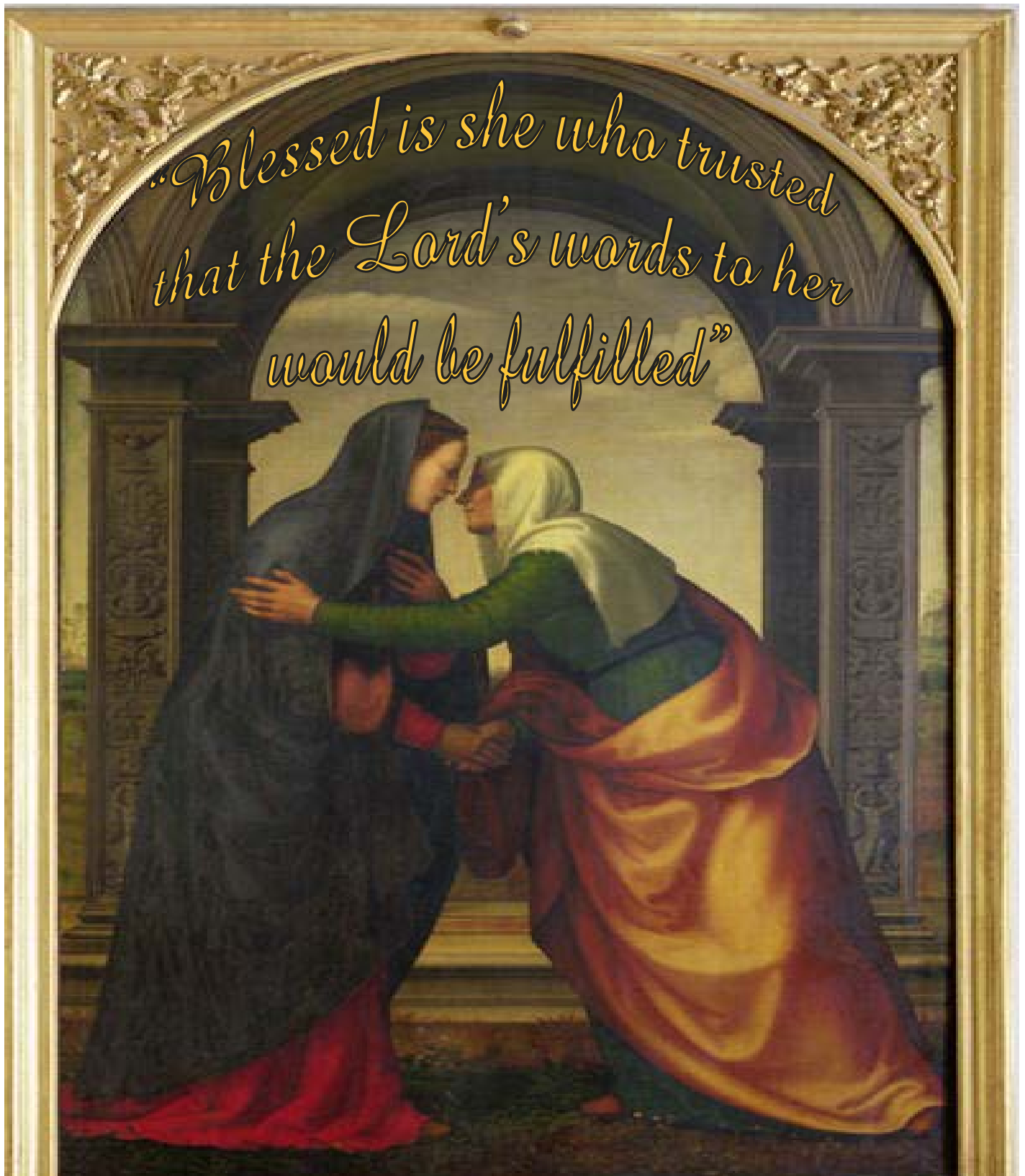


Feast of the Visitation



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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Rev. Msgr. Philip Franceschini Rev. Richard Carlson

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Christie Winters, 732-746-3456
Director of Visitation Relief Center

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.

