

Church of the Visitation

To our men and
women in uniform...



past, present
and future

God bless you..

and thank you!

Freedom Is Not Free

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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REV. JAMES O'NEILL, PAROCHIAL VICAR, EXT. 220

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Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Gonzalez
Rev. Philip Franceschini
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Rev. Msgr. Vincent Doyle
Rev. Richard Carlson

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Parish Registration

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

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 PM
Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Daily: Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)
Monday Evenings: 7:30 PM
Holy Days: See Current Bulletin
Holy Hour: First Fri. of the month 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Church)

Baptism

Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to register 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism. Parents and Guardians are required and sponsors are encouraged to attend the Baptismal Formation Session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following the 12:30 Mass at 1:45 PM. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Marriages

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires sessions with a priest or deacon, Focus review and attendance at a Marriage Preparation Programs such as Pre Cana. Therefore couples should make arrangements with the Church at least 1 year before the planned wedding date and finalizing any social plans. Couples must also verify freedom to marry before dates and arrangements can be made. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45PM in the Church or anytime by appointment. A Penance Service is held during Advent and Lent.

Religious Education (CCD)

Our Religious Education and sacramental preparation for our children meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. Please call Dale Zanetti at ext. 214 for more information.

Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



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| SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 5 |
| 4:00 PM | Mary Gregorio/req. Charlotte & Louis |
| 5:30 PM | Ron Seggio/req. Tony Zurica & Family |
| SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 6 |
| 6:45 AM | People of the Parish |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society |
| 9:30 AM | Michael & Mary O'Leary/req. McQuade Family |
| 11:00 AM | Nelene Ziess/req. Judith Togneri |
| 12:30 PM | Wanda Sifiko/req. Bliss Family |
| MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 7 |
| 7:30 AM | Patrick Barry/req. Mother, Carmella |
| 8:15 AM | Annie Harriman-Milletich/req. Kathy Hack & Family |
| TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 8 |
| 7:30 AM | Daniel Hudson & Family/eq. Ann Dorsey |
| 8:15 AM | Patrick Barry/req. Terry Deegan |
| WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 9 |
| 7:30 AM | James Kilkenny/req. Wife, Betty |
| 8:15 AM | Bridget Lambert/req. Bev & John Mozart |
| THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 10 |
| 7:30 AM | Ann Brower/req. Jean Dwyer |
| 8:15 AM | Thomas Crotchfelt/req. Jim & Helen McTernan |
| FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 |
| 7:30 AM | Catherine Monahan/req. McDonnell Family |
| 8:15 AM | Peter Barna/req. Family |
| SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 12 |
| 7:30 AM | Jean Handza/req. Margarita |
| 8:15 AM | Gloria Tapping/req. Daughter, Cindy |
| 4:00 PM | Olga & Andrew Coniglio/req. Camille & Joe Licandro |
| 5:30 PM | Mario Altomare/req. Terri & Toni |
| SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 13 |
| 6:45 AM | Cornelius Britton/req. Maryann |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Deceased Members of The Holy Name Society |
| 9:30 AM | People of the Parish |
| 11:00 AM | Ron Gabourny, Sr./req. Children |
| 12:30 PM | Jane & Michael Zaccardi/req. McQuade Family |

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| SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 6 | LOCATION |
| <i>Masses</i> | | Church |
| MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 7 | |
| <i>MM & Saint Jude Novena</i> | 8:15 AM & 7:30 PM | Daily Chapel |
| TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 8 | |
| <i>Bereavement</i> | 10:30 AM | Daily Chapel |
| <i>Boy Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM | Old Church |
| WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 9 | |
| <i>Newark Retired Priest Mtg.</i> | 10:00 AM | Daily Chapel |
| <i>Community Luncheon</i> | 12:00 PM | Auditorium |
| <i>Adult Faith Formation</i> | 7:15 PM | Room C |
| THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 10 | |
| <i>Bible Study</i> | 9:45 AM | Auditorium |
| <i>AA</i> | 7:30 PM | Auditorium |
| FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 | |
| <i>Children of Light</i> | 7:00 PM | Parish Room A |
| <i>Bingo</i> | 7:30 PM | Auditorium |
| SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 12 | |
| <i>RCIA Teaching</i> | 5:00 PM | Auditorium |
| <i>Adult Confirmation Sessions</i> | 5:00 PM | Auditorium |

THERE WILL BE NO MONDAY NIGHT MASS ON SEPTEMBER 7 DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

For the Week of August 30, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Ann Deresz/req. Son, Ray

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Robert Rigby/req. Vicki & Doug Cottrell

Blessed Mother Candle is "Special Intentions" /req.

Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Carrie & Steve Turner/req. Aunt Blanche & Uncle Matt

Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11,

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (18-23)

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

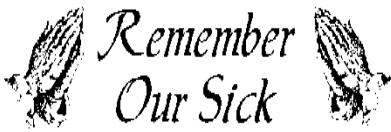
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

"PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!"



