



Church of the Visitation

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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 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 the 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

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"REST IN GOD A LONE MY SOUL"



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| SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 25 |
| 4:00 PM | Timothy Kempfe |
| SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 26 |
| 6:45 AM | Geraldine Streckfuss |
| 8:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| 9:30 AM | Sylvester LoPetro |
| 11:00 AM | Mary Belasco |
| 12:30 PM | Sergio Ferreira |
| MONDAY | FEBRUARY 27 |
| 7:30 AM | Isabella Spadavecchio |
| TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 28 |
| 7:30 AM | Jean Bugden |
| 8:15 AM | James Nasatka |
| WEDNESDAY | MARCH 1 –ASH WEDNESDAY |
| 7:30 AM | Maria Ormsby |
| 9:00 AM | Dwayne Willitts |
| 7:00 PM | Paul Spamanato |
| THURSDAY | MARCH 2 |
| 7:30 AM | Oksana Vasyuta |
| 8:15 AM | Giovanna Marra |
| FRIDAY | MARCH 3 |
| 7:30 AM | Mark Krueger |
| SATURDAY | MARCH 4 |
| 8:15 AM | James Blumensteel |
| 4:00 PM | Jean Ammerata & Maria Marchitto |
| SUNDAY | MARCH 5 |
| 6:45 AM | Dolores Lusko |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society |
| 9:30 AM | Thomas M Hussennetter |
| 11:00 AM | Deceased members of the Lech, Vitale & Pecora Families |
| 12:30 PM | People of the Parish |

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| SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 26 |
| <i>Masses</i> | Church |
| <i>Community Sunday</i> | After all Masses Parish Hall |
| MONDAY | FEBRUARY 27 |
| <i>Rosary for Life</i> | 1:30 PM Chapel |
| <i>CCD Classes</i> | 4:30 PM Rm A,B,C |
| <i>Cub Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM Parish Hall |
| TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 28 |
| <i>Bingo</i> | 11:00 AM Parish Hall |
| <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 |
| <i>Young Adult Group</i> | 7:00 PM Chapel |
| WEDNESDAY | MARCH 1 |
| <i>Ash Service</i> | 12:00 PM Church |
| <i>Community Luncheon</i> | 12:00 PM Parish Hall |
| <i>Ash Service</i> | 4:00 PM Church |
| <i>CCD Classes</i> | 4:30 PM Rm A&C |
| <i>Boy Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM Parish Hall |
| THURSDAY | MARCH 2 |
| <i>Bible Study</i> | 9:45 AM Parish Hall |
| <i>CCD Classes</i> | 4:30 PM Rm 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>Lenten group Sharing</i> | 7:30 PM Room B |
| FRIDAY | MARCH 3 |
| <i>Traditional Stations of the Cross</i> | 4:00 PM Church |
| <i>Holy Hour</i> | 7:00 PM Church |
| <i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i> | 8:00PM Parish Hall |
| SATURDAY | MARCH 4 |
| <i>Harmony Program</i> | 9:00 AM Room C |
| <i>Vigil Mass</i> | 4:00 PM Church |
| <i>RCIA</i> | 4:30 PM Parish Hall |

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

For the Week of February 26, 2017



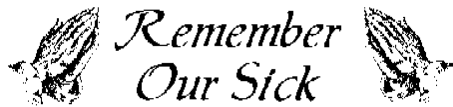
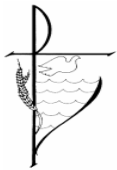
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving memory" of Walter Swity
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Giovanni Bruno

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome into God's Family

Hunter Jordan Charney

Frank Anthony Peppi Jr.



Reflections for

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel reading is from part three of the Sermon on the Mount's three-part instruction by Jesus on the way of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Part three deals with trusting God and performing deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

III. Rosemary Russell

IV. Helen Costagliola

"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 VISITATION'S 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: James Meyers, Jr.



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.

The Aramaic word *mammon* does not have a negative connotation. It means "property" or "money." What Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own. This is not to say that we don't need material goods. But the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious. Look at the beauty of nature. The birds do not sow or reap. The flowers do not work or spin cloth. Yet they are provided for by God. Human beings are worth much more than these. How could God not provide for us as well? If what we place first in our lives is God's kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need.

Matthew concludes by reminding us to address each day's problems as they come, confident that we are in God's loving care. He is a loving father who holds the whole world in his hands. He will certainly care for us.