We now offer Low-Gluten Host for those suffering from celiac sprue disease
Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



SATURDAY	MAY 28
4:00 PM	Edward Hoban
SUNDAY	MAY 29
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Caci Family
9:30 AM	J. Roger Teller
11:00 AM	Lucy Rynkiewicz
12:30 PM	Eddie Lee Root
MONDAY	MAY 30
9:00 AM	Vincent Ammirato & Walter Schapowal
TUESDAY	MAY 31
7:30 AM	John Michael Tozzi
8:15 AM	William Dailey
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1
7:30 AM	Gertrude Catalano
8:15 AM	Mary Ann Ammerata
THURSDAY	JUNE 2
7:30 AM	Joseph Hammel
8:15 AM	Ann Zdanis
FRIDAY	JUNE 3
7:30 AM	Gertrude Catalano
8:15 AM	Teresa Knight
SATURDAY	JUNE 4
7:30 AM	Joseph Iannace
8:15 AM	Walter & Dolores Kuber
4:00 PM	Rose Tramutola & Philomena O'Neill
SUNDAY	JUNE 5
6:45 AM	Michael Zarzecki
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society & Lillian Fronczak
9:30 AM	Margaret Ulrich
11:00 AM	Patricia Skurat
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

SUNDAY	MAY 30
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM Church
MONDAY	MAY 30
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	9:00 AM Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	MAY 31
<i>CCD Weekday Registration</i>	11:00 AM Room C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1
<i>CCD Weekday Registration</i>	11:00 AM Room C
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
THURSDAY	JUNE 2
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD Weekday Registration</i>	11:00 AM Room C
<i>Event Development Mtg.</i>	6:30 PM Room A
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	JUNE 3
<i>CCD Weekday Registration</i>	11:00 AM Room C
<i>Holy Hour</i>	7:00 PM Church
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM Parish Room A
<i>Symbolon Program</i>	8:00 PM Parish Hall
SATURDAY	JUNE 4
<i>Car Show</i>	10:00 AM Parking Lot.
<i>CCD Weekday Registration</i>	1:00 PM Room C
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-2

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

For the Week of June 5, 2016



Jose A. Trujillo

Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Bernadette, Josephine & Thomas Galgon

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "No Intentions"

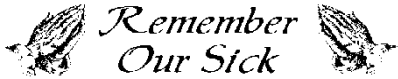
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Anne Zdanis

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER, IN THE LINE OF MELCHIZEDEK”


Welcome into God's Family

Ava Mae Anderson, Charlotte Cabrini Lipinski



II. Margaret Sherbert

“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 *Gerald Caci*.

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 May 22, 2016

Regular	\$10,023.81
On Line	\$1,353.00
Total	\$11,376.81

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO TUESDAY, MAY 31. BINGO WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7 AT 11:00 AM.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Serving God and County:

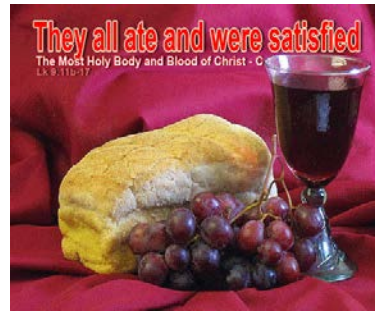
A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes

St. Joseph’s Church will host an outdoor mass at St. Joseph’s Cemetery & Mausoleums on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 10AM. Mass will be held outside at the Priest Circle altar. Bring your own chair or use one provided by the cemetery. Please join us in saluting our heroes. All are welcome. If you would like further details or require special assistance, please call the cemetery office directly 732-244-3008.

Address: 56-80 Cedar Grove Road, Toms River, NJ

Reflections for

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and

Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

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THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

MAY 31st



What an easily overlooked but beautiful Feast the Visitation is! Begun by St. Bonaventure among the Franciscans in A.D. 1263, it became a universal Feast in 1389, during the papacy of Urban VI.

This Feast commemorates what is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary: Our Lady's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, who was six months pregnant with St. John the Baptist at the time. At the end of the Archangel Gabriel's Annunciation to Our Lady that she will conceive, he tells her that her cousin, Elizabeth, an older woman thought barren, will also conceive. The story as told in the first chapter of Luke (verses 37-47 of this chapter form the Gospel reading for today), the words in italics are the prayer known as "*The Magnificat*":

And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the

Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.

Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda. And she entered into the house of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she cried out with a loud voice, and said: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this (to me), that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord". Mary said: *My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him. He hath showed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy: As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* And Mary abode with her about three months; and she returned to her own house.

