



# 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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Leader

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

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**  
**Closed 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch**

### Parish Registration

The Church of the Visitation is obliged to serve and minister to all baptized Catholics living in our local area. **PLEASE REGISTER** – it assists the staff in knowing you as a parishioner, providing for your needs, informing you of parish programs and activities, and utilizing your gifts and talents in service of the Church and one another. Envelopes for weekly contributions are available to you once you are registered. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

### Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. 1. Be at least 16 years of age. 2. Have completed the Sacraments of the Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) 3. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:00  
**Sunday:** 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM  
**Daily:** Monday – Friday 7:30 (Daily Chapel)  
Tues., Wed., Thur., Sat. - 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 an extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

### Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 PM 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 9:15~10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes are held 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***

# "BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD"



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>
4:00 PM	John Fcasni
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Thomas M Hussennetter
11:00 AM	Josephine Crai
12:30 PM	Kelly Elizabeth LaVoie
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 13</b>
7:30 AM	Angela Hibbard Duddy
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
7:30 AM	Michael Gries
8:15 AM	Mar O'Dea
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>
7:30 AM	Dorothy Heger & Family
8:15 AM	Mary C. Belasco
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>
7:30 AM	Salvatore Casale
8:15 AM	Mary Codd
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
7:30 AM	Judy Zoldak
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
8:15 AM	Cheryl Perrone
4:00 PM	Amanda DeNezza
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	James Hegadorn
9:30 AM	Sylvester LaPotro
11:00 AM	Dominic Mazzara
12:30 PM	Eugene Capozzi

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 13</b>
<i>Rosary for Life</i>	1:30 PM Chapel
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A, B, C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Liturgy Team</i>	1:00 PM Room B
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Room C
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:00 PM Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
<i>Evening Bible Study</i>	6:45 PM Chapel
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:00 PM Church
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A, B, & C
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM Church
<i>High School Confirmation Class</i>	7:15 PM Room C
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
<i>Finance Council</i>	7:30 PM Room B
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
<i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>	7:00PM Parish Hall
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
<i>Harmony Program</i>	9:00 AM Room C
<i>Wedding Fair</i>	12:15 PM Church
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

## Readings for the Week

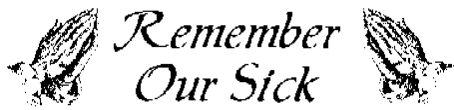
**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13  
**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## For the Week of February 12, 2017



**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Gus Alesi  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Good Health" for Dan & Donna Lanni

# **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



- I. Rosemary Russell
- II. Helen Costagliola
- III. Ann Marie Blumensteel

“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: Steve Puza, William Reilly, and Maria Ormsby.

### **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 February 5, 2017**

<b>Regular</b>	\$10,154.36
<b>On Line</b>	\$1,055.00
<b>Total</b>	\$11,209.36

#### ***Some of the expenses for January included:***

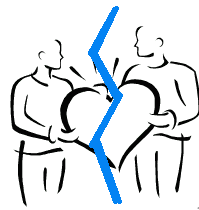
Electric	\$3,149.00
Natural Gas	\$2,043.80
Communications Services	\$781.98
Snow Removal	\$1,400.00
Water & Sewer	\$670.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,044.90</b>

### **END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT**

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to [info@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:info@visitationRCchurch.org). If you have received a statement in the past you should have received one this year in the mail.

### *Reflections for*

### *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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I hope that you've had a chance to read the special supplement of the Monitor which announces Bishop O'Connell's decisions from the *Faith in Our Future* planning initiative. Besides the announcements themselves, it briefly and concisely offers insights as to why they were made and the Bishop's ongoing vision for the Diocese of Trenton.

**Visitation Parish, a member of Cohort 22, will collaborate with the parishes of St. Dominic's in Brick and the Lakewood parishes of St. Anthony Claret and St. Mary of the Lake, with a merger between St. Anthony's and St. Mary's to occur no later than July 1, 2020. In addition, St. Anthony has been designated to become a Center for Hispanic Ministry by July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.**

"Collaboration": what does that mean for us as a parish? Here is the definition used by Terry Ginther, the executive director of the diocesan Office of Pastoral Life and Mission: "people or organizations working together to achieve something successfully. It moves beyond occasional cooperator and the coordination of Mass of Confession schedules. In collaboration, two or more parishes formally agree to work together in a specific way for the foreseeable future."

While the idea of linking (also known as "twinning") or merging parishes may present a more profound change to a parish community, effective collaboration must challenge the "business as usual" model that many people wish could be held. It will mean conducting a careful study of *all* our parish processes – staffing, liturgy, ministries and facilities – to determine where our strengths and areas that need outside cooperation lie. The effective range of outreach will both affect and be affected by influences outside of our own parish. We will need to be willing to both offer to and receive from groups with which we have not interacted before. Notice that the decision gives no indication of, or limit to, what this collaboration and formation of new relationships will entail. It is limited only by our Cohort's capacity to imagine ways of working together. Whether it succeeds or fails will depend on all of us.