I. Mick Winters

"REMEMBERING OUR SICK" LIST IS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS. THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS. IF EXTENDED PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT VISITATIONS PRAYER CHAIN AT 848-373-4239.



In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors, especially *Robert Franceschini*



THERE WILL BE NO BINGO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8. BINGO WILL RESUME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of August 30, 2015

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| Regular | \$10,259.76 |
| Online | \$537.00 |
| Total | \$10,796.76 |

ST. VINCENT dePAUL THRIFT STORE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7 FOR THE HOLIDAY. THEY WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 AT 8:30 AM.

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.

Reflections for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

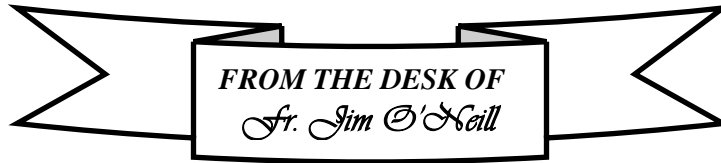
Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret." *Loyola Press*

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKING ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN THE SECOND BASKET.



THE DIGNITY OF WORK

We just celebrated the first annual *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* last Tuesday, September 1st. Occasionally, this will correspond with our public holiday, *Labor Day*. I wonder about this happy coincidence since work and creation have such a close connection in *Genesis*.

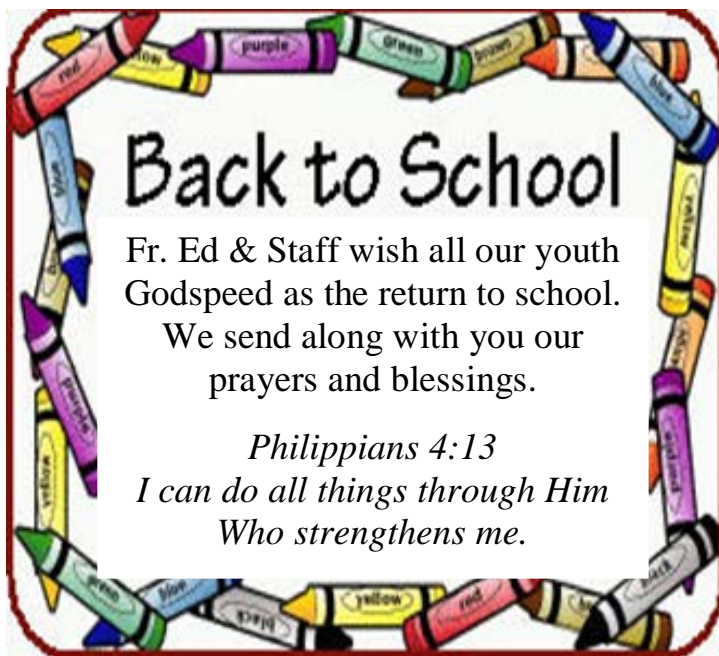
God worked for six days creating and then rested on the seventh day. He made us in His image and entrusts us to work the soil and "cultivate and care for" the goods He has created. The "toil" associated with work comes after Adam and Eve committed the original sin. Yet, made in God's image there is still dignity in work. It is fitting that our country and so many others have a holiday celebrating the dignity and contributions of workers to our common good.

St. John Paul II wrote about human work in his 1981 encyclical, *Laborem Exercens*. Toward the end of it, he talked about the spirituality of work. We, created in the image of God, share by our work in the activity of the Creator. By our work, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, a carpenter, and St. Paul, a tentmaker. "By enduring the toil of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man in a way collaborates with the Son of God for the redemption of humanity."

I think about various members of my family who worked. The O'Neills were milkmen in South Phila from about 1850 to 1920. My mother's father was a photographer. My father's mother was a waitress in a bar. Her father collected tickets on Philadelphia trolleys. His family had and still has a farm in Glenbeigh, Kerry, Ireland with butcher shops in Glenbeigh and Killarney. While I'm sure that many of my ancestors experienced satisfaction in their work, I bet they found meaning in providing for their families.

When I go on my bike rides, I see so many skilled laborers building and rebuilding homes. Each of them is a person with an inherent dignity given to them by God. There is a dignity in the work they do because they are imitating our Savior, a carpenter. We cooperate with Him in our work. It is fitting that we have a day to celebrate human labor by resting, just as our Creator rested on the seventh day.

Fr. Jim



Thank-you to those who've already pledged.

