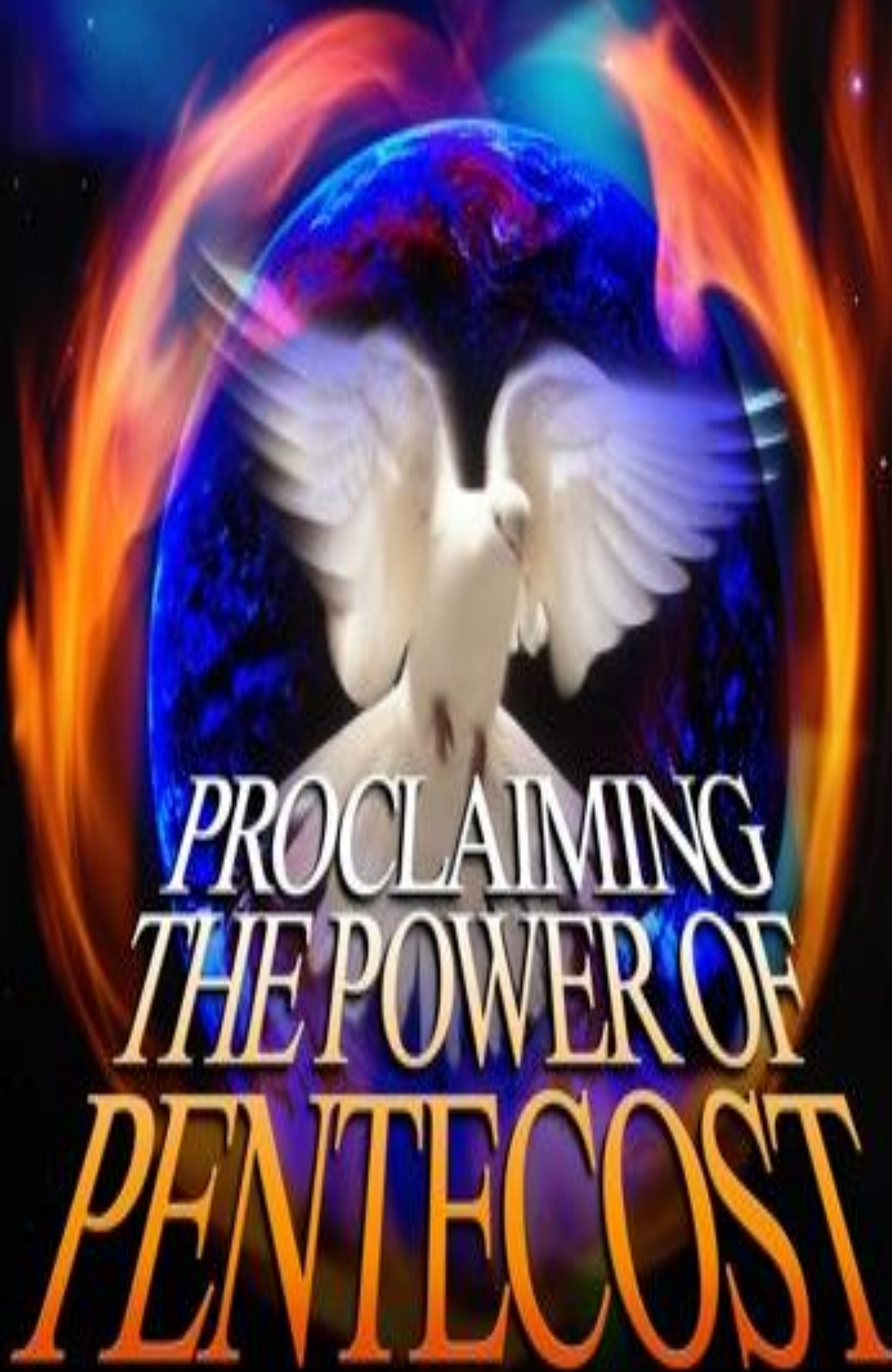


CHURCH OF THE VISITATION



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THE POWER OF*

PENTECOST



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 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

