



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

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 11
4:00 PM	Margaret Rebeta
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 12
6:45 AM	Nicholas Velardi
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Patricia Skurat
11:00 AM	Marie & Rocco DiBello
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 13
7:30 AM	Elizabeth Pfriend
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 14
7:30 AM	Rev. William McDonnell
8:15 AM	Dolores Conroy
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 15
7:30 AM	Jimmy O'Hara
8:15 AM	Edward Tappingt
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 16
7:30 AM	Kathrine M. Power
8:15 AM	Christopher Whyte
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 17
7:30 AM	James Barracella
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 18
8:15 AM	Anna Mattessich
4:00 PM	Thomas Rygiel
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 19
6:45 AM	Michael Zarzecki
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Pauline Barry
11:00 AM	Gerard Contino
12:30 PM	Aldo DeSimone & Thomas A. Bell

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 12	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Youth Group</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 13	
<i>Rosary for Life</i>	1:30 PM	Chapel
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rms. A, B & C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:00 PM	Parish Hall
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 14	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rm. A & C
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:00 PM	Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Event Development</i>	7:15 PM	Rm. A
<i>Holy Name Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Rm. B
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 15	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM	Rms. A, B & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Evening Bible Study</i>	7:00 PM	Chapel
<i>Youth Choir</i>	8:00 PM	Church
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 16	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rm. C
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM	Rm. A
<i>Finance Council Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM	Rm. B
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 17	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Church
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 18	
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church

Remember to include the names(s) of your loved one(s) in the Book of Remembrance. This book will remain out through the month of November.

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 – 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b – 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

For the Week of November 5, 2017



Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Judith Cierzo
 Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Matt Lyszczek

(OMITTED THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5TH)

For the Week of November 12, 2017



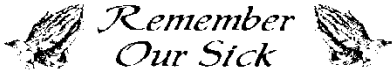
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Arcuri & Perri Families
 Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Henry Karpinski

“MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD”



Welcome into God’s Family

*William Joseph Demand, III,
Aubrey Marie Grzybowski, Michael Joseph Shade, III,
Madeline Lynne Silletti*



“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;
Barbara Miller, Margaret Malone, Mary Naglieri

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE IN THE SECOND BASKET.

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 November 5, 2017

Regular	\$10,575.25
On Line	\$878.50
Total	\$11,453.75

Some of the expenses included:

Electric	\$2,280.16
Natural Gas	\$251.25
Communications Services	\$723.53
Landscaping	\$2,265.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,147.28
Water& Sewer	\$1,180.07
Total	\$7,845.29

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Reflections for Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this week’s Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week’s reading

follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus’ parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week’s Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity’s struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today’s parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus’ return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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Two weeks ago, I gave a message on November and remembering those who have gone before us. Last week Fr. Jakub said a few words. Here's one more message for reflection:

The month of November has begun with the Solemn Feast of All Saints followed by the Commemoration of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The 16th century tradition of devoting each month of the year to a special intention continues in the Catholic Church with November annually assigned to our prayerful remembrance of “those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.” We identify the saints as “the Church triumphant” and believe them to be in the eternal presence of God. The rest of the faithful departed are called “the Church suffering”: those believers who have died but whose souls exist in a state of atonement for sins committed during their lives. This condition of “purgation” is known as Purgatory. While often misunderstood or misrepresented, Purgatory is an element of Church doctrine that describes our passing from this earth and its attachment to sin to the full freedom and joys of heaven. One hundred and fifty years before Christ, the Book of Maccabees proclaimed, “It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead (2 Maccabees 12: 46).” And so we Christians, with faith in Christ’s Resurrection and promise of eternal life to those who believe in him, pray for the dead that their souls, too, may rise with Christ. Rather than simply punishment, Purgatory is a sign of God’s ultimate love, forgiveness and mercy for those who have sinned.

The souls in Purgatory will enter paradise, that is our faith conviction. And it has long been our Catholic custom to help them on their way with our prayers and good works on their behalf, especially during the month of November.

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

Fr. Ed

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES



On Thursday, November 23, 2017, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The mass schedule will be **9:00 AM mass only**. Small loaves of bread will be distributed at the masse with a special blessing to say at your meal. We hope that you will join us at Mass to give thanks and celebrate.

**“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
His love is everlasting”**

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE???



With the holidays fast approaching Shorrock Garden Nursing Home has reached out to us to help make the residents holiday season a little brighter. Many of the residents do not have family so it is our hope that we could lend a helping hand. ***Wouldn't it be nice*** to be a “***Secret Santa***” and purchase just one additional gift to give to one of the residents? You could drop your gift off to the nursing home or even to our rectory office if that’s more convenient for you. We would be happy to deliver your gift to Shorrock. Volunteer opportunities are available as well by contacting Corina at 732-451-1000. Some gift ideas:

Non-Skid Socks, Fleece Blankets, Men’s T-Shirts, Woman’s Slippers, Woman’s & Men’s Pajamas, Costume Jewelry, Little Knick Knacks and Trinkets. Some favorites are snakes, baked goods or candy. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed.

