



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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 1
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
MONDAY	OCTOBER 3
7:30 AM	Larry LaCara
8:15 AM	Henry Karpinski
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 4
7:30 AM	Michelle Russomanno
8:15 AM	Diane Arrabito
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 5
7:30 AM	Jane Reszkowski
8:15 AM	Jerry Caci
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 6
7:30 AM	Karol Laskowski
8:15 AM	Maria Iosue Naimo
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 7
7:30 AM	James Berardi
8:15 AM	Geraldine Salerno
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 8
7:30 AM	Ed Markowski
8:15 AM	Chas Richel
4:00 PM	Bryan Owen
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 9
6:45 AM	God's blessing on Dee Lusko
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Henry Karpinski
12:30 PM	Anita M. Sapnar

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 2
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>RAS Breakfast Mtg</i>	After 8:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	Mass 3:00 Church Steps
MONDAY	OCTOBER 3
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	130PM Daily Chapel
<i>CCD</i>	430 PM A, B C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	630PM Parish Hall
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 4
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	430PM C
<i>Children's Choir Practice</i>	530PM Church
<i>Diocesan Young Adult Mass</i>	700PM Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Room A
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 5
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	430PM A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
<i>Youth Choir.</i>	7:30 PM Church
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 6
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM Room A & C
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 7
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	6:30 PM VRC
<i>Holy Hour & Benediction</i>	7:00 PM Church
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 8
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

For the Week of October 2, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Tom Walsh

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mary Evanchik

Sacred Heart Candle is "God's Blessing" on Myra Sischel

"IF TODA Y YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART"

 **Wedding Banns**

III. Daniel Cuate & Erika Morales

Welcome into God's Family

Elliot James Hibberd, Joseph James Mankowski

 **Remember Our Sick**

- I. Bill Bradshaw
- III. 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.

HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

CREATE A LEGACY 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 25, 2016

Regular	\$9,625.70
OnLine	\$831.00
Total	\$10,456.70

"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*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR SEPTEMBER 50/50



Hiltrud Kalicki was the winner of \$605. The next drawing will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016 after the 12:30

Mass in the auditorium.

Reflections for The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin

and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold. *Loyola Press*

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to (this) mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" *Luke 17:5-6*

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR PROPAGATION OF FAITH IN THE SECOND BASKET.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK JOHN PATRICK ADVERTISING

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

OCTOBER 2, 2016

*FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. Jim O'Neill*

MOVED BY MERCY

In *The Monitor* you may have seen that Bishop O'Connell has appointed me Respect Life chaplain for Ocean County. I will assist the pro-life groups in Ocean County parishes with any theological needs and celebrate an annual pro-life Mass. Two lay people will chair the meetings and coordinate any joint efforts. We will attend an annual diocesan meeting, and I hope to get back to participating in the March for Life.

Fr. Joe Noche (who was ordained a few seconds before me since "N" comes before "O") is the liaison for the whole diocese as well as the chaplain for Burlington County. He probably recommended me because of my participation in Respect Life activities when I was in Moorestown. We had a number of dedicated laity involved in a Cherry Hill pregnancy resource center and 40 Days for Life. We also joined neighboring parishes for a bus to the March for Life and supported efforts to open a Good Counsel home for women in crisis pregnancies. I was amazed and glad to assist these parishioners who did some wonderful and very merciful work for women, men, and their very young children.

At Visitation, instead of participating in pro-life activities for the very young, I have spent more time anointing the sick and ministering to the dying. Often, there is a need to help with very difficult decisions about medical treatments, discerning whether they are reasonable and required or excessively burdensome and optional.

Whether ministering to the young, the sick, or the old, all of us are called to be merciful. October is Respect Life Month, and today is Respect Life Sunday. The new annual theme for our country starts now: Moved by Mercy. We are to exercise a merciful reverence for life from beginning to end. During this month and throughout the year, may our hearts be moved by God to show mercy to those who are marginalized, ignored, and especially for those whose lives are at risk. How does God want to work through you today?

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@visitationrcchurch.com.

OCTOBER DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

Quaker Steak & Lube, Brick

Every Tuesday in October (4, 11, 18, 25) All day

NO COUPON NEEDED... BRING FLYER, SHOW ON PHONE, OR TELL SERVER

10% of your bill excluding tax, gratuity & alcohol will be donated to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund (parking lot and carpet replacement).

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

OCTOBER 2, 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!



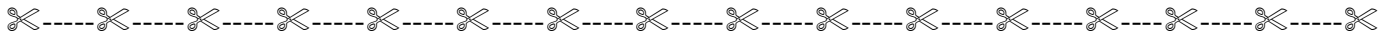
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.

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



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 September 26, 2016	
Goal ~\$92,000.00	Pledge ~ \$51,014.00	Cash Recd ~ \$45,7007.50
	Total Donors ~ 326	
	Participation ~ 8%	
	Percentage of Goal ~ 55%	

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

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE TIME IN THE MONITOR. THE BULLETIN TIME IS CORRECT.

