



# 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**

### Assisting Priests

Rev. James Sauchelli      Rev. Bernard Mohan  
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Msgr. Philip Franceschini      Rev. Richard Carlson

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Youth/Young Adult Ministry      Formation  
Leader

**Christie Winters 732-746-3456**  
Director of Visitation Relief Center

### 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 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***

**“THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL”**



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| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>FEBRUARY 18</b>   |
| 4:00 PM          | Amanda DeNezza       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>FEBRUARY 19</b>   |
| 6:45 AM          | People of the Parish |
| 8:00 AM          | James Hegadorn       |
| 9:30 AM          | Sylvester LoPetro    |
| 11:00 AM         | Dominic Mazzara      |
| 12:30 PM         | Eugene Capozzi       |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>FEBRUARY 20</b>   |
| 9:00 AM          | Elizabeth McGovern   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>FEBRUARY 21</b>   |
| 7:30 AM          | William Vetter       |
| 8:15 AM          | Bernice Palisi       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>FEBRUARY 22</b>   |
| 7:30 AM          | Julie Tweitmann      |
| 8:15 AM          | Rose Donati          |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>FEBRUARY 23</b>   |
| 7:30 AM          | Vincent Lordieri     |
| 8:15 AM          | Helen Chrysler       |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>FEBRUARY 24</b>   |
| 7:30 AM          | Robert Udet II       |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>FEBRUARY 25</b>   |
| 8:15 AM          | Elvira Santos        |
| 4:00 PM          | Timothy Kempfe       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>FEBRUARY 26</b>   |
| 6:45 AM          | Geraldine Streckfuss |
| 8:00 AM          | People of the Parish |
| 9:30 AM          | Sylvester LoPetro    |
| 11:00 AM         | Mary Belasco         |
| 12:30 PM         | Sergio Ferreira      |



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| <b>SUNDAY</b>                              | <b>FEBRUARY 19</b>           |              |
|  | <b>NO CCD CLASSES</b>        |              |
| <i>Masses</i>                              |                              | Church       |
| <i>Baptisms</i>                            | 1:45 PM                      | Church       |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                              | <b>FEBRUARY 20</b>           |              |
|  | <b>RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED</b> |              |
|  | <b>NO CCD CLASSES</b>        |              |
| <i>Cub Scouts</i>                          | 6:30 PM                      | Parish Hall  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                             | <b>FEBRUARY 21</b>           |              |
| <i>Bingo</i>                               | 11:00 AM                     | Parish Hall  |
|  | <b>NO CCD CLASSES</b>        |              |
| <i>Children's Choir</i>                    | 6:00 PM                      | Church       |
| <i>Alanon</i>                              | 7:00 PM                      | Parish Hall  |
| <i>AFF Team Meeting</i>                    | 7:15 PM                      | Room B       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                           | <b>FEBRUARY 22</b>           |              |
| <i>Community Luncheon</i>                  | 12:00 PM                     | Parish Hall  |
|  | <b>NO CCD CLASSES</b>        |              |
| <i>Boy Scouts</i>                          | 6:30 PM                      | Parish Hall  |
| <i>Evening Bible Study</i>                 | 6:45 PM                      | Chapel       |
| <i>Youth Choir Practice</i>                | 7:00 PM                      | Church       |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                            | <b>FEBRUARY 23</b>           |              |
| <i>Bible Study</i>                         | 9:45 AM                      | Parish Hall  |
|  | <b>NO CCD CLASSES</b>        |              |
| <i>Adult Choir</i>                         | 7:15 PM                      | Church       |
| <i>High School Confirmation Class</i>      | 7:15 PM                      | Room C       |
| <i>AA</i>                                  | 7:30 PM                      | Parish Hall  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                              | <b>FEBRUARY 24</b>           |              |
| <i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>      | 7:00PM                       | Parish Hall  |
| <i>Parents Baptismal Formation Session</i> | 7:00 PM                      | Daily Chapel |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                            | <b>FEBRUARY 25</b>           |              |
| <i>Harmony Program</i>                     | 9:00 AM                      | Room C       |
| <i>Vigil Mass</i>                          | 4:00 PM                      | Church       |
| <i>RCIA</i>                                | 5:00 PM                      | Parish Hall  |

