

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

### **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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 3</b>
4:00 PM	Frank Ammerata/req. Family
5:30 PM	Ursula Feehan/req. Carol Mazzara
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 4</b>
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Dolores Castellano/req. Daughters
11:00 AM	Francesco D' Ambrosio/req. Josephine
12:30 PM	Stanley Swiechocki/req. Wife, Maddalena
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5</b>
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	God's Blessing on Janet Bowry/req. Mom & Family
7:30 PM	Barbara Martini/req. Lucia Towey
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 6</b>
7:30 AM	Ed Markowski/req. Ginni
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/re. Stranieri Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 7</b>
7:30 AM	Sean Figner/req. Mother
8:15 AM	Jean Handza/req. Marguarita
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 8</b>
7:30 AM	Carolina Bruno/req. The Bruno Family
8:15 AM	Charles Richel/req. Wife & Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 9</b>
7:30 AM	Emanuel & Mary Ferrara/req. Santucci Family
8:15 AM	William Toledo/req. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Netti
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 10</b>
7:30 AM	Michael Menzella/req. Stepg & Shawn Bennett
8:15 AM	Vincenza Shaw/req. Mom & Dad
4:00 PM	Klusack Family/req. Barlowski Family
5:30 PM	Walter Grabowski/req. Richard & Grace Faruola
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 11</b>
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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 4</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>RAS Breakfast</i>	8:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM	Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5</b>	
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Church
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A, B & C
<i>Children's Choir Practice</i>	6:15 PM	Church
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 6</b>	
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 7</b>	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
<i>Faith Alive</i>	7:30 PM	Room B
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 8</b>	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.</i>	1:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 9</b>	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 10</b>	
<i>Extraordinary Ministers Mtg</i>	9:00 AM	Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Auditorium

*All morning masses will be held in the Church Worship Space until November 8 due to the gift auction preparation. Please Note: Daily Chapel Sanctuary Candles will be in the church during this time period*

## For the Week of October 4, 2015



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Frank Zickar/req Fr. Ed & Staff

**Chapel Sanctuary Candle (In Church)** is "In Loving Memory" Victoria Fazio/req. Cindi, Kathleen & Susan

**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of

Carrie & Steve Turner/req. Aunt Blanche & Uncle Matt

**Sacred Heart Candle** is "God's Blessing" on Colleen Fiore/req. Pat

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

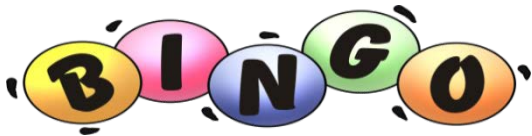
**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



**IV. Dorothy Ann Di Mambro, Bernadette Galgon**  
“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.



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. If you can help in any way, even if it’s only for a few hours, please stop by the Church Auditorium during Tuesday Bingo and speak with Cindy.

**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 August 2, 2015**

<b>Regular</b>	\$10,184.97
<b>On Line</b>	\$797.00
<b>Total</b>	\$10,981.97

*Reflections for the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In today’s gospel the Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God’s original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God’s original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus’ disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus’ teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage.

At first glance, the final part of today’s Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus’ emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

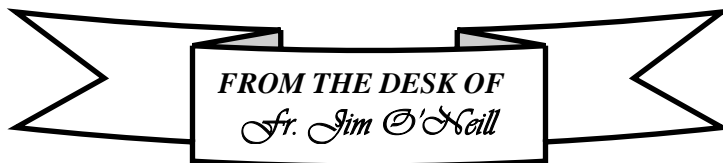
At the end of today’s Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus’ disciples show that they just don’t get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these “little ones” in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today’s Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. *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 PROPAGATION OF FAITH IN THE SECOND BASKET.**

**OCTOBER 4, 2015**



**FAMILIES**

Last Sunday, my brother Kevin was particularly amused by the Pope's procession before the big papal Mass. At first glance the security guards seemed to be intensely looking for anyone who might harm the Holy Father. After a while, we figured they were spending more time looking for babies. Parents were holding their children up in the air, hoping a stranger would take their child to the Holy Father to be blessed and kissed by him. It was reminiscent of Jesus embracing children, blessing them, and saying:

"Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." (Mark 10:14-15)

On this Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus loves each and every one of us from the moment of conception until the moment of death. If we have received His love, then we will have the eternal joy of being with Him forever in Heaven. Our theme for this Respect Life Sunday is "Every Life is Worth Living." Pope Francis emphasized care for those most in need. Among them, he often highlighted children by what he said and more powerfully by his gestures.

When Pope Francis addressed Congress, he said, "The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of development." He surely meant to include the pre-born and those who are frail, sick, poor, or on the brink of meeting Jesus face to face. After the speech to the rich and powerful, he went outside and highlighted the children. Instead of dining with Congress, he had lunch with the homeless.