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION



As we prepare to enter the great liturgical season of Lent, I am quite excited to announce that, in conjunction with a grant provided through the Diocese of Trenton, we are in the final preparation stages to offer Visitation Parish-based access to the Augustine Institute's FORMED digital library.

Parishes that subscribe to FORMED (a program said by some to be "Netflix for Catholics") are able to share login information with all the people living within their parish boundaries: regular parishioners, neighbors and visitors. The access that FORMED will offer – movies, ebooks, audio presentations/podcasts and even weekly liturgical helps – will provide materials for sacramental preparation, youth and young adult ministry, RCIA, CCD and other catechetical programs. This material can be used here on the church grounds (thanks to the recently installed Internet connection) or from the comfort of home. It's a great resource both for the most committed Catholic and for the person just looking to learn more about the faith.

Once we have obtained the parish access code, we will publish it to the community via bulletin insert so keep an eye out for it. Having browsed it for the last few days, I'm really looking forward to the possibilities available to our parish through this great program!

Fr. Ed

SMUDGED WITH ASHES, SMEARED WITH OIL

On a somber Wednesday (March 1) we will gather to smudge every forehead with ashes, admonishing each other to remember that dust returns to dust and that the only way through death to life is Christ. The ashes are made by burning palms—given to us on Passion Sunday a year ago with the invitation to “go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds that welcomed him into Jerusalem.” Our baptismal life is a lifelong pilgrimage with Christ toward Jerusalem. Yet like our best intentions, last year's palm branches now have become dried and brittle—fodder for the fire. So our pilgrimage leads us to Lent. And a hostile climate of sin and suffering necessitates drastic measures: We are marked with ashes as a sign of our willingness to pray, fast and give alms.

But this gritty smudge that we accept on our foreheads is not a death sentence. It is not the mark of Cain. A reminder of our fragile mortality, it is nonetheless shaped in the great sign of salvation: The ashes form a cross, a thumb-printed cross that marks the same heads that were smeared with chrism at baptism. Anointed with that royal oil, we are committed to conversion, to continually setting out for the New Jerusalem, to leaving behind forever our captivity in Egypt.

This gritty ashen sign reminds us that on the way there is soil and toil, sweat and hard work before we come to the oasis in this desert—the Easter bath of baptism. At the font, on a damp and chilly night, water will wash away soil and oil will soothe away toil to make new Christians royal: heirs of the reign of God. The dusty smudges will be gone, and in the light of the paschal candle the oily heads of the newly baptized will shine like the moon and the stars, reminding us of our destiny. What begins in ashes ends in water and in fire.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

MARCH 1, 2017

MASS - 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM

ASH SERVICE 12:00 PM 4:00 PM

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

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LENT INSTRUCTION

“These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray.” This line from a popular hymn we sing in our parishes during the season of Lent contains a very important truth. During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead -- from **Ash Wednesday, March 1st until Holy Thursday, April 13th** --- it is with YOU, Lord, with YOU we fast and pray. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. “With YOU we fast and pray” is our song. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. “With YOU, too, we fast and pray.” Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of **fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat)** are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.
2. All other **Fridays of Lent** are **days of abstinence (no meat)**.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5th to Trinity Sunday, June 11th**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to get to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all.

Most Reverend David O’Connell, C.M., Bishop of Trenton

LENT RESOURCES - GIFTS FROM THE PARISH

Little Black Book

We are offering a “little black book” to assist you with your prayer and reflection this Lent. The books will be on the table in the Narthex of the Church this weekend, please make sure to pick one up and use it throughout your Lenten journey.

They are available in English and a limited quantity in Spanish.

7 Secrets of Confession

On Ash Wednesday – pick up your copy of *7 Secrets of Confession* by Vinny Flynn, This book reveals 7 key "secrets" or hidden truths about the great spiritual beauty, power and depth of Confession. The book will be available in the Narthex of the Church on Ash Wednesday.



THOUGHTS FOR LENT

Giving up something for Lent? Changing a bad habit? Reconciling a broken relationship? You know the drill. – It’s Lent people. Let’s go. This is the season where we get to clean ourselves up. It’s a perfect time to be better; a time of purification and enlightenment; an opportunity of penance. We take the time to look at what is wrong as well as what is right with us. Cleansing and illuminating.

Denying ourselves something for Lent is fasting. We give up some small item and offer it as a sacrifice to God. When we deprive ourselves, we are reminded of what deprivation Jesus encountered for us. We might even give up a bad habit that inhibits us from really turning completely to God-what a way to deepen our relationship with Him!