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY



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| SATURDAY | JUNE 3 |
| 4:00 PM | Rose Tramutola & Philomena O'Neill |
| SUNDAY | JUNE 4 |
| 6:45 AM | People of the Parish |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society |
| 9:30 AM | Margaret Ulrich |
| 11:00 AM | James Altobello |
| 12:30 PM | William & Yvonne Kayes |
| MONDAY | JUNE 5 |
| 7:30 AM | Giuliana Leotta |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 6 |
| 7:30 AM | Patricia Skurat |
| 8:15 AM | Elmer Thompson |
| WEDNESDAY | JUNE 7 |
| 7:30 AM | Angelo Leotta |
| 8:15 AM | Gloria Losi |
| THURSDAY | JUNE 8 |
| 7:30 AM | Mary Francis Evanchik |
| 8:15 AM | Gloria Losi |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 9 |
| 7:30 AM | Christopher Zuser |
| SATURDAY | JUNE 10 |
| 8:15 AM | Pasquale & Rosario Laudisi |
| 4:00 PM | Maryann Ammerata |
| SUNDAY | JUNE 11 |
| 6:45 AM | Geraldine Streckfuss |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society |
| 9:30 AM | Bertrand Barry & Family |
| 11:00 AM | Thomas Rygiel & Angela Giglio |
| 12:30 PM | People of the Parish |

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| SUNDAY | JUNE 4 |
| <i>Masses</i> | Church |
| <i>Baptism</i> | 1:45 PM Church |
| MONDAY | JUNE 5 |
| <i>Rosary Altar Society Mtg.</i> | 12:00 PM Church |
| <i>Rosary for Life</i> | 1:30 PM Chapel |
| <i>Cub Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM Parish Hall |
| <i>Knight of Columbus</i> | 7:30 PM Room A |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 6 |
| <i>Bingo</i> | 11:00 AM Parish Hall |
| <i>Liturgy Meeting</i> | 1:00 PM Room B |
| <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 | JUNE 7 |
| <i>Brick Clergy</i> | 12:00 PM Room C |
| <i>Community Luncheon</i> | 12:00 PM Parish Hall |
| <i>Boy Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM Parish Hall |
| <i>Bible Study</i> | 7:00 PM Chapel |
| <i>Youth Choir Practice</i> | 7:30 PM Church |
| THURSDAY | JUNE 8 |
| <i>Bible Study</i> | 9:45 AM Parish Hall |
| <i>Adult Choir</i> | 7:15 PM Church |
| <i>AA</i> | 7:30 PM Parish Hall |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 9 |
| <i>Children of Light</i> | 7:00 PM Parish Hall |
| <i>Prayer Group</i> | |
| SATURDAY | JUNE 10 |
| <i>Vigil Mass</i> | 4:00 PM Church |
| <i>RCIA</i> | 5:00 PM Parish Hall |

Readings for the Week

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

For the Week of May 21, 2017



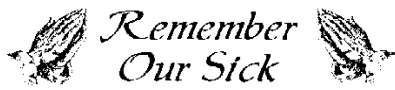
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Ed Schoonejans
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Matt Lyszczek

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.

“LORD SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH”



II. *Paul Davi, Yvonne Cantillo,*
“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, *Nancy Gamba, Barbara LaBua, James Salle*




MORNING MASSES ON JUNE 6 WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH DUE TO ELECTION POLLING IN THE DAILY CHAPEL

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of May 28, 2017

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| Regular | \$10,874.00 |
| On Line | \$650.00 |
| Total | \$11,524.00 |

ADULT CONFIRMATION

 Courtney Barbara Marotta, a parishioner here at Visitation, came to us some weeks ago, asking about carrying out her full Christian initiation as a baptized Roman Catholic. We have spoken to her about how to have a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit, his actions, his gifts, and his commands. Our team has shared many stories and instructions with her, and helped her to see how God has been acting in her life. She continues to walk in Christ’s footsteps and is now asking for us to assist her with her Confirmation so she may assume the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. This Sunday at 11:00 AM Mass we will be celebrating Confirmation with her. Let us all rejoice with her as her community of faith.

Pentecost Sunday



The Season of Easter concludes with today’s celebration, the Feast of Pentecost in which we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; marking the beginning of the Church.

We already heard today’s Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus’ appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus’ act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God’s act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for “spirit” can also be translated as “breath.”

