

Church of the Visitation

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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 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 Cannon 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
4:00 PM	Klusack Family/req. Barlowski Family
5:30 PM	Walter Grabowski/req. Richard & Grace Faruola
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Violet Gajewski/req. Family
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Music Ministry/req. Music Ministry
11:00 AM	Richard McCoy/req. Family
12:30 PM	Patrick Barry/req. Bernice Crimaldi
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
7:30 AM	James Hudson, Jr./req. Anne & Family
8:15 AM	Andrew Kovatch/req. Wife. Mary
7:30 PM	Patrick "Chickie" Vescuso/req. Denise Patetta
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
7:30 AM	Kevin Kelly/req. Maureen Winstanley
8:15 AM	Marie Flavin & Marie Cianflone/req. Margie
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
7:30 AM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Frank & Louise Rebar
8:15 AM	Marie Cresanti/req. Audrey Pascale
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
7:30 AM	Glen Stafford/req. Lillian & Albert Waldron
8:15 AM	Thomas Crothfelt/req. Richard Schuler
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
7:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Bulwicz/req. Ray Bulwicz
8:15 AM	Leonard Laniewski/req. Wife, Joanne
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
7:30 AM	Liz Lenihan/req. Mary Trieste
8:15 AM	Mary & John Ruppi/req. Daughter Ginni
4:00 PM	Denise Kemal/req. Mother, Father & Brothers
5:30 PM	Thomas Rygiel/req. Wife, Toni
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
6:45 AM	Ann Zdanis/req. Rosemary Ackerman
8:00 AM	Joseph Rinaldi/req. Friend
9:30 AM	Fred & Pauline Flake/req. Fred & Joyce Flake
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Maria Amador/req. Grandchildren

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 20	LOCATION
Walk a Thon Registration	6:30 AM	Narthex
Masses		Church
Catechist Luncheon	1:30 PM	Auditorium
Baptism	1:45 PM	Church
Con Validation	3:00 PM	Church
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	
M M & Saint Jude Novena Community Luncheon Planning Mtg.	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Church
Rosary For Life	9:00 AM	Auditorium
CCD Classes Extraordinary Ministers Mtg.	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
	4:00 PM	Rooms A,B&C
	7:15 PM	Room A
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	
Bereavement	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
Bingo	11:00 AM	Auditorium
CCD Classes	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM	Old Church
Alanon	7:30 PM	Room A
Adult Faith Formation	7:15 PM	Room C
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 23	
Community Luncheon	12:00 PM	Auditorium
CCD Classes	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 24	
Bible Study	9:45 AM	Auditorium
CCD Classes	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
AA	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 25	
Parents Formation Session	7:00 PM	Church
Children of Light	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
Bingo	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 26	
RCIA Teaching	5:00 PM	Auditorium

All morning & Monday Evening masses will be held in the Church Worship Space until November 8 due to the gift auction preparation

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

For the Week of September 20, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of John Cleary/req. Mary & Tony Capone & Family
Chapel Sanctuary Candle (In Church) Godspeed Fr. Al/req Staff

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Thomas Rygiel/req. Wife, Toni

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Robert Rigby/req. Event Committee Friends

"THE LORD UPHOLDS MY LIFE"

Welcome into God's Family

Hudson Ryan Ingman, Evan Roy Yakovchuk



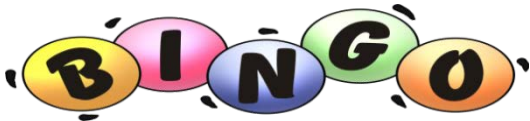
- II. Dorothy Ann Di Mambro, Bernadette Galgon
- III. Mick Winters

"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,

Henry Karpinski, Frank Corallo. Angelo, Mascaro, Marion Savino



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Tuesday morning bingo. Please stop by the Church Auditorium during Tuesday Bingo and speak with Cindy.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of August 13, 2015

Regular	\$10,398.48
Online	\$567.00
Total	\$10,965.48

Join Us For Coffee,  Donuts and Conversation

COMMUNITY SUNDAY is next Sunday, September 27 after all Masses. Please join us

downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends. If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, please stop by or call the rectory office (ext. 201) and speak with Denise Patetta.