In his homily last Sunday, Pope Francis did not explicitly mention the upcoming Synod on the Family, but he made an appeal to all of us to aim at "being open to miracles of love for the sake of all." Let us pray for the 200 or so people participating in the Synod on the Family that they would delve deeply into the meaning, joys, and challenges of family. May they provide the Holy Father with wonderful ideas so that he might lead us in helping families enter more deeply into God's divine plan for human love.

*Fr. Jim*

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**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE, SENIOR SISTERS SALE**

A benefit for the Religious Sisters Filippini will be held at Villa Walsh, Mother Ninetta Auditorium (located at 455 Western Ave in Morristown) on Sunday, November 1st from 12 to 5PM. A selection of Christmas decorations and food will be available as well as a 50/50 raffle. For more information please contact the Provincial Office at (973) 538-2886.

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

The next meeting scheduled for active Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & Lectors as well as those parishioners interested in becoming a part of these special ministries will be **Saturday, October 10** at 9:00 am in the main Church. If you attended the session in September there is no need to attend again. 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.





**RCIA CORNER**

**RITE OF WELCOME**

We will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome this month with our RCIA Candidates. This rite is the first step our Candidates take in their journey of faith. One of our Candidates, Maria Torres, is seeking to complete her Christian Initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. She was Baptized Catholic and now wishes through prayer and study to enter more fully into the faith. Her parents were the ones who entered her into the Church at her baptism and now she is completing that call.

We also have Neysa DeJesus and John Rodriguez who both have been baptized in another faith. They will be entering into full communion of the Catholic Church. They also have been praying with us and renewing their faith in our RCIA sessions.

We will welcome them with prayers and ritual gestures and surround them with special care and support as they prepare to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and take their place at the banquet table of the Lord. As their parish community we pray and support them in this quest for holiness.



**50/50 TICKETS** are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for October will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, October 25 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

**"ROOM 5" IN CHURCH**

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



**Congratulations Bob Jenke, the winner of \$628 in our September 50/50 drawing.**



Harbor House is an agency dedicated to assisting homeless, runaway, abused, neglected and abandoned youth, ages 10-21. Founded June, 1985, their mission is to provide a safe haven and caring environment for vulnerable youth, to enable them to unlock their potential and learn skills that will empower them to build healthier lives, relationships and futures. Through your generous donations and prayers, the 400-mile bike *Ride for New Beginnings* was a success again raising close to \$130,000. Thank you again for your support and may God bless you always,

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

**"AWAKENING FAITH"**

Join us beginning October 7 through November 11, 7:30 to 9:00 pm - The group meets once a week for 6 weeks of prayer and conversation. Facilitated by Dee Bringham, the sessions are based on short, easy to read essays and sacred scripture. Through sharing, conversation, and prayer you will come to a deeper appreciation of the social teachings of the Church—and how they can transform your life and your world. We will meet in the Parish Rectory downstairs in Room B. Refreshments will be available. Please call Dale Zanetti at 732-477-7059 ext.214 or email [dale@visitationchurch.com](mailto:dale@visitationchurch.com) to reserve your spot.

## OCTOBER 4, 2015

### **BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**



Bishop David O'Connell will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Anniversary Blessing Mass on October 25, 2015 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish,

Freehold, 3:00 pm. All Catholic married couples in the Diocese of Trenton celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50th and beyond wedding anniversary in 2015 are invited to participate. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register.

### **SIGHT & SOUND**



Join the Visitation Rosary Altar Society for a trip to *Sight and Sound* in Pennsylvania to see "The Miracle of Christmas" on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Tickets are \$115.00 per person which will include your bus seat and lunch at the famous Shady Maples Smorgasbord, with over 140 delicious items to choose from. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 8:15 AM and return approximately 8:45 PM. Please call Terry 732-903-7527 or Marilyn 732-920-9753 for any additional information or to purchase tickets. Seats on the bus go fast, so get your tickets early.

### **NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE 2015** **RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE WILL BE ON SALE** **OCTOBER 3 & 4 IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH**

First prize 2016 Volvo XC 60 all-wheel-drive SUV  
Second prize shop right gift certificate \$1000  
Third prize shop right gift certificate \$750  
Fourth prize shop right gift certificate so \$500  
Drawing will be held Friday evening November 20, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Somerset New Jersey. Proceeds for the benefit of New Jersey right to life.

### **SAINT PETER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Point Pleasant Beach: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00am. Please call 732-892-1260 for more information.

### **GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH**



The Respect Life Ministry along with St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and blankets for the needy through the month of October. Men's coats are especially in need. These items may be brought to St. Vincent de Paul Monday-Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.