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’
Matthew 25:44-45

RAFFLE

50/50 TICKETS are available in the vestibule of the Church. The drawing for November will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, November 26 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

PEACE BE WITH YOU



It has been a practice for many of us to shake hands with our neighbors in church during the sign of the peace. For those who feel uncomfortable with the shaking of hands, an alternative form for the sign of peace maybe instituted; instead of a hand shake, a smile and a bow of the head with the words, "*Peace of Christ be with you*" would be acceptable.

PROJECT BEAUTIFICATION

We are working **very hard** to beautify the church. **Please** help us by **NOT** putting anything such as prayer cards or booklets on the window sills. Also, there are lost and found baskets in the narthex for any miscellaneous items found in the church.

We need your help to maintain a beautiful and clean worship space.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



Complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 23, 2017 1:00 at Church of the Epiphany, Located at 615 Thiele Road, Brick. Meal delivery available. For additional information and reservation call 732-458-0220.

ANNUAL APPEAL EXPLANATION

The Annual Catholic Appeal, formerly the Bishop's Appeal, mission remains the same as it was when it began; to financially empower the Church to serve all the people of God, regardless of belief. What's different today: the needs are greater than ever before. For more information visit the Diocese website: dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal/

CAN YOU GO THE EXTRA MILE?



RCIA is in need of your help! At the present time we have a children's group, a teen group and an adult group of participants. Isn't this an exciting time for Visitation? Some of them are preparing for Baptism and others to enter into full communion of our Catholic Church. I am asking you to step out in faith and go the extra mile. We need your help to fruitfully bring them all to the Easter Sacraments. First, we must keep them in our prayers, but if you can spare an hour and a half after the 4:00 pm Mass each Saturday that would be going the extra mile. If so, please contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214, or email me at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org.



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Brick Clergy Association has organized an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to be held on Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 PM at the Brick Presbyterian Church, 111 Drum Point Road, Brick. Bring nonperishable food items to be donated to local food pantries.

BRING YOUR BIBLES TO CHURCH!



From November 13-19, 2017, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 52nd Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. We are encouraging you to open those Bibles to read them and learn from them. This would be a good week to begin attending our Thursday morning Bible Study at 9:45 to 11:15 AM in the Parish Hall. An hour and a half to gain enrichment and insight into a life of hope.



Save the Date

Friday, December 8th at 7:30 PM, Saint Dominic Church for the renowned Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea conducted by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson. Welcome the holiday season with the elegance and grace of Father Alphonse Stephenson. Father Alphonse provides humorous and personal anecdotes perfectly tuned to the occasion. His 42-piece orchestra skillfully performs holiday classics with passion and precision that make this spectacular evening one not to be missed.

Call 732-840-1410 (Mon.-Fri. - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM) for additional information or to purchase tickets.

ADULT CONFIRMATION



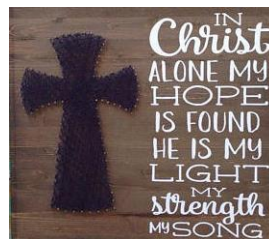
Adults 18 and older who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, sessions are now forming. It is necessary for you to have received Baptism and

Holy Communion in the Catholic Church; you should be an active Catholic and your marriage should be in accordance with the laws of the Church. Orientation and registration will be on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel. There are 14 instruction weeks, 1 Retreat; a prayer and practice session the day of the Confirmation. We begin on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Confirmation will be on the Vigil of Easter, March 31, 2018 at 8:00 pm. The sessions start at the Saturday 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word and continues in the parish hall until 6:30. Refreshments are served. Registration forms are available on the website at visitationrcchurch.org, or call Dale Zanetti, in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214. You may also register at Orientation on December 1, 2017.

ABOUT OUR WEBSITE

Should you miss mass, or if you are a homebound parishioner, you'll find the Sunday bulletin here in its entirety, as well as important notices about what's happening this week in our parish. Log on to www.visitationRCchurch.org. Don't forget to friend us on facebook by visiting Visitation Roman Catholic Church.

TIME TO COME HOME



Have you been away from the Church for a while? Are you feeling a nudge that maybe it's time to come home?

No matter how long you have been gone, or the reasons, we want you to know you've been missed. There is a unique place in the Church that only you can fill. We invite you to reacquaint yourself with your Catholic family and discover the reason to come home. We hope to see you soon!