Reflections for the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone. *Loyola Press*

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



As I write this, I am preparing to attend the annual convocation for the priests of the Diocese of Trenton. Although the abilities and effectiveness of the invited speakers vary, one thing that has remained consistent is the camaraderie and joy of getting together with my brother priests. During our fellowship we often speak of the trials and the successes of our parishes, we exchange ideas of what does and doesn't work and generally enjoy each other's company.

One thing that strikes me when I attend these gatherings (this is my eleventh) is that, no matter where our parishes may be located – rich or poor, young or old, expanding or contracting – all of us lead communities that share a common mission as parishioners and as Catholics: to learn, live and bring the message of Christ into places darkened by sin and its effects. Of course, the scope of that mission will vary; few of us are called to be missionaries to far-off places that have not yet heard the Good News. However, the mission remains the same, whether it is to our families, to those places under our “sphere of influence” or – the most challenging of all – to those places where the Gospel *has* been introduced but over time has gone ignored or is seen as irrelevant. Sadly, this could be said of many in our homes and communities today.

How can this be done? As a three-part mission, it must be done in order. *We learn* by coming together frequently (weekly at least, but more if possible) to listen to the Word of God preached and taught in our celebrations and in the opportunities afforded by our parish community. *We live* by taking what we have learned and putting it into practice, making it more than something said two thousand years ago by showing its relevancy in our daily living and in our relationships: doing what Jesus would do (and seeking God's forgiveness when we fail to do so; that's why the Church has God's gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation). Finally, *we bring the message* of what we've learned and lived through our example and our attitude; not being “sallow-faced saints”, but by letting the joy of following Christ shine through our lives.

What I and my brother priests experience at our convocations I believe is a small example of what all of us should reflect upon, a journey that began in each of us through our Baptismal calling: to find Christ in ourselves through the Gospel, to see Christ in those on the journey with us so that we can help those who do not yet know – or have forgotten – to (re)discover Christ's presence in their lives through our example of Christian living and joy.

Fr. Ed

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE

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

Two meetings have been scheduled for active Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & Lectors as well as those parishioners interested in becoming a part of these special ministries. The dates are **Monday, September 21** at **7:15 PM in Rectory Meeting Room A** 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

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A PERMANENT DEACON?

If you are discerning God's call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Trenton as a Permanent Deacon, a man ordained to the ministry of Charity, Word, and Sacrament, you are invited to take part in an upcoming information session. The presentation will include information concerning the role of a deacon, the discernment process, and the five-year Diaconate Formation Program. Before registering to attend this session, please schedule a meeting with your pastor to discuss the call to the diaconate. Sessions are scheduled for September 29 and October 6, 2015 7-9 p.m. at the Diocesan Chancery, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ. Pre-registration is required. Please register with Deacon Michael Riley, Associate Director of Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life (609-403-7134).



RCIA CORNER

Are you a fully initiated Catholic? Do you feel like something is missing in your life. Are you seeking more to life than what the world is offering you? We invite you to our RCIA process here at Visitation. If you have never been baptized, if you have been baptized in another faith not Catholic, are you are a Catholic but have not completed all of your Sacraments, please speak to us. Our Initiation process is a gradual movement of faith that helps you to complete your full initiation into the Catholic Church. Our team ministers will prepare you for a lifetime of memorable worship in the Catholic Church.

Please contact Dale Zanetti in our RCIA Ministry at 732-477-7059 ext. 214, dale@visitationchurch.com or on our website at visitationrcchurch.org

2016 CANDLE BOOK NOW OPEN

The Candle Book for 2016 is now open. Please stop by the rectory office during regular business hours to get your candles for next year.

DAY OF HEALING FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Diocese of Trenton, Dept. of Pastoral Care invites all Separated and Divorced Catholics to a Day of Healing for Separated and Divorced Catholics. Saturday, October 17 @ 9AM – 4PM at the Church of St. Ann Parish Center, 1253 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville. Led by: Marianne Skrobiak, M.S., M.A., LPC Nationally renowned author of “Return to Life” (a divorce recovery series). Online registration: www.dioceseoftrenton.org
Cost is \$10 per person.

