

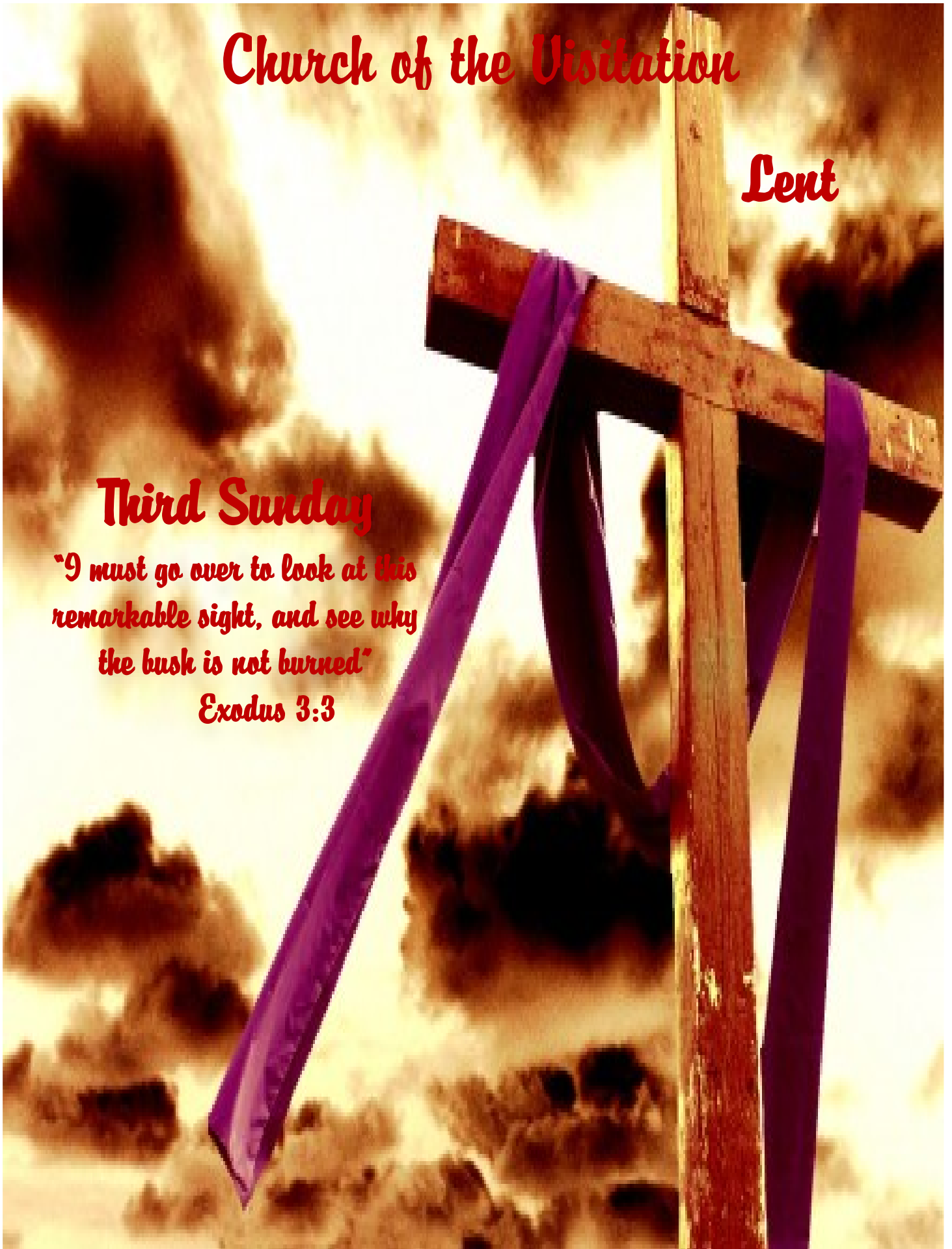
Church of the Visitation

Lent

Third Sunday

"I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned"

Exodus 3:3



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 8:30 AM 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.

Welcome!