*Readings for the Week*

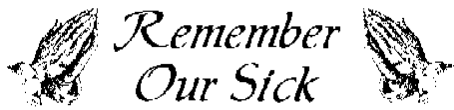
**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
**Sunday:** Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

*For the Week of February 19, 2017*



**Blessed Mother Candle** is “In Loving Memory” of Charles Natkie  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is “In Loving Memory” of Msgr. Frank Ferraioli

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- II. Rosemary Russell
- III. Helen Costagliola
- IV. Ann Marie Blumensteel

“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: Rosa Custode, Arthur Mohan, Laverne Stokes, Concetta Rome.

## 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 February 19, 2017**

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| <b>Regular</b> | \$9,559.17  |
| <b>On Line</b> | \$847.00    |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$11,209.36 |

## END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

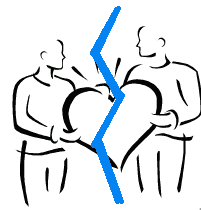
If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to [info@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:info@visitationRCchurch.org). If you have received a statement in the past you should have received one this year in the mail.



## ONLINE GIVING

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## Reflections for The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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



This Monday is Presidents Day. Far more than a day for retail sales blitzes, for those enough old to remember, the date was originally meant to honor our *first* President, George Washington, on his birthday. Around the same time that the Monday Holidays Act went into effect in 1968, Washington's birthday changed to commemorate all the presidents and moved from February 22 to the third Monday in February, where it has been since.

This year's observance is particular noteworthy because of the current divisive views of our government, and particularly the presidency, of the United States. Whether we agree with policies or not, whether we like the person currently in the office or not, we are always expected to regard the office with proper respect. From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* we find "Human society can be neither well-ordered nor prosperous unless it has some people invested with legitimate authority to preserve its institutions and to devote themselves as far as is necessary to work and care for the good of all. Every human community needs an authority to govern it. The foundation of such authority lies in human nature. It is necessary for the unity of the state. Its role is to ensure as far as possible the common good of the society. The authority required by the moral order derives from God...The duty of obedience requires all to give due honor to authority and to treat those who are charged to exercise it with respect, and, insofar as it is deserved, with gratitude and good-will" (CCC 1897-1900).

On this Presidents Day we are called to pray for our President and other leaders, to seek God's guidance in the leadership of our country and to both pray and work that our government leaders may always "legitimately seek the common good and discern the morally licit means to attain it." (c.f. CCC 1903).

*Fr. Ed*



**2017 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE**

This year's Diocesan Youth Conference is set for March 4 in St. Gregory the Great Parish, Hamilton Square. This year's theme is ABLAZE, which is taken from the words of St. Catherine of Siena: "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." The day-long event will begin with 10:30 a.m. registration and end with 5 p.m. mass. Open to youth in grades 9 through 12, DYC 2017 will include Christian contemporary music by DJ Bernal of the Texas-based nonprofit Modern Teen Ministries, as well as opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Diocese of Trenton is

encouraging its young people to attend the annual Diocesan Youth Conference to experience not only the Church's energy through prayer, music and camaraderie, but its joy and hope as well. "Come and see that you are not alone," said Cristina Imperato, ministry assistant in the Department of Evangelization and Family Life. "Come and see that you are loved by God." For more information about DYC 2017 visit [www.dotyouth.org](http://www.dotyouth.org) or

Contact Christie at [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org).

**CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS  
RECRUITMENT WEEKEND**

Our parish family at Visitation Church participates in a special ministry to the frail elderly through Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ). Our volunteers will be here after all Masses and at **Community Sunday** in the Parish Hall, February 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> sharing their special message of care giving with us. CVCJ is seeking volunteers, as well as your help in spreading the word about the free services that CVCJ provides to the home bound elderly in our community.

Volunteers provide:

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Grocery shopping (they shop for you)
- Friendly/pet visits, reassuring phone calls
- Respite care for families caring for loved ones with chronic illness, dementia or Alzheimer's disease

Volunteers will be at the doors of the church that weekend. Please take a moment to stop by, say hello, and pick up some info to take home with you and share with a neighbor. For more information about CVCJ please call Mary Malagiere, 732-505-2273 or [marym@caregivervolunteers.org](mailto:marym@caregivervolunteers.org).

**BINGO HELP NEEDED**



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am. If you can spare a few hours on either a regular or occasional basis, please contact Cindy at 732-330-4111.

**FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY**

We would like to invite anyone who is looking for a valuable ministry to come forward to help serve at Funeral Masses. The *Corporal Work of Mercy* of burying the dead is a valuable ministry. This very important ministry needs your help. Training is available. If interested, please contact Fr. Ed at the rectory – 732-477-0028 or email [PastorEd@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:PastorEd@visitationRCchurch.org).



**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Are you looking to grow and deepen your faith in Catholicism? All between the ages of 18 to 39 are welcome to join our local Catholic young adult community. The next meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Daily Chapel.

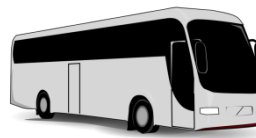
For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org).

**YOUTH GROUP**

Visitation Roman Catholic Church has formed a youth group. We invite all youth from 8th grade to high school to join us every other Sunday, in the Parish The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org).

**ROSARY ALTAR BUS TRIP**



The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to Caesars Atlantic City. Please join us on Wednesday, April 5. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 12:30 pm and return at 9:30 pm. There is an \$105 per person (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, a play, dinner buffet and bonus \$25.00 slot. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terry 732-903-7527 or Rosemarie 732-551-4691.

**OFFICE CLOSED**



The Rectory Office will be closed for regular business Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. We will reopen Tuesday morning at 8:30 am.

**RITE OF ELECTION**



Across the entire world, Catholic Bishops on the first Sunday of Lent will welcome those sent by their parishes to gather together, with their godparents, in what is known as the **Rite of Election**. The Rite of Sending, which we will celebrate on February 25, offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the Catechumens have made. We express approval of their Election or recognition, and send them forth to our Bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the Bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to be Baptized and enter the Catholic Church. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to the "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be Baptized. Those already baptized as Catholics, or in other denominations, had our names written in the Book of Life at our Baptism. In this Rite, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign the book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen, or the Elect of God.

Our Catechumens are Kristine and Jason Pratico. Please keep supporting them with your prayers and your care.

**PARISH eCOMMUNITY**

Have you joined our electronic community yet? Members received notice of events and cancellations with plenty of time to plan as well as great information about our faith! You can choose how you want to receive the information (text or e-mail) and what topics you wish to follow. Simply text VisitationBrick to 84576 or visit our parish Website [www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org) to join and receive great information.

**LAY CARMELITES**

Please consider taking a spiritual journey---the Carmelite Way. For more information, contact Lydia Bargiuk at [732-279-9939](tel:732-279-9939)

**FROM OUR CHILDREN**



During the year, we ask the Religious Education students to use their envelopes. On the front they can write how they showed

their love for God that week. These are a few examples;

- by helping my brother do his homework. I sat and showed him how to do his Math. Jaysen
- dios me quier y me ama yo lo quireo y lo amo. (God wants me and loves me and I want him and love Him). Christina
- by making friends with the new kid in my class. Zack
- by being a good person. Emma
- helping my Dad put stuff in the attic. Zack
- allowing my baby brother to play with my toys. Amez
- I help my family by being a good listener.

