

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY	APRIL 23
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 Thorton/req. Claudia Eichinger
11:00 AM	Frank Zickar/req. Richard Schuler
12:30 PM	Stanley Swiechocki/req. Wife, Maddalena
MONDAY	APRIL 25
7:30 AM	God's Blessing on Marilyn Codd/req. Sister
8:15 AM	Lawrence E. Gilmore, Jr. Req. Joyce Kellett
TUESDAY	APRIL 26
7:30 AM	James Daley/req. Marilyn & George Emery
8:15 AM	Dorothy Heger/req. Gene & Agnes Halligan
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 27
7:30 AM	James Daley/req. The Leahy Family
8:15 AM	Michael Aymar/req. George & Janet Schauer
THURSDAY	APRIL 28
7:30 AM	Barbara Weber/req. Betty & Frank
8:15 AM	Scardigno & DeGennaro Families/req. Scardigno Family
FRIDAY	APRIL 29
7:30 AM	Edward Neafsey/req. The Leahy Family
8:15 AM	James Daley/req. Terry Deegan
SATURDAY	APRIL 30
7:30 AM	James Daley/req. Dee Deturo
8:15 AM	Patrick Kellerher/req. Wife, Mary
4:00 PM	Frank & Eleanor Barlowski/req. Children
SUNDAY	MAY 1
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society Lillian Fronczak
9:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rome Family/req. Concetta Rome
11:00 AM	Edward Hoban, Wife, Joan
12:30 PM	Frank Brennan/req. Janet O'Donnell

SUNDAY	APRIL 24
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After All Masses Parish Hall
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM Church
MONDAY	APRIL 25
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Daily Chapel
<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
TUESDAY	APRIL 26
<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
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 27
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM Room A & C
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM Church
THURSDAY	APRIL 28
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Mtg</i>	1:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM Room A & C
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	APRIL 29
<i>Con-Validation</i>	5:30 PM Church
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM Parish Room A
SATURDAY	APRIL 30
<i>First Communicants</i>	3:30 PM Parish Hall
<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 "No Intentions"
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "No Intentions"
Blessed Mother Candle is "No Intentions"
Sacred Heart Candle is "No Intentions"

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

"I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER, MY KING AND MY GOD"



Reflections for The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his

disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others. *Loyola Press*

- I. Michael Moore, James O'Neill, Sr.
Deacon Richard Johnston, Margaret Sherbert
- III. Anna Marie Blumensteel, Richard Rebar
- III. Jacob 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.



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 17, 2016

Regular	\$9,646.30
On Line	\$881.00
Total	\$10,527.30

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.

USHERS

There will be a brief, *but important* meeting on **Saturday May 7th at 9:30AM** in the Church to discuss upcoming collection policy changes. Please contact Fr. Ed if you are unable to attend.

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.

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"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For he is a God who always repays and will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:12-13



“And to you young people, boys and girls: Think about if you believe the Lord is calling you to consecrate your life to His service, be it in the priesthood, or in consecrated life ... have always in mind the example of the Good Shepherd, who came not to be served, but to serve; to seek and save that which was lost.” So Pope Francis appealed during a recent address in Rome. As I led a retreat for men in formation to the permanent Diaconate last weekend, I couldn’t help but reflect on the so-called “vocations crisis” in our society today. The reason I label it “so-called” is that it is not because fewer young people aren’t being called by the Holy Spirit – many *are* still being called – but that the “quiet, small voice” of God is being drowned out by louder, more insistent messages.

Although certainly not the only reason, one key force driving our diocesan *Faith in Our Future* planning initiative is the rapidly declining number of priests available for parishes. As necessary as the analysis and potential changes of the initiative are, they will only be a stopgap measure if nothing is done to reverse this disturbing trend. The ultimate answer to this problem lies with each of us as today’s faithful in God’s Church.

Has a child, a grandchild, or a young friend ever asked you about what you thought if they grew up to be a priest or a nun? Have you ever brought up the topic with them? If so, do you remember your tone of voice or body language: did it demonstrate an encouraging openness to the idea or incredulousness?

Our Holy Father reminds us: “No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love.” Remember that God works His will through our hands, our voices and our hearts. The challenges to such a “yes” are many, no doubt, but, in the end, the benefits are “out of this world!”

Fr. Ed



Faith in our future is a process through which the Diocese of Trenton, its parishes and ministries, will plan to meet challenges and respond to new opportunities for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ for years to come.