As of August 31, 2015

Goal ~\$92,000.00

Pledge ~ \$42,684.80

Cash Recd. ~ \$40,255.06

Total Donors ~ 292

Percentage of Goal ~ 46%

**PLEASE PRAY FOR AND SUPPORT
THE
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**



RCIA CORNER

PENANCE

There is a song by Elton John that goes: "Sorry seems to be the hardest word.....", Why is that so? We know that there is so much relief in finally admitting our wrongs, but why do we haggle about how we are going to do that. Jesus has left us this wonderful sacrament of Penance where we meet him in his church in the eyes of his chosen holy facilitator. Confession is good for the soul and enables us to go forward with a certain pride and freedom in knowing that while we may have sinned; there is a loving and merciful God who forgives us. Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Where old sins, new sins, and all the evil we possess in our hearts can be forgiven. We just need to enter the door of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we will find peace and a solution to sin no more. And that peace sustains us on our journey. So see, sorry really isn't that hard to say is it?

For additional information regarding the RCIA program please contact Dale at 732-477-7059 ext. 214.



Visitation welcomes new parishioners to our parish family. If you recently moved into the area, and are interested in becoming a member, please contact Deacon Sal at 732-477-7059 ext. 218 to set up an appointment

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Rt. Rev. John F. Baldwin Assembly 4th Degree is having a 7 Day Fundraising Cruise to the Bahamas. Sailing from Baltimore, Md, March 6, 2016 on Carnival Pride. Cost: 4-D Inside Cabin \$866.94 p/p double occupancy and, 8-C Balcony Cabin \$1,027.94p/p double occupancy. Includes: Cruise fare, Taxes and Port Charges, Cruise Protection, Pre-paid Gratuities and Fundraiser Donation. A \$50 deposit will hold your cabin, due by Sept. 17, 2015. For additional information: Call Darryl at Prestige Travel Services (732)370-8810 / (732) 462-2150

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, September 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel. There are 10 instruction weeks, 1 Retreat, 1 practice session and Confirmation Day. We begin on Saturday, September 5, 2015. Confirmation will be on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 12:30 pm. The sessions start at the Saturday. 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word and continue in the auditorium 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 September 4, 2015.

RETREAT FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women, suffering with a serious illness, will be held the weekend October 16, 17 and 18, 2015 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearney, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 1:30 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service on Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no charge for the retreat. For info contact: Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237.

"ROOM 5" IN CHURCH

We would like to thank all who did such a marvelous job in cleaning out this room and once again making it usable as a storage and preparation space - it was amazing to see that a carpet had been there all along! Going forward we request that all groups making use of this room leave it as neatly arranged as you found it. Failure to do so may put your group at risk of losing the privilege of using parish facility space (which really belongs to all in the parish and as such must be used responsibly) for meetings and events. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**INVITATION TO EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
COMMUNION & LECTORS FROM FR. ED**

Two meetings have been scheduled for active Extraordinary Ministers of Communion as well as those parishioners interested in becoming a part of these special ministries. The dates are **Monday, September 21** at 7:00 PM and **Saturday, October 10** at 9:00 am in the main Church. It is only necessary to attend one session. There will be a short presentation to discuss any changes and my thoughts on the future for these vital parish roles. It will also help us to get an up-to-date list of practicing ministers, schedule training classes for new ministers, and provide data for the Diocese to (re)new commissions. If you are unable to attend one of the sessions or have any questions, please contact Denise at 732-477-0028 ext. 201.

**ANNUAL ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY AREA
WIDE COMMUNION BANQUET**



The 18th Annual Rosary Altar Society Mass and Luncheon is being hosted by St. Peter's Rosary Altar Society. The Rosary will begin at 10:30 AM followed by Mass at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 7th, in St. Peter's Church. Pt. Pleasant Beach. The luncheon will follow at: THE MILL, 101 Old Mill Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ. The tickets are \$37.00 and we still have a few tickets left. If interested, please contact Dotty at 732-295-0862.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Fall sessions for Visitation's Bereavement Support Group will take place on Tuesdays, 10:30 am in the Daily Chapel. Dates are: September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 13, and 20. To register, call Deacon Rich at 732-477-7059 ext. 221. Leave your name and phone number.

BIBLE STUDY



Thursday morning Bible Study will continue on Thursday September 10, 9:45 to 11:00 AM in the Church Auditorium. If you have any questions, please contact, Dale Zanetti, at 732-477-7059 ext. 214, or email dale@visitationchurch.co

SIGHT & SOUND



Join the Visitation Rosary Altar Society for a trip to *Sight and Sound* in Pennsylvania to see "*The Miracle of Christmas*" on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Tickets are \$115.00 per person which will include your bus seat and lunch at the famous Shady Maples Smorgasbord, with over 140 delicious items to choose from. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 8:15 AM and return approximately 8:45 PM. Please call Terry 732-903-7527 or Marilyn 732-920-9753 for any additional information or to purchase tickets. Seats on the bus go fast, so get your tickets early.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 26, 2015



Grab your walking shoes or sneakers and help us take steps for a great cause! The 2015 *Friends of the Poor Walk/Run* is a National Event coordinated by the National Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Plans are underway to promote this unique fund-raising effort. 100% of the funds stay with our Visitation Conference to be used to help the poor in our community. Once again, we will walk around the Brick Reservoir on Herbertsville Road Saturday, September 26th. Registration is at 9:00 am with the walk beginning at 10:00 am. Members of St. Vincent will be in the Church Narthex the weekend of Sept 19 & 20 for early registration and/or monetary donations.

