



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 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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
4:00 PM	Amela & Dominic Zucchi
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
6:45 AM	Ann Zdanis
8:00 AM	Maria Iosue Naimo
9:30 AM	Lorraine Kozak
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	John & Nancy Addabo
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
7:30 AM	John & Genevieve Dabrowski
8:15 AM	Denise Kremal
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
7:30 AM	Maria Flavin & Maria Cianflone
8:15 AM	Tom Walsh
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
7:30 AM	Barbara Weber
8:15 AM	Shawn Walsh
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
7:30 AM	Michelle Russomanno
8:15 AM	Mary & Thomas Foley
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
7:30 AM	Antointeet R. Casciano
8:15 AM	Geraldine Salerno
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 1
7:30 AM	Gerald Caci
8:15 AM	Charles Corby
4:00 PM	Thomas Rygiel
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 2
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Altar Rosary Society
9:30 AM	Dolores Castellano
11:00 AM	Stamley Swiechocki
12:30 PM	Frank Ammerata

For the Week of September 25, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Betty Giasmedis

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Ann Zdanis

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
Masses	Church
Community Sunday	After Masses
Flu Clinic	9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Baptism	1:45 PM
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
Rosary For Life	130PM
CCD	430PM
Cub Scouts	630PM
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
Bereavement	10:30 AM
Bingo	11:00 AM
CCD	430PM
Children's Choir Practice	530PM
Alanon	7:00 PM
Liturgy Team	7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
Community Lunch	12:00 PM
St. Vincent's Mtg	1:00 PM
CCD	430PM
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM
Youth Choir.	7:30 PM
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
Bible Study	9:45 AM
CCD	4:30 PM
Adult Choir	7:15 PM
AA	7:30 PM
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
Children of Light Prayer	6:30 PM
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 1
8th grade Penitential Service	11:00 AM
Blessing of the Animals	12:30 – 1:00 PM
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM
RCIA	5:00 PM

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

"PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL"

Wedding Banns

II. Daniel Cuate & Erika Morales

Remember Our Sick

II. Dolores Lusko

"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; *Marcel Rooms, David Hrymack*

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 September 18, 2016

Regular	\$9,901.18
OnLine	\$885.00
Total	\$10,786.18

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



October 4, 2016 is the Feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. In honor of Saint Francis we will be blessing your animals on the front steps of the Church on Sunday, October 2, at 3:00 p.m. All of your critters are welcome for this very special blessing. We hope to see you there



Reflections for The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the

shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

Loyola Press

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK PRIMERICA

For bulletin advertising information, please call John Patrick Publishing Company 800-333-3166.



This week I would like to offer the following statement from the New Jersey Council of Catholic Bishops: **NJ bishops oppose ‘deceptive’ ad campaign** - The Catholic bishops of New Jersey are responding vociferously and unanimously in opposition to a pro-abortion ad campaign recently conducted by a group calling itself Catholics for Choice.

The abortion advocacy organization placed full-page ads Sept. 12 in the print editions of more than 20 local and national publications, including Politico, the Nation, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Dallas Morning News and La Opinion.

In New Jersey, the ad ran in The Star-Ledger and The Record (of Bergen County). Digital advertising was also included in the campaign, which featured a statement by a young woman who claimed to be Catholic and who condoned abortion. The ad aimed to portray the public funding of abortion as a social justice value.

In an effort to communicate true Church teaching on the sanctity of human life and the abomination of abortion, the New Jersey bishops commissioned a campaign that will include advertising in several daily newspapers and across diocesan media outlets and other Church-based resources.

The central image of the campaign features a photo of Pope Francis kissing a baby during his visit to Philadelphia last fall. Taken by John Blaine, a freelance photographer for The Monitor, the photo originally was part of the Trenton diocesan newspaper’s online coverage of the papal visit. The ad lists several statements made by the Holy Father -- both when he was Cardinal Jose Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires and as Pope Francis -- about the sanctity of human life and every person’s call to protect life in the womb.