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church’s sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people *Loyola Press*

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JUNE 4, 2017

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Jim O'Neill

PENTECOST

With the celebration of Pentecost, we conclude our 50 day celebration of the Easter Season. Tomorrow, we return to Ordinary Time. I recently read a May 18th article at *Crisis Magazine* that argued for abolishing Ordinary Time. One reason is that in English, we first think of “ordinary” as meaning “commonplace” and hence Mass then becomes boring. Our “Ordinary time” refers to the ordering of weeks as in the “ordinal” numbers. In Latin, this time is *tempus per annum* or “time through the year.” But that doesn’t sound exciting either.

Not too long ago (before 1970), there was no “Ordinary Time.” We had the Advent & Christmas seasons, the seasons of Lent & Easter, and the weeks after Epiphany and Pentecost. Perhaps, we need to distinguish between the grand celebrations of Easter & Christmas and Ordinary Time, but that doesn’t mean that the “time through the year” is tiresome.

We might also wonder why the celebration of Pentecost is only one day. We have octaves (eight days) for Easter and Christmas. We used to have a dizzying number of octaves before 1568 when Pope Saint Pius V reduced the number to around 18. Pope Pius XII reduced them again in 1955 to just three: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. Then the Octave of Pentecost was removed in 1969. Theologians and liturgists have written about restoring the Octave of Pentecost. This would be an example of what Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI desired: that the Extraordinary and Ordinary Forms of the Roman Rite would mutually enrich one another.

We still do have an element of the Weeks after Pentecost in the new liturgical calendar of 1969. The color for Ordinary Time is green which is the color for the Holy Spirit. We wear red on Pentecost now to highlight the fire of the Holy Spirit, but the Weeks after Pentecost, we might even say the Season of Pentecost, is noted by the color green. And we associate green with life.

Jesus prayed that we might have life to the full (John 10:10). We attribute this “life to the full” to the action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. We celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we too can live life to the full. That doesn’t mean mere excitement. It means living life to the full in the ordering of our lives in time through the year.

We celebrate Pentecost today.

We continue through the year
to learn about and then be docile to
the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives
so that we might deeply abide with Jesus
who reveals the Father.

Fr. Jim

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Many have requested information so they can schedule their vacations around our great VBS. It will run from August 7 thru the 11 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon this year. Welcome and join the fun. You can register in the Religious Ed Office in the Rectory. For additional information call Nancy at 732 477-5217. Cost is \$25.00 per child. Don’t wait...spots fill up quickly.

FATHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE



June 18 is Father's Day. Envelopes (cards no longer available) are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please remember to pick up your envelope to have your father or a loved one remembered during the week of June 19-23.

JUNE 4, 2017

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED?
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
TRAINING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion participate in a ministry in which lay people are called to share the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ with the faithful. They perform an important role in the life of the Catholic Church in a variety of ways. They may:

- Assist the clergy in distributing Holy Communion at the Sacred Liturgy (Mass)
- Bring Holy Communion to the homebound of the parish
- Bring Holy Communion to Catholics in Brick Hospital, Shorrock Gardens Care Center and Forge Pond

You are not expected to participate in all of the components. You may choose the area(s) that best fit you and your schedule.

Pope Paul VI lists the qualities which, ideally, should be present in the minister of communion. "The person...must be duly instructed and should distinguish himself or herself by Christian life, faith, and morals, striving to be worthy of this great office, cultivating devotion to the Holy Eucharist and acting as an example to the other faithful by piety and reverence for this most holy sacrament of the altar. Let no one be chosen whose selection may cause scandal among the faithful."

To become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the Church of the Visitation you must attend a series of three classes. A series of classes is scheduled to begin in June. Classes during the day are on Friday, June 23 and 30 and July 7 at 1 pm. Evening classes are on Wednesday, June 21 and 28 and July 5 at 7 pm. You may attend either the morning or evening session in a given week. You must attend one session from each week. Pre-registration is required so that enough material can be prepared. The initial session for both sessions will be in the Daily Chapel.

For more information or to register, contact Vicki at 732-477-7059 ext. 216, e-mail VCottrell@visitationRCchurch.org or visit our website www.visitationRCchurch.org.

ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW



The Holy Name Society, in conjunction with the Vintage Auto Museum of NJ, will be holding their second antique car show on Saturday, June 17, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church parking lot (weather permitting). Please come see these beautiful cars, listen to some great music, and enjoy a hot dog or two while you are there! Registration is \$10 per car, day of show only. Admission is free.