Hope to see you there!

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

Please note that there is now a bottle of hand sanitizer available at the credence table (the small table by the entrance to the sacristy) for your use prior to distributing Communion. Please make use of it when you come forward and thank you for your service of ministry to God's people!

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 7, 2015, and we're looking for your help.



Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

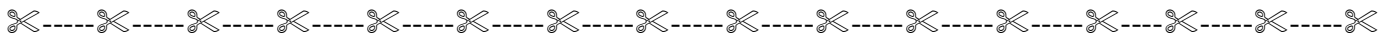
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to the restoration of the original church building to make it safer and more useful. This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about donating a gift and/or helping us prepare for the event, call 732-477-7059 ext. 156 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY



- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 7, 2015

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and Senior Housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or Vicki@visitationchurch.com*

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 vicki@visitationchurch.com*

LITURGY TEAM meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. – *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

MUSIC MINISTRY spiritually enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are always seeking individuals who would like to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. 732-477-9672, ext. 217 - *Natalya Bencivenga or natalie@visitationchurch.com*

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 dale@visitationchurch.com*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

BIBLE SHARING offers day sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9:45 AM in the Church Auditorium. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

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 dale@visitationchurch.com*

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 nancy@visitationchurch.com*

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 7:00 PM in Parish Room C to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

ROYAL HEART OF JESUS & MARY CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Room A. All are welcome. 732-742-2600 – *Joellen Arrabito – 732-262-3938 – Mary Casella or mnick123@aol.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 provides support and meets Spring and Fall. 732-477-9672, ext. 221- *Deacon Richard Johnston.*

On-going support to grieving families is available- *Linda Conroy 908-902-2741 or lconroy58@verizon.net*

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-367-5329 – *Rosemary Russell.*

VISITATION CAREGIVERS provide supportive services to the frail elderly and homebound in our community such as friendly visits, food shopping, transportation to medical appointments and respite care for families. 732-505-2273 ext. 211- *Mary Malagiere or marym@caregivervolunteers.org*

Services

ANNULMENT TEAMS are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life. 848-333-2671- *Eleanor Troiano ~ 732-477-7059* ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is offered to anyone in the community who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. 732-477-9672, ext.221 *Deacon Richard Johnston*

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 7:30 PM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*; Friday - *Anna Tortoriello*

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-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN) 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 every Monday in the church at 1:30 PM to recite the Rosary. 732-262-2047 – *Charles Pocher*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL operates the Thrift Shop in the old church and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the needy in our parish and the surrounding community. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church. These donations assist the hungry of our community. 732-746-3456 - *Visitation Relief Center*

Youth Ministries/Activities

CHILDREN'S CHOIR welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. The choir sings monthly at the 12:30 PM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 - *Jim Daniels*

CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 201-522-3679 – *Coach or doug_roman4@yahoo.com*

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all adults and boys and girls third grade and higher who have received their Holy Communion. 732-458-1492 - *Sue Straneri or straneri.sue@gmail.com*

VISITATION TEEN MINISTRY provides a safe place for high school teenagers to come together, meet new people, and have fun while serving God and the community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – *Christie or youthministry@visitationchurch.com*

Temporal Welfare

BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM works to improve and enhance the appearance and safety of the existing church, former church, rectory building, and the associated grounds. The goal of this team is to adhere to all current safety and building codes and ensure that the house of God is maintained in an appropriate manner. - *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

FINANCE COUNCIL oversees the financial aspects of the parish 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Karen Smith*

FUTURES TEAM assesses and implements the needs of the parish to ensure that we are prepared for the future. The various teams coordinate all activities pertaining to the development of the Faith Formation Center. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - *Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.

CUB SCOUT PACK #38, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. No meeting during July & August. 732-451-0252 *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*

BOY SCOUT TROOP #38, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the old church. 732-262-8977 - *Matt Powell or matthewapowell@verizon.net*

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 8:00 AM Mass the second Sunday of the month and meet the Tuesday following the second Sunday at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationchurch.com*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Council Home on the corner of Cedarbridge Avenue and Route 70 East.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY honors the Blessed Virgin Mary to secure her patronage through the daily recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of the parish community. Members attend the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month. The Monday following the first Sunday of the month they meet at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary. The meeting will follow at 12:00 noon in the Church Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or deed@visitationchurch.com*

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin & Announcement Deadline: Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.