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

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.

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.sanalfonso retreats.org or call San Alfonso at (732) 222-2731 x 140, or John Fraraccio at (732) 272-7572, or johcafra@outlook.com.

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.



CALLING ALL YOUNG MEN

Want to serve on HIS team? Join us!!
Mass, Volleyball and Vocation Talk
Saturday, October 8, 5:15 PM
Saint John The Baptist Catholic Church
Allenton, NJ
Sponsored by the
Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations



To all of the good people of Visitation,

A major endowment campaign is currently underway at Visitation and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week I will be sharing the diocesan components of the *Faith to Move Mountains* Campaign for the Diocese and our parish.

Our Parishes –\$30 Million

A minimum of 30%, or \$22.5 million, of the funds collected at the parish level will remain at the individual parish to address their own local needs. Once a parish has reached its goal, the allocation of funds will reverse and the parish will receive 70% of all additional monies collected. Additional funds will provide an endowment for parishes experiencing critical financial circumstances (**\$7.5 million**).

Ordained Ministry –\$20 Million

- Increase the current endowment for our retired clergy who have dedicated their lives to their parish communities. In the next 10 years alone, 44% of our priests will be eligible for retirement!
- Supplement current and future education costs for our growing class of seminarians, as it costs approximately \$40,000 to educate one seminarian for one year.
- Expand the diaconate program to serve communities requiring excellent homilies, sacramental preparation and spiritual direction.

Catholic Schools –\$15 Million

- Provide additional sponsorships for “seats” at a school reflecting the *total cost* of educating the student, which has risen to nearly \$7,000 each year.
- Support our “Mission Schools,” which serve underprivileged children from ethnically diverse communities with limited access to a quality Catholic education.
- Provide administrative and operational support to continue building the Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP) program, which has already raised more than \$180,000 for tuition assistance, technology upgrades, and local campus needs since its launch in 2013.

Catechesis and Evangelization – \$5 Million

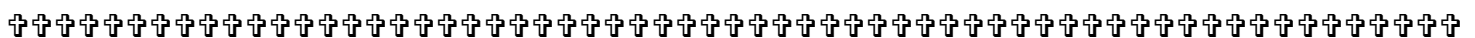
- Provide financial assistance for full certification for all of our catechists and scholarship assistance for parish leaders (DRE’s, Youth Directors, etc.) so that all serving in this role will have or be pursuing a master’s degree in such programs as pastoral theology, ministry, and liturgy.
- Support the organized training of adult formation teams, strengthen existing programs, or create new ones at each parish.
- Build a comprehensive network upon our parish evangelization ministries in order to empower every parish community to deepen the spiritual lives of its people, reach out to those who have left the Church, and welcome all those who are coming to the faith for the first time.

Social Services –\$5 Million

- Award grants to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies to respond to the increasing needs of those struggling in their communities.
- Provide professional assistance to parishes with a critical need for counseling services among their parishioners suffering from addiction, loss of a loved one, divorce, and other mental health issues.

In the coming weeks, I will share further details about how the campaign funds will directly impact our Diocese and our community here at Visitation. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

*God bless,
Father Ed*



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.

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.

GENNESARET RETREAT



The Gennesaret Retreat is 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

RESPECT LIFE



October is Respect Life month. Pope Francis' command to "open your hearts to life" doesn't simply speak about the attitude we should have on the serious issues of abortion and euthanasia. Rather, to open our hearts to life is to approach every person we meet with an attitude of gratitude. Every person exists because God loves them.

So whether by simply smiling at the person you walk past on the street or stopping to spend time with a loved one who perhaps has no one to care for them, you are asked by God to see the goodness of those around you and to love them by everything you do.

CREATE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Almost one out of four Americans is Catholic, yet misconceptions abound about our teachings and beliefs. Why not become the ambassador and spread the truth of our catholic faith?

Remember our roots.

Jesus established the Catholic Church and promised "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." The Church is the guardian of truth that comes from God, not from men.

Explain the rules.

It is said that we have lots of rules. The guidance we get from the Church helps us to live holy, selfless lives that keep us right with God and teach us how to love our brothers and sisters. The goal is our salvation.

Have ready answers.

Perhaps the answers to questions or misassumptions aren't on the tip of your tongue. If you have a smartphone, download a free Catholic Bible or an app like "ipieta" that gives you a selection of Catholic literature for quick answers. At home, keep a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The glossary helps locate subjects easily (available at www.usccb.org, 800-235-8722).

Share the love.

From the first, the Catholic Church has been about action: caring for the sick and poor, teaching children, welcoming immigrants, fighting for justice. Living selfless lives of charity and love is the best way to show others the true Catholic Church.

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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 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 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 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