The entire parish community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners

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 9:15~10:30 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY	MARCH 7
4:00 PM	Jean Ammerata & Maria Marchitto/req. Family
5:30 PM	Jane Zaccardi/req. The Mc Quade Family
SUNDAY	MARCH 8
6:45 AM	Mary Agnes Tallman/req. The Butkovsky Family
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Jane Zaccardi/req. The Mc Quade Family
11:00 AM	William Eugene Wheeler/req. Ray DeTuro
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	MARCH 9
7:30 AM	Nick Laqualia/req. Bob & Lorraine Dailey
8:15 AM	Mary Throgood Rose/req. Family
7:30 PM	Virginia Mardini/req. The Lyons Family
TUESDAY	MARCH 10
7:30 AM	Lena Mazza/req. Carmella Barry
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/req. Terri & Tom Walsh
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 11
7:00 AM	Loretta C. Bancroft/req. Joyce Syvertsen
8:15 AM	Catherine Monahan/req. The Mc Donnell Family
THURSDAY	MARCH 12
7:30 AM	Helen Conforth/req. Joyce Syvertsen
8:15 AM	Valentine Vena/req. Mary Minieri
FRIDAY	MARCH 13
7:30 AM	Helen Conforth/req. Patty & Bill Wilder
8:15 AM	Daniel Newman, Sr./req. Wife, Jeane & Family
SATURDAY	MARCH 14
7:30 AM	Anthony J. Busby/req. The Wallace Family
8:15 AM	Jean Singlemann/req. The Glandorf Family
4:00 PM	William & Mary Zabiga/req. The Kozak Family
5:30 PM	Rachael Lacitignola/req. John Kuenstle
SUNDAY	MARCH 15
6:45 AM	God's Bless on Dee Lusko/req. Husband Tom
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Patricia Twomey/req. Husband, Denis
11:00 AM	Francis McCoy/req. Family
12:30 PM	Lena Mazzo/req. Maryann

SUNDAY	MARCH 8	
<i>C.C.D. Classes</i>	9:15 AM	Lake Riviera MS
<i>H. S. Confirmation Class</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
MONDAY	MARCH 9	
<i>AARP Taxes</i>	8:00 AM	Parish Room A
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel Parish
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Bell Choir</i>	5:00 PM	Church
<i>Communion Banner Night</i>	6:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:15 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	MARCH 10	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium Parish
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Communion Banner Night</i>	6:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Event Development</i>	6:30 PM	Chapel
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 11	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium Parish
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Contemporary Stations</i>	7:00 PM	Chapel
THURSDAY	MARCH 12	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Youth Choir</i>	5:00 PM	Church
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	MARCH 13	
<i>Traditional Stations</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>Children of the Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Prayer</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	MARCH 14	
<i>Confirmation Retreat</i>	9:00 AM	Auditorium & Church
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:30 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

For the Week of March 8, 2015

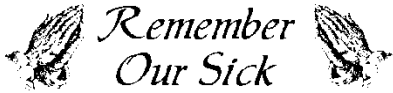


Church Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessings" on Dee Lusko/req. Tom Lusko
Chapel Sanctuary Candle "No Intentions"
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Lillian Mareta/req. Gloria
Sacred Heart Candle "No Intentions"

“LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE”


Welcome into God's Family

Theodore Peter Crespo, Juliana Jude Ulrich



III. Teresa Knight

“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; *Paul McEntrye*



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.



The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.



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

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In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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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 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE SECOND BASKET.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT



March 21, 2015 – beginning at 4:00 Mass in the Church proper until 8:30 pm. As we pass through the days of Lent and reflect on and pray about Jesus’ promise of salvation, we are assured that his ways are love and truth to those who keep his covenant. We will

join as believers and servants of the Lord on March 21, 2015 beginning at the 4:00 pm Mass to recall the power and purpose of our journey. Come and share with each other the unconditional love and friendship of God in our Lenten Parish Retreat. There will be a presentation, prayer, discussion, directed prayer and many other inspirations. A light dinner will be served and the retreat will continue after Mass in the church auditorium, please bring a dessert. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Contact the Adult Faith Formation Office. 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dale@visitationchurch.com

SOME ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

- Daily Mass:** 7:30 and 8:15 AM Daily Chapel.
- Saturday Masses:** 4:00 and 5:30 P.M.
- Sunday Masses:** 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.
- Mondays:** Miraculous Medal and St. Jude Novena 8:45 AM and during the 7:30 PM Mass Daily Chapel.
- Mondays:** Rosary for Life 1:30 PM Daily Chapel
- Wednesdays:** Contemporary Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Daily Chapel.
- Fridays:** Traditional Stations of the Cross, 4:00 PM Church Worship.

LENT HAS BEGUN



To observe this season of austerity and simple reflection is by not having flowers on the altar during the 40 days of Lent. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

JUST IN TIME FOR ST. PATTY’S DAY



The Rosary Altar Society will be having a bake sale the weekend of March 14 and 15. If you are able to assist with baking or helping please call Rose Marie at 732-295-1812 or Mary at 732-277-8253 or Ellen at 732-513-6094.

LENT INSTRUCTION

With the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, the Church proclaims anew Christ’s call to penance and conversion of life.

The days of **fast and abstinence** are **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**.

The other **Fridays of Lent** are **DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**.

Those between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obliged to fast. By this obligation, the individual is permitted only one full meal a day.

