus for the very first time in Communion. This common element of Jesus leading and feeding us is so important for reflection today.

All of us, both young and old, as followers of Christ are part of the sheepfold that we call the Church. It is through the Church that he shares his life with us. He shares in his Word proclaimed at Mass and set down in the Scriptures; in the Sacraments that engage all of our senses (seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, smelling) as we draw closer to him; in the riches of his grace to light up our way and guide our steps as we move closer to our Heavenly home. These actions involve the participation by all of the faithful. This is how we enter into the full, active and conscious participation of our faith, as outlined by the Second Vatican Council (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 14). It should begin at the earliest possible age so that it can take root as something that is integral to our lives and not simply another item on our weekly “to do” list. It is also something that must be fed and nurtured carefully as our young people grow so that it does not undergo spiritual starvation; how many of today’s First Communicants will retain their sense of awe and wonder to be followers of Jesus when it is time for them to receive Confirmation?

As each of us is called to follow the Good Shepherd, we are also called – each in our own way – to be shepherds as well: reaching out and guiding the lost, teaching and feeding those entrusted to our care. As we are led and fed, may God “lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before” (*Collect* for the Fourth Sunday of Easter).

I invite you to join us in our parish Mission starting this at Masses this weekend and continuing through morning (following the 8:15AM Mass) and nightly 7-9PM sessions in the church this Sunday 4/17 through Wednesday 4/20. Bill Wegner of Good News International Ministries will offer insights into *God’s Mercy, Our Mercy*, so appropriate during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. I look forward to seeing you at any conferences you can attend – and bring a friend!

Fr. Ed

It’s not too late to get your 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.

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Please indicate the number of tickets requested for each month (total of 12):

Apr. Tickets ____ May Tickets ____ Jun. Tickets ____ Jul. Tickets ____ Aug. Tickets ____
Sep. Tickets ____ Oct. Tickets ____ Nov. Tickets ____ Dec. Tickets ____



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if you know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.

DINE TO DONATE

To help raise funds to replace the carpeting in the church worship space, the Event Development Team is working with local eateries in a "Dine to Donate" program. Each month will feature a different establishment that has agreed to donate a portion of sales during a specific time period. You can have fun with friends and family trying new venues or enjoying old favorites while sharing a great meal. Together we can make a positive impact helping to keep our community working and playing together.

Our April partner is **Buffalo Wild Wings**, located at 2770 Hooper Avenue in Brick. They will donate 15% of your purchase, on Wednesday April 27 from 11:00 am to 1:00 am. Just let them know that you are from Visitation.



LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

We are extremely pleased to announce that, starting this weekend 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.

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation



COMMUNITY SUNDAY is next Sunday, April 24 after all Masses and will be hosted by the Cub Scouts. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.

If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, please stop by or call the rectory office (ext. 201) and speak with Denise Patetta. You can subsidize a month with a donation of \$100 or more or you can sponsor a month for a donation of \$300. You can honor either a living or deceased loved one.

PARISH MISSION

It's is finally here. Come one, come all. Our parish mission begins Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. Come get a faith lift – be renewed – be restored, and remember to bring a friend!

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

Special Morning Session after 8:15 am Mass

(Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

UPPER SPIRITUAL CENTER RETREATS

3455 W. Bangs Avenue, Neptune NJ
732-922-0550

Centering Prayer

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Join us for a video as Fr. Keating invites us into greater depth and transformation in Christ. The day will include presentation, discussion and Centering Prayer.

Facilitator: Bunny Scott

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Fee: \$35 (lunch and materials included.)

Mary, Mother of Mercy

Wednesday, May 4,

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, you are invited to enter into the experience and prayer of Mary, Mother of Mercy, as she embraces the mystery of the merciful love of her God for her. Time together will include Liturgy and a light lunch.

Presenter: Sr. Fran Lomeo, RGS

Time: 9:30am-2:00pm Fee: \$35.00

Knitting and Prayer

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion and be rewarded with the satisfaction of creating a prayer shawl. Little or no experience required.

Time: 1:30-3:30pm Free will offering.

MARIS STELLA RETREAT CENTER

Harvey Cedars, NJ 609-494-1152

“Laudato Si”

Saturday April 23rd 2016: 10:00am — 12Noon

This Morning of Reflection will focus on the encyclical “Laudato Si” by Pope Francis. He calls us to grow in our awareness of the sacredness of God’s creation and learn our responsibility to care for it with love. This is a fitting way to celebrate Earth Day!

Presenter: Diane Collesano, SC, Cost: \$25.00

Non-Refundable, Non-Transferable \$5.00 Deposit

Call Sr. Pat 609-494-2917.

MOTHERS’ MEMORIAL MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated for Mothers and their families who have suffered the loss of a child of any age (before birth/miscarriage, infancy, childhood, or adult children) on *Tuesday May 10, 2016 7:00pm at St. Denis Church, Route # 71, Manasquan*. Come to honor & remember these children through a special celebration of the Eucharist. The names of all children being honored and remembered will be read during this special Mass. A gathering with refreshments will follow. *No RSVP necessary...All are welcome!* This is sponsored by the Elizabeth Ministries of St. Denis and St. Dominic Churches. For additional information, call Rachel Hendricks 732-223-1658

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IS GOD CALLING YOU!