As of September 21, 2015

Goal ~\$92,000.00

Pledge ~ \$2,724.80

Cash Recd ~ \$40,691.06

Total Donors ~ 292

Percentage of Goal ~ 46%

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



This is a great time to join our Adult, Youth Choirs and Children's choirs. Adult Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday and practice is on Thursdays 7:15-8:45 p.m. in the church. Youth Choir sings at 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and is open to all from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to high school. Practice will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the church. Our children's choir will practice on Monday evening from 6:15 to 7:00 PM in the Church and will sing at the 12:30 PM mass. For more information please contact our Music Director Natalya Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext.217.

***"Give and gifts will be given to you ... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Luke 6:38***

**OCTOBER 4, 2015**

**WHY CANDLES**

Candles speak to Catholics of self-sacrifice. The flame that consumes the candle is like the flame of the Spirit encouraging a self-consuming love for others. A candle left burning in Church is a symbol of prayer. While going about our daily duties or during the silent watches of the night, it is consoling to know that there is a living flame keeping vigil and representing us before The Throne of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp is, as every Catholic knows, a very special candle. Its brightness assures all who visit the church that Jesus is really present upon the altar. It is an assurance of His continuous love for us as He remains in the tabernacle. It is also a symbol of faith, shining through the darkest of nights. What a comfort, to know that Jesus in the tabernacle will remember your intention as your candle shines before Him in the church!

Remember a special person with a gift of the Sanctuary Candle, Sacred Heart or Blessed Mother Candle for one week. The stipend is \$15.00 for the Sanctuary Candle (tabernacle) in the Church or Daily Chapel and \$12.00 for the Sacred Heart or Blessed Mother Candle.

Keep your intention before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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**CREATE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Almost one out of four Americans is Catholic, yet misconceptions abound about our teachings and beliefs. Why not become the ambassador and spread the truth of our catholic faith?

***Remember our roots.***

Jesus established the Catholic Church and promised “the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” The Church is the guardian of truth that comes from God, not from men.

***Explain the rules.***

It is said that we have lots of rules. The guidance we get from the Church helps us to live holy, selfless lives that keep us right with God and teach us how to love our brothers and sisters. The goal is our salvation.

***Have ready answers.***

Perhaps the answers to questions or misassumptions aren’t on the tip of your tongue. If you have a smartphone, download a free Catholic Bible or an app like “ipieta” that gives you a selection of Catholic literature for quick answers. At home, keep a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The glossary helps locate subjects easily (available at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), 800-235-8722).

***Share the love.***

From the first, the Catholic Church has been about action: caring for the sick and poor, teaching children, welcoming immigrants, fighting for justice. Living selfless lives of charity and love is the best way to show others the true Catholic Church.

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**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

If someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Rectory Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216 during office hours so that we can schedule a Eucharistic Minister to visit the home.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

We turn to Jesus for understanding and healing through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is for adults and children who are suffering from serious physical or mental illness, or about to undergo surgery. Please call the Rectory Office for more information.

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS**

If you are admitted to Ocean Medical Center, please alert the Admissions Clerk that you are a parishioner at Visitation; so that our hospital ministers can care for you spiritually.

**HOUSE BLESSING**

If you wish to have a blessing of your home, please contact the rectory office 732-477-0028 ext. 201 to schedule a time for a Priest or Deacon to visit.

**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.

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers needed to provide a supportive presence through home visitation, comfort and bereavement calls in our office or administrative support on a variety of projects that enhance our patients' care. If you have an interest or expertise in any of these areas, please consider sharing your time and talents as part of our Volunteer Hospice Team. For more information on opportunities and training, please contact Pauline De Palma, BSW, at 723-224-6933 or email her at: Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org.

**SAVE THE DATE**



Saturday, October 10, 2015, you are invited to join the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Public Square Rosary Crusade which will take place at 12:00 noon, local time all across America. Here at Visitation we will gather in the church parking lot as we have done in

previous years. The rally will be a public act of reparation for all the sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will beg God and Our Lady to save America from today's immorality and secularism. Praying the rosary will begin promptly at noon. You may bring a chair for your comfort. For additional information, please call Jerri Salerno at 732-477-0899.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE**



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open SIX days a week. Help spread the word! We hope that having the Thrift Store open 6 days a week (Closed on Sunday) it will be more convenient to shop and encourage everyone to clean out their closets, garages, and attics for items that are clean and can be recycled. Drop off donations to us in the lower level of the Old Church. Hours: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday – Saturday. Come in and take a look around and you just might see something you have been looking for! All monies received help the needy families in our area.

**MARIS STELLA RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER HARVEY CEDARS**

Silent Directed Retreat—Sunday, October 18, for those who wish time in quiet prayer and reflection. Private Retreat—Saturday, October 24, for those who wish to pursue their private retreat time with no formal program. Call 609-494-2917 or pdotzauer@comcast.net.



# **OCTOBER 4, 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 Deadline**

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