CATHOLIC ADVANCED DIRECTIVE

Everyone – even those who are not old or ill – should complete an Advanced Directive. Find more information on the NJCC website at www.njccathconf.com/content/respect_life_living_will.php

CCD REGISTRATIONS

New registrations and Sunday registrations are accepted any day of the week in the Religious Education Office from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate is required if the child has NOT been baptized at Visitation.

Summer Class Registration will be held Monday-Friday, June 5 thru June 9, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM & Saturday, June 10, 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Rectory Rooms A & C

Weekday Class Registration will be held Tuesday-Friday, May 31 - June 3 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Saturday, June 4, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration fee is \$95.00 for the first child and \$25.00 for any additional children.

NOTE: Due to space restrictions, children that are being re-registered for weekday and summer classes will be placed into a classroom based on the family's active participation in Visitation Parish, **not on a first-come-first-serve basis if the classrooms fill.** For any further information, please call Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217 or email ngrodberg@visitationrcchurch.org.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home shed a ray of light divine!

In today's liturgy, before the Gospel Acclamation, we sing the great Pentecost Sequence: a song of praise to the Holy Spirit, in Latin known as *Veni Sancte Spiritus*. This song dates back to the thirteenth century (attributed to Pope Innocent III) and is a beautifully poetic prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to come and to shine divine light on all humanity.

Using stirring titles, the prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to come down upon us. It gives witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the world. If our souls are weary, it reminds us, the Holy Spirit brings us rest; in the heat of temptation, the Holy Spirit brings graceful coolness; if our souls are heavy and burdened by sorrow, the Holy Spirit consoles us.

The prayer continues, asking the Holy Spirit to wash us, to bring healing to the injured soul, to soften the hardened heart, to warm the cold-hearted, and to lead the lost. It ends by asking the Holy Spirit to give the seven holy gifts, to give reward to the virtuous and to lead us through death to salvation.

There are various translations of the sequence set to music. As the Easter season comes to a close, find a copy of this prayer. Pray it at various times today, in observance of Pentecost. Pray it throughout the coming seasons. Pray it whenever you are in need of a reminder of God's great love and care, given to us through the Holy Spirit. *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Holy Spirit, Come! Alleluia!

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 Tuesday, June 6 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.

We hope to see you there!

COLLECTION MONEY ETIQUETTE



We love creative art as much as the next person. Origami, right at the top of the list. HOWEVER, not with your donation money. We are receiving money that is folded, twisted and made into adorable little “things”. Cute, but not a good idea! We're ripping the money as we try to unfold your art work. Please place your money in the envelope or the collection baskets in proper fashion. Once again, please do NOT use tape or staples to seal your envelopes. Don't stop those creative juices from flowing; just not with your donation money.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR MAY 50/50

John Ardent was the winner of \$599. The next drawing will be June 25, in the Church Auditorium after the 12:30 PM Mass.

THE FOOD PANTRY

The gifts that are most needed are non-perishable foods such as hearty stews, chili, hearty soups, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly, canned or bottled sauce, canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese, pork and beans, boxed mashed potatoes, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, juice, tea, crackers, cookies, beef jerky, nuts, condiments, rice a roni, shaving cream just to name a few. Monetary donations are always appreciated. 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.

WHAT ARE THE KIDS DOING THIS SUMMER?

Take a look at Donovan Catholic summer camps

Sports camps: Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse

Academic Camps: The Joy of Color, SAT Boot Camp, Getting Ready for

High School Algebra, Writing the college Essay

Go to www.donovancatholic.org for camp dates, descriptions and forms.

JUNE 4, 2017

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR
MONTHLY 50/50 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017**

Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects including upgrades to the parking lot. A \$20 annual subscription gives you 12 tickets for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2017. **All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.**

Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or place in the collection basket. **A certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org.

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DINE TO DONATE



When: Sunday, June 11th thru Sunday, June 18th

Sun: 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat: 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Wed & Fri: 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

What: Not Just Dogs! Enjoy burgers, wraps, sandwiches, and a great breakfast menu!

**** Breakfast Served Daily 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. ****



Saturday, June 11th ** COUPON ** Sunday, June 18th

Present this coupon to Boardwalk Hot Dogs & Café and 10% of your total purchase will be donated to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund (parking lot replacement fund)!

JUNE 4, 2017

STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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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 straneri.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.908-839-8538– *Anthony Botts or b38scout@msn.com*

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 andrekkelly3@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.