PRIESTHOOD VOCATION DISCERNMENT MEETING



Our Diocesan Priesthood Vocation Discernment meeting is a wonderful opportunity to share how God is calling you to serve in His Church.

This month's meeting will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 42 West Main Street, Moorestown, N.J., 08057. Join Very Rev. Damian McElroy, as he shares his experiences of the priesthood, leads a discussion about discernment and vocations. It would be great to see you and hear how the Lord is working in your life

For further information and to register, please contact the Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or by calling (609) 406-7449.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

MENDING THROUGH FAITH

Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through addiction will be meeting once a month at St. Justin the Martyr Church, 925 Fisher Blvd., Toms River. Help mend broken hearts through faith. For meeting dates, times and further information call or text Kate at 732-232-8614 or Diane at 732-503-1536.

RETREAT FOR THOSE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of May 20, 21, 22, 2016 at the Archdiocesan retreat Center, located in Kearny NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15PM and end with a closing prayer service Sunday, at 1:30PM. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information contact: Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH DOING FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS?

**St. Peter's Church
406 Forman Ave.**

**Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
Friday, April 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

Join us for an evening of prayer and updates on the plight of Persecuted Christians in Iraq.

Guest speaker – Norma Intriago, Development Director of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association – CNEWA will share stories of Iraqi Christian families who have been driven from their ancestral homes by ISIS – and how CNEWA in partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena are providing much needed hope for the displaced.

Followed by Refreshments in Upper Kolbe Hall
Sponsored by St. Peter's Rosary Altar Society.
For more information, contact Dorothy O'Reilly at 732-575-7913.

MOTHER & (ADULT) DAUGHTER RETREAT

May 6 – 8 (Mother's Day Weekend)

**Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212**

Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials, and fun are included – beach walks too!

Costs: \$130 per person

Sign up online at www.capemaymarianist.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information

PRECANA CONFERENCE AT ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Next session is June 2016. To register, go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/marriage-preparation-events/ and scroll down to June. Questions, call Ann Marie at 732-206-0053.

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

For Heaven Sake, a religious gift shop located at Rt. 71 and 608 Brighton, Spring Lake Heights is open Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Come see a wide assortment of religious items, jewelry, wreaths, music, books, cards, statues, and much more. For each sale they will donation \$1.00 to Visitation when you mention our name as your church. Call 732-449-7253 for details

ST. DENIS LITTLE LAMBS PRAY & PLAY GROUP

Join us every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month from 10:00 - 11:00 am to listen to a story, sing songs and do a craft associated with a simple child friendly Catholic theme. The group is open to all children under 5 and their parents, grandparents or caregivers. A priest will be available at every meeting to answer parent questions, also! There is no charge, but, a nominal donation is appreciated.

The group meets at St. Denis School. Please contact Linda Wynd at stdenisonline@gmail.com with any questions.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Rectory Office at 732-477-0028 ext. 216 during office hours so that we can schedule a Eucharistic Minister to visit the home.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We turn to Jesus for understanding and healing through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is for adults and children who are suffering from serious physical or mental illness, or about to undergo surgery. Please call the Rectory Office for more information.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

If you are admitted to Ocean Medical Center, please alert the Admissions Clerk that you are a parishioner at Visitation; so that our hospital ministers can care for you spiritually.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish to have a blessing of your home, please contact the rectory office 732-477-0028 ext. 201 to schedule a time for a Priest or Deacon to visit.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP



Come one; come all to the Thrift Shop! Our display of items will include decorations, dishes, figurines, and much much more! We have gently used clothing for men, women, infants, and children. In addition, we have used handbags, linens, accessories, and footwear for children and adults.

We carry baby strollers, cribs, playpens, and car seats. Hours: Monday thru Saturday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are located on the lower level of the Old Church. Remember all DONATIONS are welcome during our regular business hours. We hope to see YOU there!

SPECIAL PARISH MAY CROWNING



Mass.

Mary has always held a special place in the hearts of the parishioners of Visitation and May is a special month for honoring her. On Sunday, May 1, we will be crowning Mary before the 12:30

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mother's Day cards are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please remember to pick up your cards to have your mother or a loved one remembered in the masses in observance of Mother's Day beginning Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 13 in the Daily Chapel.

CALLING ALL BAKERS



On April 20, 2016, Visitation will host a social gathering in the auditorium after our four day parish mission. The mission team is asking for donations of bakes items (cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc) for that evening. Contact Marilyn Lago at 732-232-2973 or email ogal13@concast.net if you can help. Please be sure to include your name and phone number for a return call.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 4:00 MASS, APRIL 30, MAY 8 & MAY 14, AND 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM MASSES MAY 1, 9, & 15.

SAVE THE DATE OF MAY 28
CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

We will start with our spiritual food; the Mass at 4:00 PM, then our physical food; a pot luck covered dish to follow in the Church Auditorium. Details to follow is further bulletins.



APRIL 17, 2016

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. 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.

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