

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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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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 10
4:00 PM	Jack Deegan/wife
5:30 PM	William & Mary Zabigna/req. The Kozak
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 11
6:45 AM	God's Blessing on Dee Lusko/req. Husband Tom
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Music Ministry/req. Music Ministry
11:00 AM	Donald Smith/req. The Sako Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	OCTOBER 12
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	William Toledo/req. Joseph & Janet Palmer
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 13
7:30 AM	Michael Menzella/req. Lisa, Kelsey and Payton Moroney
8:15 AM	Janet Malorano/req. Mr. & Mrs. Lou LaRocco
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 14
7:30 AM	Howard Maher/req. James & Megan Maher
8:15 AM	Giovanina Rubolino/req. Husband
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 15
7:30 AM	Michael Menzella/req. Scott, Sharon & Emma Hall
8:15 AM	Nancy Spinelli/req. Husband, Tom
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 16
7:30 AM	Jacinto Amador/req. Nieces
8:15 AM	Joan Lewis/req. Family
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 17
7:30 AM	Michael Menzella/req. Barb & Ted Hall
8:15 AM	Shirley & Charles Herlihy/req. Audrey Foley
4:00 PM	Rose Dempsey/req. Family
5:30 PM	Sam Christopher/req. Pat Zambrano
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 18
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Patricia Twomey/req. Husband, Denis
9:30 AM	Romolo Lechic/req. Wife, Maria
11:00 AM	Leslie Pucci/req. Family
12:30 PM	Helen & Joseph McQuade/req. McQuade Family

NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 11	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
MONDAY	OCTOBER 12	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15AM&7:30PM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 13	
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Holy Name</i>	7:15 PM	Room B
<i>Alanon</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 14	
<i>Newark Retired Priest</i>	10:00 AM	Room A
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Adult Faith Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Room C
<i>Faith Alive</i>	7:30 PM	Room B
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM	Church
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 15	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<i>Royal Hearts</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 16	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 17	
<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 11, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Nancy Spinelli/req. Husband, Tom

Chapel Sanctuary Candle (In Church) is "No Intentions"

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Ruth Domogauer/req. Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "God's Blessing" on William McCarthy/req. Pat Feeney

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Wedding Banns

II. Shawn Giles & Danielle Fabrizio

Welcome into God's Family

Brody Michael Balmer, Avery Paige Burgos
Mason Andrew Florio, Lucas Samuel Plath



"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.

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 October 4, 2015

Regular	\$10,628.49
On Line	\$726.00
Total	\$11,354.49

Some of the expenses for September included:

Building Maintenance	\$4,864.00
Electric	\$3,849.94
Natural Gas	\$209.42
Communication Services	\$728.21
Liturgical Supplies	\$703.80

Reflections for the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word possessions as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church. *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 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR IN THE SECOND BASKET.



With all of the recent media coverage regarding Pope Francis' visit to the U.S. we may have forgotten another event the Holy Father has scheduled, one that began last Sunday: the Synod of Bishops on the Family. This is the fourteenth such Synod (also known as an "Ordinary General Assembly") since the practice was established in Pope Paul VI in 1965 and is a direct continuation of the Extraordinary Synod that took place last year, which worked to define the current state of the family and the challenges that face it.

The task of the bishops during this time will be to reflect further on the points discussed during the Extraordinary Synod and to formulate appropriate guidelines for the pastoral care of the person and the family. The anticipated result of these episcopal meetings is a document from the Holy Father, known as a "post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation", which will take up the themes of the Synod and deepen them further for instruction to Church leaders and all the faithful. A previous example of this process was the 1981 promulgation of Familiaris Consortio by Pope St. John Paul II on the role of Christian families in society.

For the current Synod, the bishops will use the working document that resulted from the 2014 Extraordinary Synod, Instrumentum Laboris, to guide their discussions. For more information, I would invite you to read the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' page at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/2014-2015-synods-of-bishops-on-the-family.cfm#prayer>. In support of the Church during this most crucial time for families, I would also encourage you to pray for our bishops using the Prayer for the Synod: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Fr. Ed

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.



As Pope Francis calls for the World Meeting of Families, our families here in Visitation Parish participated in the St. Vincent DePaul Walk/Run on September 26th at the Brick Reservoir. Even family pets "walked the walk" and raised \$1,704.00 for the poor and needy that The Society serves all year long. **WAY TO GO TEAM VISITATION** and **WOOF, WOOF** to those four-legged fund raisers. You have made us very proud!!



RCIA CORNER

CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation for our adult candidates on November 22, 2015 at the 12:30 pm Mass-the Solemnity of Christ the King. These adults have come to us seeking to complete their faith with this sacrament. They have been baptized as Catholics and received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. All that remains is for them to be empowered by the Holy Spirit that was given to them in Baptism.