The *Faith in Our Future* Implementation Core Team for Visitation Parish will soon be working with the Implementation Core Teams of the other parishes in the Cohort. Every ministry will be contacted as part of the work of this team. I anticipate and thank all who will help the Team's efforts in bringing about the course directed by the Bishop and I ask the prayers of everyone that this will be a successful and fruitful effort of evangelization to our brothers and sisters in the townships of Brick and Lakewood.

*Fr. Ed*

### **VISITATION RELIEF CENTER UPDATE**

The Relief Center is OPEN! They are currently operating out of a temporary location in the Laurel Square (K-Mart) Plaza. Their hours are 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday. They are offering many services including an Open Choice Pantry and distribution of household and clothing needs. There is a one-time registration process to receive these services. Currently their partners and volunteers are also available to provide assistance with taxes, food stamps, and insurance applications, financial planning, resume preparation, and job readiness on Wednesdays by appointment. They also work with NJ Shares which provides utility assistance to middle income eligible families Referral to other resources is also available. To aid with transportation – the center is an Ocean Ride Stop. Their phone number has remained the same – 732-746-3456.

To help insure the success of these programs and continue to benefit the community  
**Donations, Volunteers and Prayers are always welcome.**



**2017 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE**

This year's Diocesan Youth Conference is set for March 4 in St. Gregory the Great Parish, Hamilton Square. This year's theme is ABLAZE, which is taken from the words of St. Catherine of Siena: "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." The day-long event will begin with 10:30 a.m. registration and end with 5 p.m. mass. Open to youth in grades 9 through 12, DYC 2017 will include Christian contemporary music by DJ Bernal of the Texas-based nonprofit Modern Teen Ministries, as well as opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Diocese of Trenton is encouraging its young people to attend the annual Diocesan Youth Conference to experience not only the Church's energy through prayer, music and camaraderie, but its joy and hope as well. "Come and see that you are not alone," said Cristina Imperato, ministry assistant in the Department of Evangelization and Family Life. "Come and see that you are loved by God." For more information about DYC 2017 visit [www.dotyouth.org](http://www.dotyouth.org). Contact Christie at [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org).

**ROSARY ALTAR BUS TRIP**



The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to Caesars Atlantic City. Please join us on Wednesday, April 5. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 12:30 pm and return at 9:30 pm. There is an \$105 per person (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, a play, dinner buffet and bonus \$25.00 slot. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terry 732-903-7527 or Rosemarie 732-551-4691.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Are you looking to grow and deepen your faith in Catholicism? All between the ages of 18 to 39 are welcome to join our local Catholic young adult community. The next meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Daily Chapel.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org).

**YOUTH GROUP**

Visitation Roman Catholic Church has formed a youth group. We invite all youth from 8th grade to high school to join us every other Sunday, in the Parish The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org).

**CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS  
RECRUITMENT WEEKEND**

Our parish family at Visitation Church participates in a special ministry to the frail elderly through Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ). Our volunteers will be here after all Masses and at Community Sunday in the Parish Hall, February 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> sharing their special message of care giving with us. CVCJ is seeking volunteers, as well as your help in spreading the word about the free services that CVCJ provides to the home bound elderly in our community.

Volunteers provide:

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Grocery shopping (they shop for you)
- Friendly/pet visits, reassuring phone calls
- Respite care for families caring for loved ones with chronic illness, dementia or Alzheimer's disease

Volunteers will be at the doors of the church that weekend. Please take a moment to stop by, say hello, and pick up some info to take home with you and share with a neighbor. For more information about CVCJ please call Mary Malagiere, 732-505-2273 or [marym@caregivervolunteers.org](mailto:marym@caregivervolunteers.org).

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We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. To sign up or for more information, please visit the church website [www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org) or contact Vicki at [vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org) or 732-477-7059 ext. 216.

However you choose to give your time, talent, and treasure, we thank you! Visitation's facilities and ministries thrive only with your help.

**A CO-CATHEDRAL FOR THE DIOCESE**

In late December, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., announced that the Holy See had elevated St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Freehold to the status of a co-cathedral. That elevation will be commemorated during a Mass, celebrated by Bishop O'Connell and invited clergy Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the newly-designated co-cathedral.

Members of the diocesan community are invited to witness this historic celebration by viewing a live video stream available on [DioceseofTrenton.org](http://DioceseofTrenton.org) and [TrentonMonitor.com](http://TrentonMonitor.com). For information, contact the diocesan Office of Communications and Media at (609) 403-7199 or [dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org). To read more about the elevation and St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, go to [TrentonMonitor.com](http://TrentonMonitor.com).

**BINGO HELP NEEDED**



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am. If you can spare a few hours on either a regular or occasional basis, please contact Cindy at 732-330-4111.

**FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY**



We would like to invite anyone who is looking for a valuable ministry to come forward to help serve at Funeral Masses. The *Corporal Work of Mercy* of burying the dead is a valuable ministry. This very important ministry needs your help. Training is available. If interested, please contact Fr. Ed at the rectory – 732-477-0028 or email [PastorEd@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:PastorEd@visitationRCchurch.org).

**CONCERT AND FEAST**

Saint Mary of the Lake is offering a concert – Return to Love – and a Saint Joseph's Feast on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Ocean County College. The concert is a fundraiser for their parish as well as a way to give something back to the community. Along with this concert they will be celebrating a *St. Joseph's Feast* at the Brooklyn Bistro in Toms River. Tickets for the Feast and Show are \$55, or, just \$35 for the Feast. Questions and info: please call Cori, 732-363-0139 Ext. 411.

**DONOVAN CATHOLIC WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

February 16, 2017 from 7-9:00PM. High School is a Choice ~ Choose Donovan Catholic! It Makes A Difference. All prospective students are welcome. Shadow days are available. Contact Admissions 732-349-8801 x 2426.

**ANGELS, COFFEE, & SCRIPTURE**

Do you believe in the existence of Angels? Do you want to learn more about Angels? If so, join us for Angels and Coffee on Mondays at Sacred Heart Church of Bay Head, 751 Main Ave starting Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 am. We will explore Angels in the Old & New Testament & the Catechism to uncover the mysteries of how Angels worked in the lives of God's people throughout history and how they work in our lives today.

The cost is \$12 and includes light refreshments. To register, please contact Pastoral Associate, Dawn Rusinko at DawnRusinko@yahoo.com and make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. For further info please call 732-899-1398.

**HOLY LAND TRIP**

Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Fr. Daniel Peirano & Fr. Anthony Sirianni, on a trip to the Holy Land November 12-20, 2017. For complete details please join us for a meeting on March 27, 2017 at 7:00pm at St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Road, Freehold, or contact Graycar Travel - 800-214-6723.

**ATTENTION MEN!**



Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Saint Joseph Parish in Toms River, NJ.

The theme of this year's conference is "Into the Breach". The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell, as well as inspiring talks by U.S. congressman **Chris Smith**; **Tim Staples**, a nationally renowned Catholic apologist and evangelist; and **Marie Joseph**, Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org). To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067.

**MEN'S PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT MEETING**

If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 who would like to know more about an exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Priestly Vocation Discernment meeting on Sunday, February 26th from 6:00 p.m. (Mass) – 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 40 Jackson Rd. in Medford. Join Father Mike Wallach, Father Dan Swift and Father Carlos Florez for a discussion on the priesthood, discernment and vocations, and dinner. Please RSVP (or for further information) by contacting Father Dan at father\_dan@smlparish.org.

**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**



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**FEBRUARY DINE TO DONATE**

**When:** Every Wednesday in February (1, 8, 15, 22)  
Lunch and Dinner - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** **Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que**  
950 Cedar bridge Avenue  
732-262-7485

**What:** Award-Winning Ribs! Plus, a full menu of Soups and Salads, Bar-B-Que Classics, Sandwiches, Burgers, and a Famous Dave's kids menu.  
Every Wednesday is Slowdown Lowdown. Enjoy your choice of Sizzlin Deals, Smokin Deals or Famous Deals (3 course Meal Deals include side salad, or cup of soup, entrée and side, and mini dessert). For a limited Time Specialty Drink Menu is being offered.



**Present this coupon to Famous Dave's**

Every Wednesday in February (1, 8, 15, 22)  
and 10% of your total food purchase will be donated  
to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund  
(parking lot and carpet replacement)  
Excludes tax and gratuity



## ***FEBRUARY 12, 2017***

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#### **Liturgical Ministries**

**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. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationRCchurch.org*

**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. 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 and evening sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. 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 weekly to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.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** is in the process of reforming. Contact Fr. Ed at the rectory or info@visitationRCchurch.org.

**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*

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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 – *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*

### **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*

### **Social Concerns**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** 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 weekly 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 less fortunate in our parish and the surrounding community. Donations of nonperishable food are accepted at the doors of the Church to assist the hungry of the community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

### **Youth Ministries/Activities**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. 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. *Artie* 732-965-4802 or *ahhvacr@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 YOUTH 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*

**VISITATION YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** provides an opportunity for all between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism to join our local Catholic young adults 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*

### **Organizations**

**AA MEETINGS** are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.

**ALANON MEETINGS** are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

**CUB SCOUT PACK #38** is sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #38** is sponsored by the Holy Name Society. 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 and meet monthly 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.

**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 and meet monthly. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrcchurch.org*

Consult the Parish Events Calendar on our parish website ([www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org)) for the most current schedule of meeting dates, times, and locations. Information in the Calendar of Events section of the bulletin is current as of bulletin publication.