The key message of the ad is: **You can not be Catholic and Pro-Abortion. The only ‘choice’ for Catholics is life.** The ads are set to run in The Star-Ledger and The Record Sept. 18. Similar responses were playing out across the country in the days following Sept. 12. In a Sept. 14 statement, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, who serves as chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, stated, “Calling for taxpayer funding of abortion in the name of the Catholic faith” is “deceptive” and “extreme.”

He emphasized that the abortion advocacy group “is not affiliated with the Catholic Church in any way. It has no membership, and clearly does not speak for the faithful. It is funded by powerful private foundations to promote abortion as a method of population control.” Multiple dioceses have used this opportunity to encourage Catholics and all people of good will to have an impact on social justice by supporting local pregnancy help centers.

For information on resources that support pregnant women and their babies, go to:
<http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/respectlifeministry/services/>

Fr. Ed

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come and allow Jesus Christ to establish, restore, and deepen that relationship with you. This seminar offers the presentation of the Gospel and the basic teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to Him. Speaking at Mass, Pope Francis said: “The Holy Spirit, opens the doors and invites us to bear witness to Jesus.” Let us make that a reality.

Please join us for six **Fridays**-beginning **October 14, 2016** and continuing for the next 5 Fridays from 7:15 to 9:00 pm in the Visitation Parish Hall.. Are you thirsting for an ever deeper relationship with God? Wanting to better understand the Holy Spirit and his role in your life? Longing to be more alive in your faith? You are invited to join us for music, prayer, live presentations and discussions on living life with the power of the Holy Spirit. We have an elevator for ease of access. Contact Paul Rollis at 732-255-2728 or email Dale Zanetti, Adult Faith Formation at dzanetti@visitationrchurch.com.

RUMMAGE SALE/GARDEN ART SHOW

Join us after mass on Sunday September 25, 2016 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm for a rummage sale and Garden Art Show at Visitation Relief Center, 755 Mantoloking Rd. Brick. For more information call 732-746-3456 or visit visitationreliefcenter.org or [facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter](https://www.facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter)



SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

**AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION TICKETS
CALL 732-475-0048 FOR AVAILABILITY**

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction that will be held on November 5, 2016, and we're looking for your help. Teams are now forming to prepare the gifts. If you would like to become part of this energetic team please contact Betty Kilkenny at 732-475-0048, or e-mail EventTeam@visitationRCchurch.org or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket. Let the fun begin!



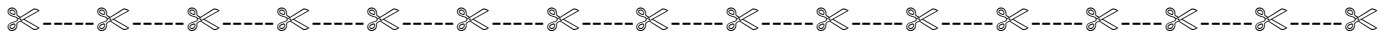
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.

Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to benefit the Church Covering Fund (Parking Lot and Rug Replacement). This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.



*GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY
OR THE RECTORY OFFICE BY OCTOBER 16, 2016*



- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 5, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening



MARRIAGE



By their marriage, the couple witnesses Christ's spousal love for the Church. One of the Nuptial Blessings in the liturgical celebration of marriage refers to this in saying, "Father, you have made the union of man and wife so holy a mystery that it

symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his Church."

The following is a prayer for a married couple on their anniversary taken from the text of the Marriage Ceremony

We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love.

We also give you thanks for graciously blessing our family life so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

Therefore look with kindness upon us today, and as you have sustained our communion amid joys and struggles, renew our marriage covenant each day, increase our charity, and strengthen in us the bond of peace, so that we may forever enjoy your blessing. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY TRIP

Play: Samson *Place:* Sight & Sound

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Bus departs Visitation Parking Lot 8:30 AM and returns approximately 8:45 PM

Cost: \$117.00

For additional information or tickets contact, Terry at 732-903-7527 or Marilyn at 732-920-9763

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A PERMANENT DEACON?

