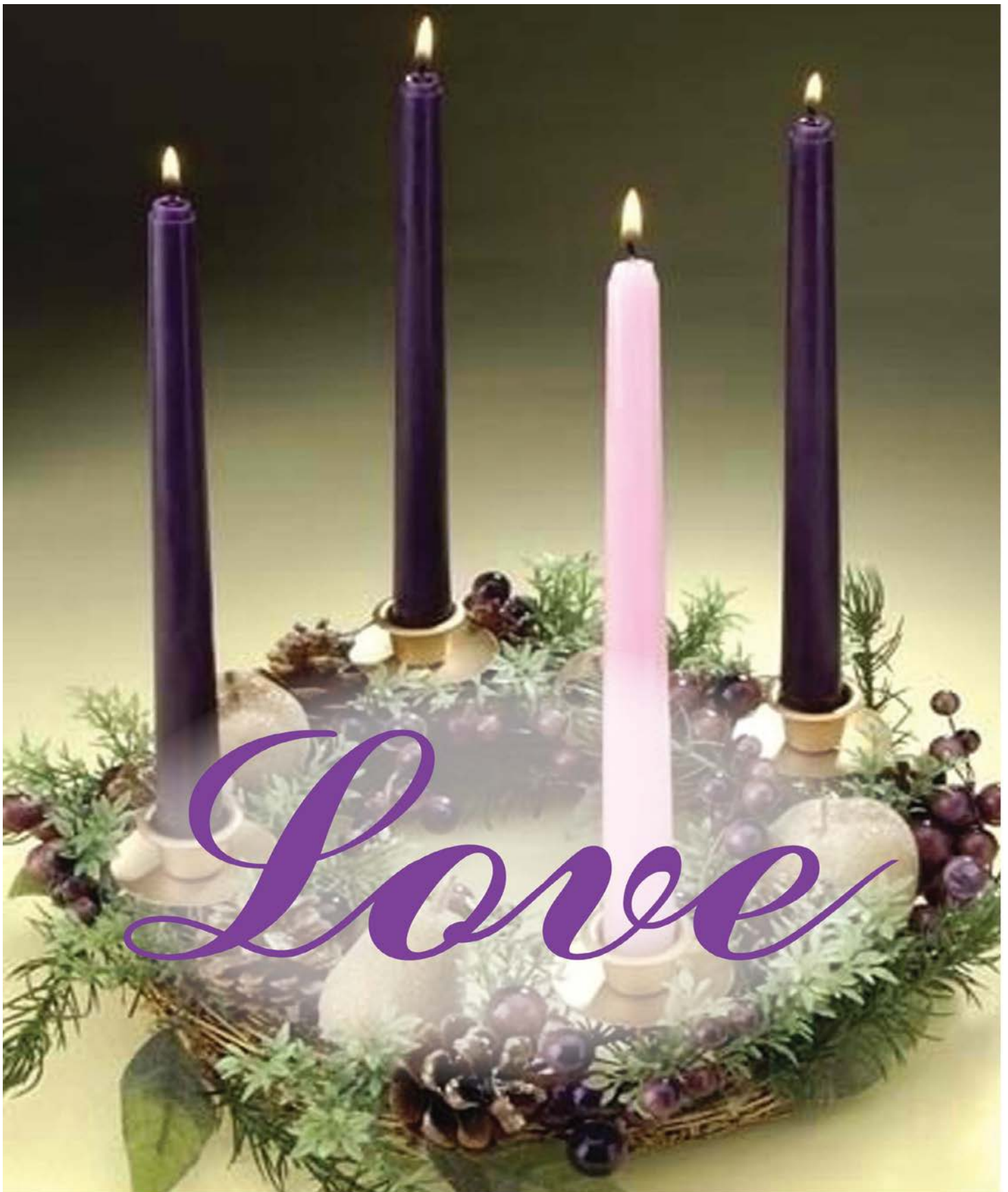


Church of the Visitation

Mantoloking Road, Brick, New Jersey



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 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch

Parish Registration

The Church of the Visitation is obliged to serve and minister to all baptized Catholics living in our local area. **PLEASE REGISTER** – it assists the staff in knowing you as a parishioner, providing for your needs, informing you of parish programs and activities, and utilizing your gifts and talents in service of the Church and one another. Envelopes for weekly contributions are available to you once you are registered. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. 1. Be at least 16 years of age. 2. Have completed the Sacraments of the Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) 3. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 19
4:00 PM	Dec'd. Members of the Pavlak Family/req. Charles & Evelyn Pavlak
5:30 PM	Stephen Zaleski/req. Mom & Dad
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 20
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Rev. William McDonnell/req. Family
9:30 AM	Judith Ling/req. Bernice Crimaldi
11:00 AM	Leslie Puccie/req. Family
12:30 PM	McQuade & Zaccardi Families/req. McQuade Family
MONDAY	DECEMBER 21
7:30 AM	Carol Smith/req. Richard Schuler
8:15 AM	Gloria Canziani/req. Malachi Towey & Family
7:30 PM	Anne Marie Guerrero/req. Ryan Family
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 22
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	God's Blessing on Ray & Mary Nickerson/req. Bernice Crimaldi
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 23
7:30 AM	Rosemary Curran/req. Jim & Helen McTernan
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 AM	Nicola Albano/req. Family
8:15 AM	Stephen Zaleski/req. Mom & Dad
4:00 PM	Frank & Eleanor Barlowski/req. Family
4:15 PM	John & Eleanor Powers/req. Family
7:00 PM	Salvatore & Diane Arrabito/req. Daughter, Joellen
12:00 AM	Harold Ulrich/req. Sharon, Erin & Stephanie
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 25 ~ CHRISTMAS
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Amato Family/req. Son, John
11:00 AM	Mario Altomare & Thomas Rygiel/req. Terri & Toni
12:30 PM	Anthony & Mary Bulwicz/req. Son, Ray
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 26
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	Wright Poinsett/req. Alan Giovanna & Scarlett Cook
4:00 PM	Joseph Hammel/req. Wife, Mary
5:30 PM	Judith Ling/req. Toni Rygiel
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 27
6:45 AM	Stephanie Lusko/req. Tom Lusko
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Philip Coticelli/req. Shephard's Keep
11:00 AM	Eugene Capozzi/req. Carol Mazzara
12:30 PM	William Price/req. The Stawicki Family

NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 20	
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Christmas Pageant</i>	2:00 PM	Church
MONDAY	DECEMBER 21	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Dailey Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church & Auditorium
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 22	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 23	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Youth Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 24	

CHRISTMAS EVE SEE MASS INTENTIONS FOR MASS TIMES

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY SEE MASS INTENTIONS FOR MASS TIMES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Vigil:	
Day:	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

REMINDER: THERE WILL NO LONGER BE MONDAY EVENING MASS OR 5:30 PM MASS ON SATURDAY BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016

For the Week of December 20, 2015

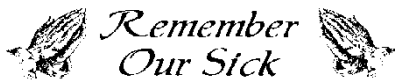


Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Dec'd Members of Pavlak Family/req. Charles & Elena Pavlak

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mesgleski & Deegan Families/req. Terry Deegan


Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" Banoff Family/req. Chris B

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stanley Swiechocki/req. Wife Maddalena



I. Mary Lillis

"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; *John Resch*

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BINGO



THERE WILL BE NO BINGO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 THRU FRIDAY JANUARY 1, FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK. BINGO WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016 AT 11:00 AM.

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION TUESDAY & FRIDAY BINGO WORKERS THANK ALL WHO PATRONIZED BINGO THIS PAST YEAR AND WISH ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR. SEE YOU IN 2016

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



The rectory office will be closed December 24 through December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. We will open, Monday, December 28 at 8:30 AM.

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS NOT BE AVAILBLE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2015

*Reflections for
The Fourth Sunday of Advent*



Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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A CHRISTMAS LETTER TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

This week we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior. On Christmas Day the Light of the world was born and your presence is the greatest gift you could give him.

This has been a difficult year, both for our nation and for many of us personally. It is a tragedy that people in the midst of hardship have forgotten the greatest gifts that God has given to us: the gift of ourselves and the gift of our faith. Although faith is a gift we are called to use every day, it truly shows its worth when used in communion with others. This reminds us that God created us not only as individuals, but as a united in support each other and in worship of our God.

If you have been an infrequent visitor to the Catholic Church, we extend an invitation to becoming a weekly member of the family of the Church of the Visitation. God loves you and is longing for your return ... and so are we. We know that your reasons for being away are very private and personal, but we miss you and, with our loving God, long for your return.

Just think about it – God has been waiting for you to take that first step on the road Home, and you have just done so by joining us in worship today. Just like the father welcomed home the Prodigal Son, so does Our Father wait to meet you on the road, to embrace you, to welcome you home and to celebrate your return!