So, give up those cookies, or make sure you are on time for meetings, add that new prayer exercise, or start a road of forgiveness and reconcile with that person. Whatever the sacrifice, whatever the act, know that it is making you a better person and that you can join that sacrifice with the sacrifice of others. It may feel like loss at first, but what you will gain is indescribable.

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LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT VISITATION

Lent is not only about sacrifice. It is a time that provides us with opportunities to strengthen our prayer life and our commitment to be faithful servants of God. Here at Visitation, in addition to the year round devotions available, many activities are available at various times to meet a variety of schedules. Make this Lent a meaningful one.

DEVOTIONS

Our prayers help us remember that we are totally dependent on God. In prayer we recognize and express the sovereign nature of our Creator. No Christian Prayer can occur without the action of the Holy Spirit. It is this action that unites the whole Church. The Church is a community. It expresses its nature as a community in its coming together in prayer.

Private prayer is good. But prayer as a community adds another dimension to the experience of prayer. Joined as a community, we experience the Body of Christ as members of the Church. You may recall that as a Church we believe the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Traditional Stations of the Cross are available every Friday at 4:00 m in the Church.

Contemporary Stations of the Cross are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent in the quiet of the Daily Chapel. They provide time for meditation as well as a dialog between Christ and each one of us. As we follow the stations, each meditation is an authentic application of Jesus' suffering to our personal lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the presence of God and experience the depth of the Lenten Season. The prayers used in this encounter help us connect Christ's last steps on this earth to our own daily lives.

Living Stations of the Cross will be held at 11:00 am on Good Friday.

Holy Hour is available every first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Church. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction on March 3rd or April 7th to add meaning to your Lent.

CONCERT



Our music ministry will present a Lenten Concert in the church on Sunday March 12th at 3pm. The proceeds of this concert will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul and Wednesday Community Lunch programs. Please join us!

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUP

If you are seeking to enhance your Christian life during the Lenten Season, our Faith Sharing Group could be the answer for you. Small Groups offer a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parishioners while enriching our faith. Those involved in small groups consistently cite a greater feeling of community as well as better clarity in what it means to live out their faith on a daily basis. The group will be meeting weekly during the six weeks of Lent beginning Thursday, March 2nd and ending April 6th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. in Meeting Room B.

Our 90 minute gatherings include reading, reflection, faith-sharing, prayer and ritual. Materials and refreshments provided.

Please call Dale Zanetti at 732-477-0028 ext 214 or contact dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org to register. *Matthew 18:20: For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. However, sometimes we need to feed people before they can hear or see God in their life. This Lent as we are going to share our "bread" with our community. We are requesting that everyone bring a non-perishable food item to the Mass that they attend. The gifts that are most needed are paper goods, like napkins, paper towels, toilet paper as well as non-perishable foods such as canned fruits and vegetables, crackers, coffee, soup. There will be a basket in the Narthex and baskets by the doors. You can place your items in the basket in the Narthex or at the door that you come in..

Each week during Lent a basket containing a food item will be brought up in our procession of gifts by a member of the parish family. These gifts – along with all of the food collected at the doors of the church will be given to our **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** to assist the poor and afflicted.

**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 26th 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.

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 28th 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.

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 Hall. The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 26th.

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.



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 or Contact Christie at cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org.

ANNULMENT SESSIONS

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors **Annulment Information Sessions** annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. For more information, call 609-406-7434 or e-mail rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org. All sessions are 7:30-9:30 PM. Scheduled sessions are:

- March 2 St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford
- March 9 St. Ann, Lawrenceville
- March 15 St. Thomas Moore, Manalapan
- March 21 Mother of Mercy, Asbury Park
- March 29 St. Barnabas, Bayville
- April 6 Our Lady of the Angels, Trenton

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MARCH DINE TO DONATE – GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT

When: Every Friday in March (3, 10, 17, 24, 31)
9:30 am – 6:00 pm

Where: **Crab Shack**
74 Mantoloking Rd., Brick
732-477-1115

What: Crab Shack is a “fresh” caught” fish market that also offers delicious soups, mouth watering dinners and daily specials available for eat-in or take out. Choose from a variety of fresh seafood including home make crab cakes!

Call for Daily Specials & Catch of the Day
Dine in or Take out



Present this coupon to Crab Shack

Every Friday in March (3, 10, 17, 24, 31)
and 10% of your total food purchase will be donated
to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund
(parking lot and carpet replacement)
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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 – *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. 732-600-1029 – *Andrew Kelly or andrekelly3@me.com*

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) 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.