**Thank you Parents!**

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**



This is a meal packaging program on an international scale with a local interfaith base of support. They plan to pack over 10,000 meals to be

sent to those who need them on **Sunday**, April 2, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Volunteers are needed. The community is invited to help. There is no admission charge, but optionally you may make a voluntary donation at the door and help sponsor the meals being packed (29 cents each) or bring nonperishable food items for a local Brick food pantry. This event is sponsored by the Brick Clergy Association (an interfaith group of local clergy). It is being held at Church of the Visitation Roman Catholic. For general information about Stop Hunger Now visit [www.StopHungerNow.org](http://www.StopHungerNow.org).

**AN EVENING WITH DAVID HAAS!**

Join in a truly uplifting and soul healing experience! Distinguished composer/musician David Haas (composer of over 400 beloved songs including You Are Mine, Blest Are They, We Are Called....), in concert, accompanied by choirs and instrumentalists. Meet and greet reception to follow! This spiritual event, sponsored by St. Mark's Music Ministry, will take place on Thursday, March 30, 2017, beginning at 7PM at St Mark's Catholic Church in Sea Girt (215 Crescent Parkway). Tickets are only \$15 for adults, available online at EVENTBRITE "An evening with David Haas in concert". \$10 student tickets are also available, through St Marks Music Ministry. Please contact Dawne Mechlinski, St. Mark's Director of Music, with any questions, or if you are an instrumentalist or singer interested in participating.

**ANGELS, COFFEE, & SCRIPTURE**

Do you believe in the existence of Angels? Do you want to learn more about Angels? If so, join us for Angels and Coffee on Mondays at Sacred Heart Church of Bay Head, 751 Main Ave starting Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 am. We will explore Angels in the Old & New Testament & the Catechism to uncover the mysteries of how Angels worked in the lives of God's people throughout history and how they work in our lives today.

The cost is \$12 and includes light refreshments. To register, please contact Pastoral Associate, Dawn Rusinko at DawnRusinko@yahoo.com and make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. For further info please call 732-899-1398.

**RETREAT DAY WITH CARMEL BOYLE:**

*Journey of a Celtic Heart* at Maris Stella Retreat Center, Harvey Cedars, NJ on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10am-3pm. This retreat, is an opportunity to develop a Celtic heart and you don't even have to be Irish! Participants will experience a contemporary expression of the Celtic spirit through contemplative song, story and ritual. We will metaphorically walk the pilgrim Journey of a Celtic Heart in the company of the Trinity, the angels, the famed Irish saints, while always with Christ as our intimate companion.

**For more information or to Register:** Call Sr Pat at [609-494-2917](tel:609-494-2917) or email [pdotzauer@comcast.net](mailto:pdotzauer@comcast.net) - **Registration due:** February 25th, 2017

**ATTENTION MEN!**



Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Saint Joseph Parish in Toms River, NJ.

The theme of this year's conference is "Into the Breach". The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell, as well as inspiring talks by U.S. congressman **Chris Smith**; **Tim Staples**, a nationally renowned Catholic apologist and evangelist; and **Marie Joseph**, Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org). To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067.

**MEN'S PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT MEETING**

If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 who would like to know more about an exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Priestly Vocation Discernment meeting on Sunday, February 26th from 6:00 p.m. (Mass) – 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 40 Jackson Rd. in Medford. Join Father Mike Wallach, Father Dan Swift and Father Carlos Florez for a discussion on the priesthood, discernment and vocations, and dinner. Please RSVP (or for further information) by contacting Father Dan at [father\\_dan@smlparish.org](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org).

## FEBRUARY 19, 2017



### It's not too late to get your Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2017

Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects including upgrades to the parking lot and church carpeting. A **\$20** annual subscription gives you **12 tickets** for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2016.