We are truly excited to extend a very special gift this year and we hope that you consider accepting it. Advances in technology have allowed us to become better connected. We want to take advantage of that connectedness by inviting you to become a member of our on-line parish e-Community. You may do so by visiting the e-Community on the Web at **www.flocknote.com/churchofthevisitation** or, more simply, by texting **VisitationBrick to 84576** on your cellphone and join us! Using this, we will provide important information on Church and parish events, offer opportunities to discuss matters of faith and get your opinion on important church matters. We will do so with respect to your privacy and your time; we promise not to overwhelm you with messages and you can unsubscribe at any time.

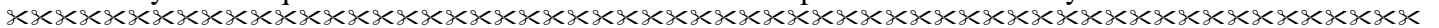
Allow the miracle of Christmas to touch your heart and come home to stay. Invite our Lord to strengthen your faith, renew your hope and fill your heart with His love and...**WELCOME HOME.**

FLOWERS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

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



CHRISTMAS FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

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

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE

GIVEN IN LOVE BY: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

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Please drop in collection basket or return to parish office.

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ADULTS 18 and older have you completed your initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation? Sessions will be forming in February of 2016. Please contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at dale@visitationchurch.com or call 732-477-7059 ext. 214.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSS

As you approach this Holiday Season, you may be fearful of a painful reminder of loss rather than the celebration it once was. Holidays touch us on a deep and emotional level. It's not unusual that for the first or second holiday following a loss, you might be lacking enthusiasm or you might be feeling numb- dreading the event and wishing you can skip it completely.

Here are some tips that may be helpful for you in the upcoming weeks.

Prepare for episodes of grief. Alter activities that may seem too painful.

Be assured that these reactions are normal and that the pain fades as the years pass – although it may never go away completely.

Look for healing opportunities. In many cases, the anticipation can be worse than the reality.

Reminisce about the relationship you had with the person who died. Try to focus on the good things about the relationship and the time you had together rather than the loss.

Start a new tradition in your loved one's memory.

Connect with others. Draw family members and friends close to you, rather than avoiding them. Find someone who encourages you to talk about your loss. Stay connected to your usual support systems.

Allow yourself to feel sadness and a sense of loss. But also allow yourself to experience joy and happiness also. You may find yourself laughing and crying at the same time!

Create a Day of Rest and Relaxation. Tune out the holiday hustle and bustle and focus on your needs. Nurture yourself emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Provide care and comfort for yourself. Take a walk, get a massage, light a candle, read a book or go to a movie. Start a journal.

Be loving to yourself and listen to your inner self.

CLOTHE THE NAKED

We protect ourselves from the environmental climate change with clothes; we keep warm in winter and cool in summer. Clothes also help us to portray a picture of moral fiber and modesty.

I Corinthians says: "the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."

We show who we are by our physical clothing but we can also show our souls by our spiritual clothing:

"Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry.....put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. "Colossians 3:5, 10

This coming week we will be celebrating the coming of our Savior to us as a child in the manger. Let us rejoice that God has granted us salvation and given us this opportunity to become new creatures made in his image and being called children of God; and that we are granted authority to clothe ourselves in Christ, our savior. Present yourselves this Christmas to the living God for redemption, renewal and restoration. Put on the clothes of holiness and let your light shine before men.