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room. Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer, and sharing. Next meetings: Monday: Nov. 13th

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

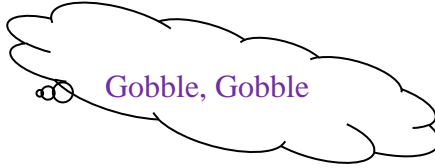
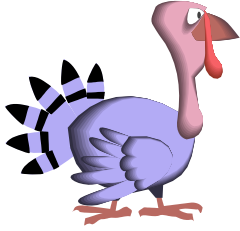
Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton & Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (maximum of 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or email abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
THANKSGIVING TURKEY COLLECTION**



**Frozen turkeys will ONLY be accepted in the Old Church
Saturday November 18, 9:00 – 11:00 AM (ONLY) & Sunday, November 19, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

AI-ANON

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? AI-Anon members are people just like you and me-people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. They are parents, children, spouses, partners, brothers, sisters, other family members, friends, employers, employees, and coworkers of alcoholics. AI-Anon is anonymous, the meetings are confidential, and we do not disclose whom we see or what we hear at meetings to anyone. Many who come to AI-Anon are in despair, feeling hopeless, unable to believe that things can ever change. We want our lives to be different, but nothing we have done has brought about change. In AI-Anon, members share their own experience, strength, and hope with each other. You will meet others who share your feelings and frustrations, if not your exact situation. We come together to learn a better way of life, to find happiness whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. If you would like more information, join us at 7:00 pm in the Church Auditorium or call Ann at 732-861-9051 or annern508@comcast.net.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop off donations to us in the lower level of the Old Church during regular hours.. Come in and take a look around and you just might see something you could use! All monies received help the needy families in our area.

THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 34 & 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING. WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 27.

DAY OF MUSIC

The feast of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music, will reach a high note November 18 when the parish music ministries of St. Mary of the Lake, Lakewood, St. Anthony Claret, Lakewood, and Visitation, Brick, come together for a celebration complete with live music, food and games for people of all ages. The celebration, which is free of charge, will be held from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in the gym of Holy Family Church, 1143 East County Line Road, Lakewood. We hope to see you there anytime during those hours!

<http://www.trentonmonitor.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=88&ArticleID=16738&TM=58363.77>

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalya Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our Music Ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217.



THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

has been fully operational for the past 8 years at Visitation,

bringing you outside speakers who have set us on fire; bible studies which have enlightened and enriched us; Parish Retreats that set the tone for our spiritual lives and many, many other events that have helped to shape us as a parish on the journey of faith. Next week, (November 18 & 19), you are going to be able to voice your opinion at Mass. We want – no we need your input! There are 3 questions that we have prepared. We will pass out cards before Mass with the questions on them and you will be able to answer them and put them in the baskets at the end of Mass. A preview of those questions can be found right here as well as on our Parish Web Site, Facebook and Flock Notes.

The questions are:

What can Visitation do to further your faith journey?

What future activities would you like to see at Visitation?

How are your needs being met?

Please place your completed cards in the baskets at all the doors or visit visitationRCchurch.org to fill out the questionnaire.



EPIPHANY'S MAGI TRIP TO DOOLAN'S

The Radio City Tribute Holiday Spectacular, December 5, 2017 (show 12:00 PM-3:00 PM) This show will feature the fabulous Calendar Girls, Mike Byrne, and the Mighty All Stars Players as well as an extraordinary comedian, plus dancing. \$80 (includes lunch, show and waiter's tip) Departure from Epiphany at 11:00 AM returning approximately 4:00 PM. Payment is due by Nov. 7. Limited seats available. For additional information, call 732-458-0220.

CATHOLIC ADVANCED DIRECTIVE

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Help us, help the poor by participating in this month's non-perishable Thanksgiving food collection. The most needed items are meals in a can, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, juices and cereals, pancake mix, syrup and canned fruits. If you can, please give; if you need please call. 732-477-7059 Ext. 160.

RESPECT LIFE

Our long dormant Ministry is waking up. Anyone interested in helping out in any capacity such as with ideas, suggestion or an extra pair of hands when needed is welcome. Whatever your skills are, we can put them to good use. Please call Pat Gigante for additional information or to volunteer at 732-920-9006.

HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange for communion in the home and/or for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Call us in the event of any serious illness. **Please don't wait for an emergency to call.**

MOVING?

Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so we can update our records. Thank you!

FORGOT YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE?

Don't panic! We have "Welcome" envelopes in the Narthex available to anyone who does not have an envelope or forgot their envelope at home. The use of envelopes is important. They document your active participation in the faith life of our parish. This information is needed in order to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to be issued when you are asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. This also facilitates the preparation of a statement of contributions for income tax purpose. If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please visit our website at visitationRCchurch.org or contact Denise Patetta at the Parish Office at 732-477-0028 ext. 201.

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STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

If you wish to reach a staff member via e-mail, please find a list of each staff's email address below:

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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 Baptism@visitationRCchurch.org*

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. 732-477-5217 – *Nancy Grodberg*.

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 Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM 732-475-0589– *Cathy or Bingo@visitationRCchurch.org*.

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*

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 732-477-7059 ext. 221 – *Fr. Jakub or frjakub@visitationRCchurch.org*

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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, 609-703-4493 - *Jason Worth or jworth127@gmail.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 609-234-4437 – *Richard Bencivenga or visitation.holynome@gmail.com*

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.