Our Catechist, Brandon Underwood has been helping them by reviewing and refreshing their knowledge of the church. Once they are confirmed they will become more like Christ and vibrant witnesses to his passion. They will be anointed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and be able to profess their faith in a new way.

As their community we should all be keeping them in our prayers and offer whatever support is Requested.



COLUMBUS DAY

The rectory office will be closed for regular business on Monday, October 12th in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 AM.

BASILICA SHRINE



The Diocese of Trenton will sponsor its bi-annual Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

This year Bishop O'Connell extends an invitation to our families who have children who have made their First Holy Communion in May of 2015 or who will make their First Holy Communion this coming May. As always, Saint Robert Bellarmine parish will run a Bus to Washington for this witness of faith. For more information on the bus contact 732.462.742



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!

**JOIN FATHER DANIEL GOWEN
ON A TRIP TO IRELAND
LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK TOUR**

April 18-28, 2016

For complete details please attend a meeting
November 9th at 7:00pm
St. Michael's Church
800 Ocean Ave., Long Branch NJ
or contact Graycar Travel
800-214-6723



**HONOR LUNCHEON
Saluting our Military**

Past & Present

November 8, 2015

1:00 PM

No Fee

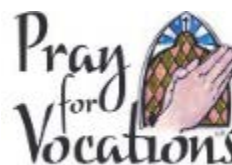
Donovan Catholic Dining Hall

711 Hooper Avenue

Toms River, NJ 08753

RSV: by October 20, 2015 to: Patti Kunzman -
732-349-8801 x 2432

Please leave your Name, phone #, branch of service & number attending.



The Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations invites you to the Ocean County Holy Hour for Vocations. The Holy Hour will consist of Scripture reading, reflection, recitation of the

Rosary, meditation, and closing Benediction. St. Dominic Parish, 250 Old Squan Road, Brick, Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. For further information, please visit vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or call (609) 406-7449.

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.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Point Pleasant Beach: Tuesday, October 13th 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.



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 6th 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.



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 15th, 2015

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Meet with faculty, admissions, and guidance professionals

607 Seventh Avenue, Belmar, NJ
732-681-2858 • www.strose.k12.nj.us

PLACEMENT TEST Saturday, November 14th, 2015 • 8:00 a.m.

Sign up online or contact Maryanne Mattson at ext 305 to register for the test



JOURNEY TOWARD GREATNESS

You can also register by visiting <http://www.strose.k12.nj.us/page.cfm?p=1311>

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

APRIL 4-14 2016 WITH BISHOP DAVID

M. O'CONNELL, CM

Join Bishop David O'Connell for the Holy Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome & Tuscany as a way of observing the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by our Holy Father Pope Francis. This pilgrimage has been designed for those who are seeking a greater understanding of our Catholic Faith during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Enjoy the spiritual, liturgical and cultural places that have shaped our Catholic Identity throughout the centuries; responding to Our Holy Father Pope Francis' to reflect more deeply on the meaning of God's mercy in our lives and the life of the Church. Travel round trip non-stop from Newark to Rome; Specially selected hotel while in Rome; Specially selected hotel in Tuscany; Air-conditioned buses will transport pilgrims to some of the most important church building in our Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated daily in some of the most significant church buildings of the region. Bishop David O'Connell will accompany the group and lead us in our prayer making these historic buildings not only artistic treasures but more importantly places where the liturgical and prayer life of Catholics continues today. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Come and See! Visit <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-year-of-mercy-pilgrimage/>

Have questions? www.Unitours.com/questions. For additional information and reservations: Marianna Pisanompisano@unitours.com

PROVIDENCE HOUSE

Domestic Violence services of Catholic Charities provide services to survivors of domestic abuse and their children in Ocean County. The program is in need of volunteers to assist with donation solicitation and management. There are also opportunities for volunteers to work with Domestic Violence Response Teams. These teams of trained volunteers work in conjunction with Ocean County police departments and respond to the police stations to talk to victims immediately following an incident of abuse. If interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact Erin Shealy, Community Liaison, 732- 350-2120 or email eshealy@cctrenton.org.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:15 PM in Rectory Room B. All men of the parish are welcome.

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 the Church Auditorium 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.

PROMISE TO PROTECT- PLEDGE TO HEAL



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations

involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-800-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org**.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



When a loved one cannot attend mass due to illness, it is often a desire to bring Communion to them. However the Universal Church has regulations to ensure that proper respect is shown for the Blessed Sacrament at all times. The Universal Church allows for lay people who have been **properly trained** to distribute Communion, including to the homebound. This training includes theological and spiritual aspects as well as practical aspects surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion. It is important that proper respect and adherence to Universal Church teaching is maintained at all times. When the Blessed Sacrament is administered outside of Mass, it must be transported in an appropriate vessel. If the person is unable to attend Mass for a period of time, 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.

OCTOBER 11, 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 the Church Auditorium. 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 Rectory Room B. 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