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

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### **FEBRUARY DINE TO DONATE**

**When:** Every Wednesday in February (1, 8, 15, 22)  
Lunch and Dinner - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** **Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que**  
950 Cedar bridge Avenue  
732-262-7485

**What:** Award-Winning Ribs! Plus, a full menu of Soups and Salads, Bar-B-Que Classics, Sandwiches, Burgers, and a Famous Dave's kids menu.  
Every Wednesday is Slowdown Lowdown. Enjoy your choice of Sizzlin Deals, Smokin Deals or Famous Deals (3 course Meal Deals include side salad, or cup of soup, entrée and side, and mini dessert). For a limited Time Specialty Drink Menu is being offered.



#### **Present this coupon to Famous Dave's**

Every Wednesday in February (1, 8, 15, 22)  
and 10% of your total food purchase will be donated  
to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund  
(parking lot and carpet replacement)  
Excludes tax and gratuity



## ***FEBRUARY 19, 2017***

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#### **Liturgical Ministries**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION** distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and senior housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

**LECTORS** enhance the community's celebration of the Mass by meaningful reading of God's Word and by providing direction and overviews during the Liturgy. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

**LITURGY TEAM** meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationRCchurch.org*

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

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

**USHERS** promote hospitality by assisting parishioners, taking up collections and preparing Offertory gifts for presentation at Mass. 732-262-4186 – *Kathy Cifelli*

**VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM** see Youth Ministry

#### **Sacrament Preparation**

**BAPTISMAL TEAM** assists the Priests and Deacons with Baptismal Formation Sessions, as well as the actual ceremony. 732-477-9028 - *Donna Stawicki or SewSimple@aol.com*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** is the process used to welcome those who wish to complete some or all of the sacraments of initiation in the Church. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

#### **Education and Evangelization Ministries**

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

**BIBLE SHARING** offers day and evening sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

**EVANGELIZATION TEAM** promotes and fosters evangelization in all ministries by reaching out and encouraging all to live life as active Catholics. 732-477-9672, ext. 218 - *Deacon Salvatore Vicari or ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)** meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School and weekdays in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-5217- *Nancy Grodberg or ngrodberg@visitationrcchurch.org*

#### **Prayer Groups**

**CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets weekly to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

**PRAYER CHAIN** is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. 848-373-4239.

#### **Pastoral Care Ministries**

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM** is in the process of reforming. Contact Fr. Ed at the rectory or info@visitationRCchurch.org.

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

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

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### **Social Ministries/Activities**

**BINGO** is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – *Cindy Maguire*

**EVENT DEVELOPMENT TEAM** meets as needed to develop and implement social activities (such as the Gift Auction and Wine Tasting/Art Auction) for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell-vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org*

### **Services**

**ANNULMENT TEAMS** are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari*  
732-477-7059 ext. 103 *Arnold Vicidomini*

### **Social Concerns**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community. 732-255-2835 - *Isabel Kronicz or fkronicz@comcast.net*

**RESPECT LIFE** focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. The group gathers weekly to recite the Rosary. 732-262-2047 – *Charles Pocher*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** operates the Thrift Shop in the old church and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the less fortunate in our parish and the surrounding community. Donations of nonperishable food are accepted at the doors of the Church to assist the hungry of the community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

### **Youth Ministries/Activities**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

**CYO BASKETBALL TEAM** practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. *Artie* 732-965-4802 or *ahhvacr@yahoo.com*

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

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

**VISITATION YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** provides an opportunity for all between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism to join our local Catholic young adults community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – *Christie or cwinters@visitationrcchurch.org*

### **Temporal Welfare**

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

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

### **Organizations**

**AA MEETINGS** are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.

**ALANON MEETINGS** are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

**CUB SCOUT PACK #38** is sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #38** is sponsored by the Holy Name Society. 732-262-8977 - *Matt Powell or matthewapowell@verizon.net*

**HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY** promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 8:00 AM Mass and meet monthly 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrcchurch.org*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836** work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually.

**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](http://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.