FLU VACCINE



Walgreens Pharmacists will be administering vaccines at the September 27 Community Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Vaccines are free with Medicare or discounted to \$25 cash. Other insurances can be billed. (must have insurance cards with you) Don't miss out on this opportunity! We hope to see you there!

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.

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 7:30 pm in Rectory meeting Room A or call Ann at 732-861-9051 or annern508@comcast.net.

AN EVENING WITH POPE FRANCIS

Can't get to Philadelphia to welcome our Holy Father on his visit to the United States? Join Fr. Tony Carotenuto on this feast of Our Lady of Mercy as we prepare to observe a “Year of Mercy” through reflection, dialogue, and ritual prayer in the spirit of Pope Francis.

Presenter: Fr. Tony Carotenuto

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015

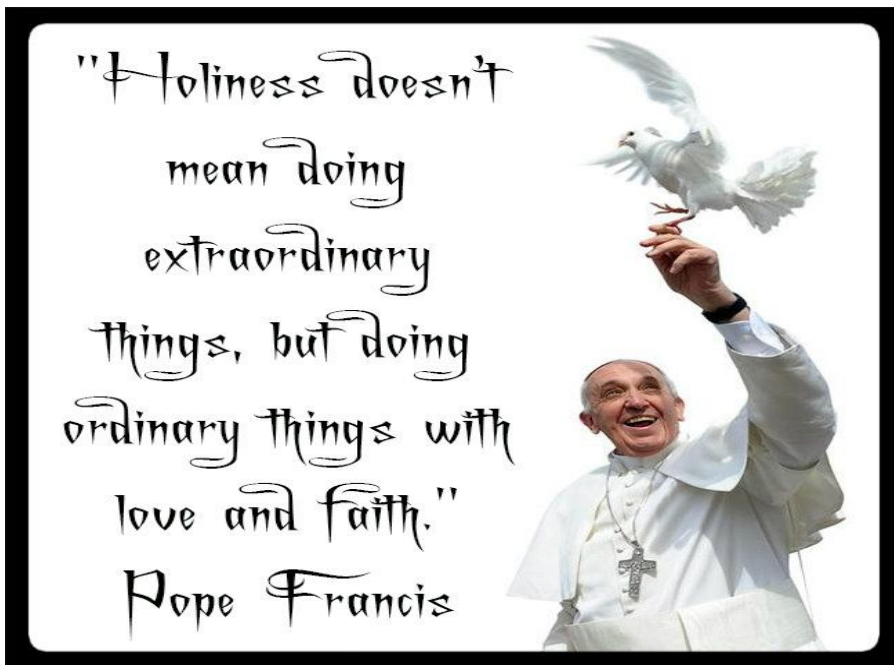
Time: 7:00pm-9:30pm

Place: Upper Room Spiritual Center

Fee: \$25~\$40

Apostolic Visit to the U.S.

Itinerary of the Pope's historic visit to:
Washington, DC • New York City and Philadelphia
from **September 22-27, 2015**



POPE FRANCIS APOSTOLIC VISIT VIEWING INFORMATION
Several outlets have committed to providing live uninterrupted coverage of the Apostolic Visit, from the moment that the Holy Father lands in the U.S. to the time he leaves. Most prominent among these are USCCB and EWTN. You can find information about live streaming via these providers at the following links:
<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/papal-visit-2015/papal-visit-2015-live-stream.cfm> or
<http://www.ewtn.com/papaltravels/america/>



Pope Francis visits America



The Monitor will publish a special commemorative issue on **October 1, 2015** covering the historic World Meeting of Families and the U.S. Apostolic Visit of Pope Francis.

This special keepsake will offer readers the full scope of all the events that will unfold from Sept. 22 to 27, with a special focus on the many ways that people of the Diocese of Trenton will be participating.

Included will be the speakers and activities of the World Meeting, as well as the Holy Father's visit, from his arrival in Washington, D.C., his visit to New York, and his time with families in Philadelphia. We will share the stories of our diocesan family – from those who are going, volunteering, ministering, assisting and concelebrating the Papal Mass, and even watching and praying in their home parishes.

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Apostolic Visit to the U.S.