Now Elizabeth's full time of being delivered had come, and she brought forth a son.

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On this feast of *Corpus Christi* (the Body of Christ) and Memorial Day weekend I offer for your reflection the Precepts of the Church. For those who may not know (or may have forgotten), these are a description of the *absolute minimum* actions required of Catholics regarding their faith. These Precepts remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't truly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. *Together with the Ten Commandments, they represent the minimum level of moral living. Intentional violation of the Precepts or the Commandments is a serious matter (i.e., a mortal sin.)*

1. To keep holy the day of the Lord's Resurrection: to worship God by participating in Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation; to avoid those activities that would hinder renewal of soul and body, e.g., needless work and business activities, unnecessary shopping, etc.
2. To lead a sacramental life: to receive Holy Communion frequently (at least once a year, between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday) and the Sacrament of Penance regularly (at least once a year; as soon as possible when conscious of serious sin.)
3. To study Catholic teaching: prepare worthily for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be confirmed, and then to continue to study and advance the cause of Christ.
4. To observe the marriage laws of the Church: to give religious training (by example and word) to one's children; to use parish schools and religious education programs.
5. To strengthen and support the Church: one's own parish community and parish priests; the worldwide Church and the Holy Father.
6. To do penance: including abstaining from meat and fasting from food on the appointed days.
(In addition to the above six precepts, the American bishops in 1973 added a seventh: To join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church.)

Why offer this reminder on Memorial Day, the day in which we remember those who have fallen in service to our country? Two reasons: first, we can best honor those who gave so much of themselves to secure our freedoms by striving to do more than "just the bare minimum" in our own lives. Second, as this weekend also marks the unofficial start of the summer season I hope to keep in mind that, although we take time off from school and work to enjoy the warm weather, we are *never* supposed to take time off from honoring God. A blessed Corpus Christi weekend and a safe Memorial Day to all!

Fr. Ed



**DOWN ON THE FARM 5K AND FAMILY FUN DAY FUNDRAISER
JUNE 5, 2016**

Allaire Community Farm
2840 Allaire Road, Wall

RUN/WALK - 9am

Register by May 31, 2016 for run/walk

FAMILY FUN - 9am-4pm

Inflatables*Games*Petting Zoo*Pony Rides Vendors*Face Painting*Ridgeway Rescues*Music

PICNIC BBQ - 11am-2pm

All proceeds will benefit Visitation Relief Center and Allaire Community Farm.

Donations are requested for all activities and food.

For Run/Walk participant registration or more information visit:

www.raceroster.com/events/2016/8264/down-on-the-farm-5k or call 732-746-3456.





RCIA CORNER

**LOVE IS OUR MISSION,
THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE
CREATED FOR JOY**

God created us with a plan in mind. Even though our lives may not be all we expected we are still called to follow him and to complete our mission. We say things like “when my problems cease, then I will follow, when I can get back on my feet, then I will serve” but God chooses us right exactly where we are. No need for change, no need to modify. He meets us right where we are and once he serves us he asks us to serve others. We will find that when we serve others we can find true meaning in our own lives. When we serve and see others struggles it helps us to bear up under our own.

How might we follow Christ more intentionally? At home? In the Workplace? In our Communities?

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



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

Frank Matarazzo was the winner of \$605. The next drawing will be June 26, in the Church Auditorium after the 12:30 PM Mass.

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW



The Holy Name Society, in conjunction with the Vintage Auto Museum of NJ, will be holding their first antique car show on Saturday, June 4,

2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church parking lot (weather permitting).

Please come see these beautiful cars, listen to some great music, and enjoy a hot dog or two while you are there!

Registration is \$10 per car, day of show only. Admission is free.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The next meeting will be Monday June 6, at 11:30 am in the Church Worship for the Rosary. The meeting will follow at 12:00 noon in the Church Parish Center. This month we will be holding the “Baby Shower for Birthright”. Please bring an unwrapped gift with you. This will be our last meeting until September. Tickets will be available for our area wide mass and luncheon on Wednesday October 5, 2016 at St. Dominic's in Brick. The luncheon will be held at Crystal Point in Point Pleasant. Ticket price is \$40.00. No tickets will be sold after July 30th.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Allan Bogdan, an eye surgeon and will answer all your questions. Our Rosary Mass is Sunday the June 5 at 8:00 am. Join us on Monday for a cup of coffee and see what we are all about.