At the age of fourteen, people are obliged to abstain. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, (beast & fowl) but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Missing abstinence on any one (1) Friday is not a serious sin. Missing abstinence most of the Fridays of Lent (or more than half of them) is a serious sin that needs to be confessed & absolved.

“If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”
(Matthew 16:24).

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord, I know how much you love me. It’s hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know your love is always with me.

Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you.

How have you drawn closed to Jesus today?

“The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

Psalm 84 (83):4-5

PEACE BE WITH YOU



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



The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic “Abies Irish Rose”. Please join us on Monday, April 20. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 9:00 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$80.00 (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and a full course dinner. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terri Deegan 732-903-7527 or Marilyn Emery 732-920-9763

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Daily Chapel on: April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 12, & 19. Please call Deacon Rich Johnston at 732-477-7059 ext. 221 if you’re planning on attending or for additional information.

Holy Water will remain in the fonts during the Season of Lent. It will be removed Holy Thursday (after the Mass of the Last Supper,) Good Friday and Holy Saturday. We will fill the fonts once again during the Easter Vigil.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION EVENING

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Evenings annually. Please join us on Wednesday, March 25, 7:30-9:00 PM at St. Aloysius, Jackson. For information, call 609 406-7434 or e-mail rmoores@dioceseoftrenton.org.

THE GRACE OF THE FAMILY



Fr. Bill Habling is a popular conference speaker who has taught throughout the world. He is a very polished biblical teacher who speaks to children as well as adults. He has preached at places like Steubenville and the Grand Auditorium in Ocean Grove. He has been a retreat master and preached at conferences as well as days of recollection in many countries. He is a member of the Fraternity of Priests and he has been active in the Charismatic Renewal since 1975. He is a priest alive with the Holy Spirit and he wants every person to be renewed in the Holy Spirit! He is currently serving at Saint Mary’s parish in Middletown.

Fr. Bill is coming here to Visitation Parish on Tuesday, March 24, 2015- 7:00 to 9:00 pm to deliver a powerful teaching on the Grace of the Family. Refreshments will be available. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dale@visitationchurch.com.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!

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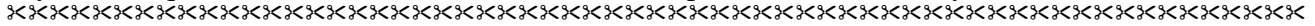
Each parish and Catholic school is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 50,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Even as adults we seek to learn more about our faith and deepen our relationship with God. Some adults want to know more, some adults want to grow in their prayer life. About 300 adults are brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese each year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

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FLOWERS/DECORATIONS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Easter Season begins to unfold, much of our thoughts are of others. Let us remember those who have touched our lives in some way. Parishioners and guests at Church of the Visitation will have the opportunity to honor family or friends by making a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful Easter flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church. or use the form provided below. Please complete all information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** A list of donors along with their loved ones names will be published in the bulletin shortly after the Easter Season.

If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.



EASTER FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Easter Season

IN MEMORY OF: _____

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IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE

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Please drop in collection basket or return to parish office.



RCIA CORNER

The cleansing of the Temple-Instruction over Destruction

The whip Jesus formed out of the “cords” was a symbol of authority. When Jesus saw the atrocities happening in the temple area he knew he needed to address them with power. The intended sacrificial system of Judaism has turned the Temple into a marketplace rather than a house of worship. The crowds ask Jesus by what authority does he expel the merchants. Although they do not understand yet, the sign will be his resurrection. The full significance of Jesus’ words and deeds were only understood in the light of the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Keep in mind that Jesus’ words refer as much to the Church as they do to the resurrection. In Semitic usage the “name” is equivalent to the person. Faith is not simply the acceptance of a proposition; it is commitment to a person. If our faith is based merely on miracles without a proper understanding of who Jesus is that would not be what Jesus intended.

Does it surprise you that Jesus was angry?

Michal Hunt, in his Agape Bible Study on the Gospel of John says: He (Jesus) experienced all the human desires and conditions that we experience, but unlike us, he was not tempted to sin nor did he sin. His anger is righteous anger. He is angry at the pollution of his Father's house. The moneychangers and merchants are robbing Israel through their inflated exchange rates (the priests had a cut of these profits) and he is angry because the Gentiles are being robbed of the opportunity to worship, robbed of the opportunity to be instructed in the true faith, and robbed of the opportunity to pray in peace without the stink and clamor of the animals and the haggling of the money-changers.

Jesus was angry, but he used his anger to instruction rather than destruction.

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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. 732-477-9672, ext. 201 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

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. No meeting during July & August. 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 or 732-270-2588 – Bernadett Brandner*

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. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church the second weekend of the month. 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 – *Marie Bottazzi 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. 732-477-0028 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

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.

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