Itinerary of the Pope's historic visit continued:

All times are local unless otherwise indicated.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 (Arrival in Washington)

- 12:30 p.m.** • Depart Cuba for Washington.
- 1 p.m.** • World Meeting of Families opening ceremony (*Pope Francis will not attend*).
- 4 p.m.** • Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base. Official welcome.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 (Washington)

- 9:15 a.m.** • Welcoming ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. Speech by Pope Francis, followed by a courtesy visit with President Obama.
- 11:30 a.m.** • Meeting with U.S. bishops in the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. Speech by Pope Francis.

- 4:15 p.m.** • Mass and canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Homily by Pope Francis.

Thursday, Sept. 24 (Washington, New York)

- 9:20 a.m.** • Visit to the U.S. Congress. Speech by Pope Francis.
- 11:15 a.m.** • Visit to St. Patrick's Catholic Church and meeting with homeless people. Greeting by Pope Francis.
- 4 p.m.** • Departure by air to New York.
- 5 p.m.** • Arrival at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.
- 6:45 p.m.** • Celebration of vespers with priests, men and women religious in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Homily by Pope Francis.

Friday, Sept. 25 (New York)

- 8:30 a.m.** • Visit the headquarters of the United Nations. Greeting and speech by Pope Francis.
- 11:30 a.m.** • Interreligious meeting at the ground zero 9/11 Memorial. Speech by Pope Francis.
- 4 p.m.** • Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Elementary School in East Harlem and meeting with children and immigrant families. Speech by Pope Francis.
- 5 p.m.** • Papal motorcade through Central Park.
- 6 p.m.** • Mass at Madison Square Garden. Homily by Pope Francis.
- World Meeting of Families closing ceremony.

- 4:45 p.m.** • Meeting for religious liberty with the Hispanic community and immigrants at Philadelphia's Independence Mall. Speech by Pope Francis.
- 7:30 p.m.** • Festival of Families and prayer vigil at Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Speech by Pope Francis.

Saturday, Sept. 26 (New York, Philadelphia)

- 8:40 a.m.** • Departure by air to Philadelphia.
- 9:30 a.m.** • Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia.
- 10:30 a.m.** • Mass with Pennsylvania's bishops, priests, men and women religious at Philadelphia's Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul. Homily by Pope Francis.

Sunday, Sept. 27 (Philadelphia)

- 9:15 a.m.** • Meeting with bishops taking part in the World Meeting of Families at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Speech by Pope Francis.
- 11 a.m.** • Visit with prisoners at the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility. Speech by Pope Francis.
- 4 p.m.** • Closing Mass of the VIII World Meeting of Families at the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Homily by Pope Francis.
- 7 p.m.** • Greeting to the organizing committee, volunteers and donors at Atlantic Aviation. Speech by Pope Francis.
- 7:45 p.m.** • Farewell ceremony.
- 8 p.m.** • Departure for Rome.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

FR. ED ALONG WITH THE PARISHIONERS OF VISITATION OFFER THEIR GRATITUDE AND SUPPORT TO ALL THOSE WHO PROVIDE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO OUR CHILDREN & ADULTS.

Laura Anderson
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Justin Brooks
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John Castro
Mia Cornacchio
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Brianna Dorie
Marilyn Emery
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Monica Godin
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Richard Haas
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Marni Kapuscinski
Joanne Martone
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Robert McElroy
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Michele Murphy
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Kaitlyn Stratton
Denise Sweet
Kelly Szaniawski
Maureen Thompson
Cheryl Valse
John Winstanley
Daniel Woska

R.C.I.A. CATECHISTS

John Arendt, Dee Bringhurst, Ann Muscat, Brandon Underwood and Dale Zanetti

***Special thanks to our Religious Education Coordinator
Nancy Grodberg***

May the Lord bless you and continue to use you as an instrument of His will.

Loving God,

***We ask your blessing upon these men and women, our catechists and teachers.
We are thankful for their generous spirit, as well as their care for our young people.***

Gift them with wisdom and patience in their ministry.

Help them to gently guide our children as they journey in faith.

We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SEPTEMBER 20, 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. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

Bell Choir is open to all ages. 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 stranieri.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.

AL-ANON MEETINGS are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in Rectory Room A. Call Ann at 732-861-9051 or email *annern508@comcast.net*.

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 & Announcement Deadline

Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.