HOLY HOUR



Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY
June 3, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

DONATION ENVELOPES

If you are placing one check in a donation envelope to be split between multiple collections, please indicate the amount for each envelope so that it may be properly recorded. Thank you!



The Visitation Altar Server Team and the Holy Name Society would like to thank all the parishioners and visitors who made our bake sale successful. Because of your overwhelming generosity and support, we raised \$1,000! A special “thank you” to our anonymous donor who will be matching our proceeds for the day! In addition, we would like to thank all of our members who helped bake, sell and buy!! May God bless you all in a special way!! The proceeds of this bake sale will be used to pay for the new candles in the Daily Chapel as well as to assist other causes and organizations in our parish.

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GOD’S MERCY-OUR MERCY – PARISH MISSION 2016

We were so blessed to have Bill Wegner of Good News Ministries come to Visitation to speak to us about God’s mercy and our part in that mercy. It was a true life changing experience for all of us who attended. For four days we listened to Bill talk about God’s love, his forgiveness, how we need to act as children of God and listened to so many of his wonderful personal stories. He truly brought the scriptures to life for us with his stories and poignant insights.

We look forward to the day when he returns to Visitation to renew, enlighten and enrich us once again! I would like to thank all of those who worked so hard and tirelessly on this Mission. Next time, I’m sending you all a cape. Thanks for your superhero-sized gifts that made this mission such an enriching gift to our parish and doing it so well.

Special thanks for the Mission team- Paula Bruno who was in charge of Greeters and Paula’s team – Mary Helik, Maria Ormsby, Maureen Walton, Ralph Carbone and all those who extended greetings to the mission attendees. Dee Bringhurst and Flo Ochs, who took charge of the registration (loved that hot pink marker) and their team Joan Olden, Carol Howard, Maria Ormsby and Andy Romano. Ralph Carbone who took care of many of the details before and behind the scenes; I am thankful. Marilyn Longo who created that bountiful harvest of cakes and goodies with her team of Rosemarie DiGiovanni, Marilyn McSweeney, Mary Helek, Kathy Ciefelli and Bob Casale.

Also, let us not forget our Parish Secretary, Denise Patetta, Pastoral Associate Vicki Cottrell and Deacon Nick Straineri who worked behind the scenes to make sure everything was perfect. Art Miles thank you for those beautiful signs. And who could do without the assistance of John Arendt, who took care of the nuts and bolts of microphones and lights and anything else that was needed. Of course many thanks to our parish priests. Fr. Jim, who was always there to lend a hand and most of all, thank you to Fr. Ed; our Shepherd who brought this beautiful mission to our parish.

“SPEAKER’S NIGHT”

Saturday, June 11, after the 4:00 pm Mass we will be meeting in the Parish Hall for a light dinner and a presentation from Mr. Dan Duddy. Mr. Duddy is the Pastoral Minister at Donovan Catholic, writer and developer of the National Cathlete’s program for Catholic Athletes for Christ and sits on their board. He is also the recipient of the Virtues of Saint Paul Award given by the Chicago Bears, and Champion of Faith Award given by the Catholic Men for Jesus Christ. He has a strong focus in his ministry on family. He will be speaking to us about the blessings and opportunities in families-how to support and love each other in good times and bad. He will address all ages – even Grandparents. We only ask that you pre-register with our Adult Faith Formation Office so that we can supply the proper materials and food. Contact Dale Zanetti by 10:00 am on June 10, 2016 at 732-477-7059 Ext. 214, or email dale@visitationchurch.com. So looking forward to seeing you are all there. We should have a great time!

DINE TO DONATE

Boardwalk Hot Dogs & Café, 143 Drum Point Road in Brick 732-920-0892

Saturday, June 11th 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 PM and Sunday, June 12th 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Not Just Dogs! Enjoy burgers, wraps, sandwiches and a great breakfast menu! Bring the coupon at the bottom of this page and Boardwalk Hot Dogs will donate 10% of your total bill to the Visitation Church Covering Fund (parking lot & carpet replacement)!



Saturday, June 11th

**** COUPON ****

Sunday, June 12th

Present this coupon at Boardwalk Hot Dogs & Café and 10% of your total purchase will be donated to the Visitation Church Covering Fund!

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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 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari* 732-477-7059 ext. 103 *Arnold Vicidomini*

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.