FIVE GOALS

Bishop David M. O’Connell, CM., has identified five goals for Faith in Our Future:

- **Strengthen and enliven** the parishes of the Diocese as well as diocesan sponsored organizations and ministries.
- **Explore new models of leadership** in parishes and ministries in institutional settings (schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, etc.) in order to address the challenges presented by the anticipated retirement of a large number of clergy and religious over the next 10 years.
- **Improve our stewardship** of personnel, finances, and facilities and other parish and diocesan resources.
- **Establish collaborative relationships** among the parishes and ministries of the Diocese that will build upon the Gospel to re-evangelize the local Church, especially those who live on the fringes of the Church, as well as those who do not yet know Christ.
- **Provide for pastoral ministry to Hispanic Catholics**, the fastest growing segment of our Diocesan population, within our parishes and organizations.

Look for these topics in the next monthly update:

- **Diocesan Planning Commission**~We will introduce the members, share a bit about their backgrounds and indicate the county to which each has been assigned.
- **Models of Organization** - There are six different Parish Models under consideration for every Parish Cohort. We will identify and provide perspective on each of them.

Stay informed by visiting dioceseoftrenton.org/fathinourfuture/



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.

INCLUDES TAKE OUT



LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

We are extremely pleased to announce that 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.



The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP



The next bus trip sponsored by The Holy Name Society will be on Monday, May 2, 2016. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:00 AM and return approximately 5:30 PM. For additional information and reservations call Eric at 732-255-1825 or 732-551-8308. All tickets must be paid for in advance to guarantee a seat. Seats are on a first pay basis.

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!

HOLY HOUR



Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY
May 6, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, April 24, after all masses in the Parish Hall for fellowship with old and new friends.

APRIL 24, 2016

UPPER SPIRITUAL CENTER RETREATS

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

**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.

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SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ

Friday, May 6, 2016

CAREGIVERS - *Come and experience a day of prayer, reflection and renewal with other caregivers, both familial and professional. Come, be refreshed at the shore and enjoy a walk on the beach. Learn some simple practices that will help you be strengthened & uplifted while caring for others.*

8:45 am ~ Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 am ~ Retreat will Begin

11:30 am ~ Mass Celebrant: Father Marty McGeough, C.M.

12:00 pm ~ Hot Lunch

4:00 pm ~ Retreat Ends

Fee: \$40.00 per person

To Register online or by mail, Visit:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoralcare

Questions? Contact Deanna Sass at 609-403-7157 or email dsass@dioceseoftrenton.org

**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.

PRAYER/INTENTION BOOK

This book is located; on the "Gifts" table at the break of the church. This is for **ALL** to enter any personal prayer requests for those who are ill, have died or who have asked for prayers. Prayer being all powerful, everyone is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to enter requests into this book.

RCIA

Have you just returned to the Catholic Church? Welcome! We are so glad to have you back. We have sorely missed you. Your presence makes the Church much more complete. Would you like someone to contact you? Do you have questions about the Church/Faith/Changes? If you would like someone to get in touch with you please complete the following and place in the collection basket:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

For additional information please call Adult Faith Formation Office at 732 477-7059 ext. 214.

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP



For Heaven's Sake, a religious gift shop located at Rt. 71 and 608 Brighton, Spring Lake Heights 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.

ALERT

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 sitesistersagainsttrafficking.org. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.



Forever In Our Hearts support group for suicide loss survivors meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 130 Cable Ave., Beachwood at 1:00 PM. Visit our page at facebook.com/ForeverNRHearts or call 732-269-3236 for more information

CHURCH OF ST. DENIS



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday, 12:00 – 1:00 PM. Join us in adoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to spend a few minutes praising, thanking and being with Jesus!

HEALING MASS FOR PENTECOST

Many people are not aware that the anointing of the sick is NOT just for those about to die. This powerful Sacrament benefits most of us for various ailments such as those suffering from grief, addiction, mental illness, anxiety, disease, and upcoming surgery, taking care of someone aging or sick, a child with special needs, a difficult pregnancy, etc. We all need some form of healing whether it is physical, emotional or spiritual and although every mass is a healing mass, ending with the anointing of the sick is powerful. Don't believe me? Come and check it out for yourself.

Please join us on Saturday, May 14th at 8:30 am and bring a friend. Refreshments will follow in the hall at Sacred Heart Church 752 Main Ave Bay Head. For further info please contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or the parish office at 732-899-1398

SPECIAL PARISH MAY CROWNING



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 Mass.

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED, APRIL 30, MAY 7, & MAY 14 AT 4:00 MASS MAY 1, 8, & 15. 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM MASSES.

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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The Rosary Altar Society meeting will be held on Monday, May 2. We will meet at Our Lady's Garden in front of the Old Church at 12:00 noon for the crowning of the Blessed Mother and outdoor Rosary, weather permitting. Following the crowning we will meet in the Parish Hall for our meeting. Our Mass is Sunday May 1. 8:00 AM. All ladies of the parish are invited.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for April will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday,

April 24 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

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

APRIL 24, 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 Stranieri 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.