*Fr. Ed and Staff
Wish all our parishioners
A very Merry Christmas
and
A Happy and Healthy New year*

~~~To all our volunteers~~~

*Where would we be if not for your dedication, loyalty
and all your efforts to make
Visitation the wonderful Parish that it is.
We thank you for all your stewardship of
Time and Talent.*

*We wish you and your family a very
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.*



DECEMBER 20, 2015

THE KING IS COMING!

The King is coming! The King is coming! This is a cry we heard during the season of Advent. Yes, the King did come, not as a person of worldly power and might, but as a helpless child. Isn't it interesting that Christ's coming was the result of a choice? Mary, His Mother, was given a choice. Will she or will she not agree to accept Jesus as her child and bring him into the world? We too are given a similar choice. Each of us has to decide to accept or reject Jesus as our Lord and Savior, not only at Christmas, but each moment of our lives. Choosing Jesus is an ongoing decision, not one just for the Christmas season. We are continually faced with choices on how we wish to live our lives. Do we live them as followers of the teachings and examples of Jesus Christ, or as followers of the allurements of the world? These choices are not always easy. Temptations are not meant to be. But, they are there for us to demonstrate our love for God.

What does it mean to choose Jesus Christ? It simply means we are to live as Jesus did--we are to love others as He loved us. And, according to Christ, even to those who don't like us. That's real hard to do, but we have to do it and we can by asking for help to love those people that we know are hard to love. We are to forgive everyone, just as God forgave each of us through the sacrifice of His Son. Jesus was born through Mary and she shared Him with the world. Jesus is also to be born in us and we are to share Him with the world. One way we can do this is to share the message of hope through Jesus Christ. That should have been our Christmas message. As the angels that first night proclaimed and gave glory to Christ—we are to go forth and do the same--bringing the message of hope to those that we know are hurting. Tell them to bring Jesus into their lives. It doesn't mean their troubles will go away--that their cancer will disappear or their jobs will be restored, although that can happen--but through Christ they will receive an enduring grace of comfort, a peace not possible from any other source.

Jesus gave us not only examples and teachings that we can follow but He also gave us the graces that we need to choose the Jesus life-style. Every time we receive the Eucharist we are celebrating Christmas—the coming of the Christ Child into our hearts and souls. St. Francis and the Saints of our Church were well aware of this. That is why they dedicated their lives to choosing Jesus Christ. They really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (see Luke 9:1-3). Each, according to their capabilities, accepted this message almost as if it was there mantra. Their primary motivation was to become one with Jesus and to be as Jesus in their relationship with others. Rather than expecting to receive, as so many do during the Christmas season, their goal was to give of themselves to others as they felt Jesus would do.

Four weeks of Advent were scarcely enough to "prepare the way of the Lord". Christ's coming must be considered as a reality, which can be accomplished in how we live our lives, not a commercial experience or a pastoral scene. As we move beyond the Christmas season, let us ask ourselves how we can be a present to others through our presence in their lives every day of the year.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE WILL
BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 24 THRU DECEMBER 26. THE
STORE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY
DECEMBER 28 AT 8:30 AM.**

**THE MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT WOULD LIKE
TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WISH YOU
AND YOUR FAMILIES
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

CHRISTMAS MEALS TO GO

The Knights of Columbus council #7926 will cook and box up complete Christmas meals for pick-up (10am – 12pm) or delivery on the morning of Christmas Eve. In order to receive a meal, please call St. Martha's parish office at (732) 295-3630.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24-

4:00 PM, (4:15 PM in the Daily Chapel),
7:00 PM & 12:00 AM (Midnight)

CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

The Prelude Music for Christmas Eve as follows:

3:15 PM for the 4:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM Mass

(Children's Choir)

11:15 PM for the Midnight Mass

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**Tickets ordered after that December 11th can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.
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DECEMBER 20, 2015

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and Senior Housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or Vicki@visitationchurch.com*

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

LITURGY TEAM meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY spiritually enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are always seeking individuals who would like to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

Bell Choir is open to all ages. 732-477-9672, ext. 217 - *Natalya Bencivenga or natalie@visitationchurch.com*

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

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM see Youth Ministry

Sacrament Preparation

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

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

Education and Evangelization Ministries

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

BIBLE SHARING offers day sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9:45 AM in the Church Auditorium. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

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

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

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 7:00 PM in Parish Room C to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

ROYAL HEART OF JESUS & MARY CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Room A. All are welcome. 732-742-2600 – *Joellen Arrabito – 732-262-3938 – Mary Casella or mnick123@aol.com*

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

Pastoral Care Ministries

BEREAVEMENT TEAM provides support and meets Spring and Fall. 732-477-9672, ext. 221- *Deacon Richard Johnston.*

On-going support to grieving families is available- *Linda Conroy 908-902-2741 or lconroy58@verizon.net*

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

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

Services

ANNULMENT TEAMS are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life. 848-333-2671- *Eleanor Troiano ~ 732-477-7059* ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is offered to anyone in the community who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. 732-477-9672, ext.221 *Deacon Richard Johnston*

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 7:30 PM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*; Friday - *Anna Tortoriello*

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

Social Concerns

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

RESPECT LIFE focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. The group gathers every Monday in the church at 1:30 PM to recite the Rosary. 732-262-2047 – *Charles Pocher*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL operates the Thrift Shop in the old church and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the needy in our parish and the surrounding community. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church. These donations assist the hungry of our community. 732-746-3456 - *Visitation Relief Center*

Youth Ministries/Activities

CHILDREN'S CHOIR welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. The choir sings monthly at the 12:30 PM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 - *Jim Daniels*

CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 201-522-3679 – *Coach or doug_roman4@yahoo.com*

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

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

Temporal Welfare

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

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

FUTURES TEAM assesses and implements the needs of the parish to ensure that we are prepared for the future. The various teams coordinate all activities pertaining to the development of the Faith Formation Center. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - *Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.

AL-ANON MEETINGS are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 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.