If you are discerning God's call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Trenton as a Permanent Deacon, a man ordained to the ministry of Charity, Word, and Sacrament, you are invited to take part in an upcoming information session. The presentation will include information concerning the role of a deacon, the discernment process, and the five-year Diaconate Formation Program. Before registering to attend this session, please schedule a meeting with your pastor to discuss the call to the diaconate. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 and Wednesday October 5, 2016 7-9 p.m. at the Diocesan Chancery, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ. Pre-registration is required. Please register with Deacon Michael Riley, Associate Director of Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life (609-403-7134).

YOUNG ADULT MASS

Join us for the next Diocese of Trenton Young Adult Mass hosted right here at Visitation Church, Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM. Fellowship to follow in the Parish Hall. For additional information please contact Christie Winters at CWinters@visitationRCchurch.org.

"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives"

St. John Paul, II

ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION



Save your aluminum cans to help support Boy Scout Troop #38. You can place your aluminum in the collection can by the dumpster, by the old church, or bring them by

during our meeting time: Wednesdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the parish hall.

GIFT AUCTION TEAM HELP NEEDED

We are in the process of preparing baskets for the November 5, 2016 gift auction. Do you like to wrap gift? We have many baskets to get ready. Perhaps you would enjoy being part of this energetic team. If so please contact Betty Kilkenny at 732-475-0048. Let the fun begin!!

FLU VACCINE



Walgreens Pharmacists will be administering vaccines at the September 25 Community Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Vaccines are free with

Medicare or discounted to \$25 cash. Other insurances can be billed. (Must have insurance cards with you). Don't miss out on this opportunity! We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 15, 2016, you are invited to join the 10th annual Public Square Rosary Crusade which will take place at 12:00 noon, local time all across America. Here at Visitation we will gather at the statue of our Blessed Mother in front of the Old Church as we have done in previous years. Praying the rosary will begin promptly at noon. You may bring a chair for your comfort.

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH



The Respect Life Ministry along with St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and blankets for the needy through the month of October. Men's coats are especially in need. These items may be brought to St. Vincent de Paul Monday-Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.

SUPPER WITH THE SAINTS

For those who are hungry or in need of friendship, the last Tuesday (September 27) of each month join All Saints Church at 500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head for food and fellowship. Serving from 4:00~6:00 PM. For additional information call 732-892-5198.

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
1 John 1:3



Dear Parishioners,

As many of you may know, Visitation is in the midst of a major Diocesan-wide campaign, entitled *Faith to Move Mountains*, to benefit our parish and secure the endowments needed for the Diocese to meet our future needs.

This week, I wanted to answer an important question that we have been hearing from many of our parishioners:

How is this campaign different than the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Faith to Move Mountains is a response to critical *long-term* needs while the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to fund the day-to-day operating expenses of the diocese. Below is a chart that outlines some of the key differences between the campaign and the Annual Appeal:

	Annual Catholic Appeal	Faith to Move Mountains
Purpose	Fund the day-to-day operating expenses of the diocese	Create endowments to permanently empower our Church to serve future generations of Catholics and address long-term needs
Goal	\$7 million	\$75 million
Pledge Period	12 months	3 to 5 years

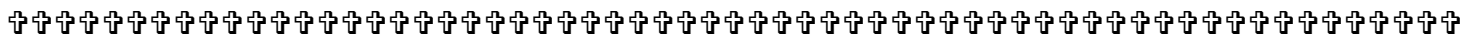
While the Appeal serves as the lifeblood of our Diocese each year, it cannot sustain our Church's long-term expenses that will continue to rise. For instance, **44%** of our current priests will be eligible for retirement over the next 10 years alone! This is an expense that our Diocese's ordinary income cannot address.

Faith to Move Mountains will address these long-term expenses by creating endowments to permanently empower our Church to serve future generations of Catholics. This is an extraordinary campaign in which each Catholic is asked to support above their annual giving to both the parish offertory and the annual appeal. Parishioners are being asked to consider a **sacrificial pledge** that can be paid monthly, semi-annually, or annually over a period of **three to five years**.

All of you will be invited to support this important effort. It is my hope that every parish family will join me in this great undertaking so that it will become a historic success for our Diocese and Visitation.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

God bless,
Father Ed



MEN'S RETREAT



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Men's Retreat For 35 years St. Ignatius Shore Retreats has helped Ocean County parishioners attend a men's weekend retreat at the San Alfonso Retreat House, a Redemptorist Spiritual Center on Ocean Avenue in West End, Long Branch. The theme of this year's retreat is Mercy. It begins Friday evening, September 30 and ends with lunch Sunday, October 2. The fee is \$210 with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. All are welcome. Visit www.sanalfonsoretreats.org or call San Alfonso at (732) 222-2731 x 140, or John Fraraccio at (732) 272-7572, or johcafra@outlook.com.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S MASS

Please join for this very special liturgy on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00PM at Mary Queen of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, in loving memory of our deceased children. It is our hope that this special liturgy will provide some healing for you and your family. RSVP 732-363-8262 or 732-600-4359. Light refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal
DIOCESE of TRENTON

If you have already received an appeal mailing from the diocese, you may choose to either send in a pledge now, send in a donation, drop a pledge or donation in a separately marked envelope in any of our regular collections or pledges may be sent directly to:

The Annual Catholic Appeal
Diocese of Trenton
PO Box 4887
Trenton, NJ 08650

Thank-you to those who've already pledged.

As of August 24, 2016
Goal ~\$92,000.00
Pledge ~ \$50,704.00
Cash Recd ~ \$45,709.00
Total Donors ~ 322
Participation ~ 8%
Percentage of Goal ~ 55%

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING



The Rosary Altar Society breakfast meeting will be held Sunday Oct. 2nd following the 8:00 AM Mass. There will be a guest speaker. We ask for a donation of \$8.00. For additional information please call 732-232-7132.

GENNESARET RETREAT

The Gennesaret Retreat 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 Oct 14, 15, 16 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information contact: Marie Merritt 732-670-5980, Linda Capobianco 732-608-7277, Hilare Reinold 732-566- 7237, Linda Capoliano 732-608-7277

PRAYER FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE



We praise and thank you,
O God" Creator of the
Universe."
You have made all things
good and have given us the
earth to cultivate.
Grant that we may always
use created things gratefully,
and share them generously
with
all those in need.
Give us creativity in
helping those who are living
in poverty to meet their basic human needs.
Open our minds and hearts
so that we might stand at their side and assist them to
change whatever unjust structures
keep them in poverty ..
Enable us to be brothers and sisters to them,
friends who walk with them
in their struggle for fundamental human rights.
We ask this through Christ our lord.
AMEN

September 27

The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



For more than 40 years, the bishop of the Diocese of Trenton has been celebrating the gift of sacramental marriage with anniversary couples. This year Bishop O'Connell will extend his Episcopal blessing to couples from all four counties married for one, 25, and 50 years or more at a special Eucharistic liturgy (Mass) and blessing celebration at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Freehold. We invite married couples celebrating these milestone anniversaries to participate in this beautiful event. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register. The deadline for registration is September 27, 2016.

But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

SEPTEMBER 25, 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 vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 7:00 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 nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 Parish Hall. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 ngrodberg@visitationrcchurch.org*

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 6:30 PM at the VRC 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*

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 lconroy2741@gmail.com*

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 Parish Hall 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-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN) provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community in the Parish Hall. 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 practice's Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:00 PM and sings the 4th Sunday of the month at the 11:00 AM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*
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 straneri.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 cwinters@visitationrcchurch.org*

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-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
ALANON MEETINGS are held Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall
CUB SCOUT PACK #38, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. 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 the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrcchurch.org*
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 and meet the Monday following the first Sunday at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary, followed by the meeting at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrcchurch.org*

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin & Announcement Deadline: Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.