

A religious artwork depicting the body of Jesus Christ lying on a blue cloth, wearing a crown of thorns. The image is framed by a dark purple border.

*Ash
Wednesday
February 26
2020*

*“Be merciful
oh Lord,
for we have
sinned”*



Church of the Visitation

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Welcome!

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

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Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch

Parish Registration

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

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday – Friday 7:30 (Daily Chapel)
Saturday - 8:15 PM (Daily Chapel)
Holy Days: See Current Bulletin
Wed. Jan. 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary
Sun. April 12 ~ Easter
Thurs. May 21 ~ Ascension Thursday
Thurs. Aug. 15 ~ Assumption of Mary
Sun. Nov. 1 ~ Feast of All Saints
Tues. Dec. 8 ~ Immaculate Conception
Fri. Dec. 25 ~ Christmas
Holy Hour: First Fri. of the month 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration: Every Fri. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Chapel)

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 11:00 Mass at 12:30 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.

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.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. In an emergency call the Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 PM in the Church or anytime by appointment. A Penance Service is held during Advent and Lent.

Religious Education (CCD)

Our Religious Education and sacramental preparation for our children meets on Sunday from 9:15~10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes are held in the Church Rectory. Pre~registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217

Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

We now offer Low-Gluten Host for those suffering from celiac sprue disease

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY 4:00 PM	FEBRUARY 22 Helen Zickl
SUNDAY 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FEBRUARY 23 People of the Parish Walter Sidnik Domick Mazzara
MONDAY 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 24 Robert J. Udet, 11
TUESDAY 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 25 Carol Villa
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 26
ALL MASSES HELD IN CHURCH WORSHIP	
7:30 AM	Susan Noonan
9:00 AM	Theresa Ammirato Minniti & Nicoletta Ammirato
7:00 PM	Thomas Pilovsky
THURSDAY 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 27 Nancie Donelan
FRIDAY 7:30 AM	FEBRUARY 28 Rizzeizo Giampaozo
SATURDAY 8:15 AM 4:00 PM	FEBRUARY 29 Bernice Denisiuk Thomas Pilovsky
SUNDAY 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	MARCH 1 People of the Parish Living & Dec'd Members of the Rosary Altar Society J. Thadeus Tooley

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

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SUNDAY <i>Masses</i> <i>Parish Family Gathering</i> <i>Cargiver Recruitment</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>Baptism</i>	FEBRUARY 23 8:00 AM 8:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM	LOCATION Church Parish Hall Parish Hall Parish Hall Church
MONDAY <i>Rosary For Unborn</i> <i>CCD</i> <i>Men's Group.</i>	FEBRUARY 24 1:30 PM 4:30 7:30 AM	Chapel Rms. A, B & C Rm. C
TUESDAY <i>Bingo</i> <i>CCD</i> <i>Children's Choir</i> <i>Event Development</i> <i>Alanon</i>	FEBRUARY 25 11:00 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Parish Hall Rms. A & C Church Rm. B Parish Hall
ASH WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 26		
<i>Mass</i> <i>Ash Service</i> <i>CCD</i> <i>Beginners Bell Choir</i> <i>Mass</i>	7:30 & 9:00 AM 12:00 & 4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Church Church Rms. A, B & C Church Church
THURSDAY <i>Bible Study</i> <i>CCD</i> <i>Adult Choir Practice</i> <i>AA</i>	FEBRUARY 27 9:30 AM 4:30 pm 7:15 PM 7:30 PM	Parish Hall Rm. A & C Church Parish Hall
FRIDAY <i>Adoration</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Parent Baptism Session</i> <i>Children of Light</i>	FEBRUARY 28 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Chapel Church Chapel Parish Hall
SATURDAY <i>EMHC Training</i> <i>Crocheting Mats</i> <i>Vigil Mass</i> <i>RCIA</i>	FEBRUARY 29 9:00 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Church Rm C Church Parish Hall

Candles for the Week

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Joyce Albers-Shoenburg
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Pedro Calingo
Church Sanctuary Candle "In Loving Memory" of John Donovan
Chapel Sanctuary Candle "In Loving Memory" of Zoldak & Udet Families

**NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE
TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY
ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR THE
BLACK & NATIVE AMERICA IN THE SECOND BASKET.**

“THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL”

Welcome into God's Family

Andrew Silva Garcia, Victoria Garcia Herrera
Giuseppe Vito LaMantia, Vivienne Rose Pagel



III. Louise Rebar

“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 VISITATION’S 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, *Jean Folchelli, Suzanne Gonzalez, Joyce DeRogatis, Sara Goodwin Trahey*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR DIOCESAN BISHOP AND PRIESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of February 16, 2020

Regular	\$8,550.25
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WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP

“A Total-Stewardship Parish is ALIVE!

It is a prayerful, welcoming, Eucharist-centered community with a *common vision*: God is the source of all. Its members are committed to furthering the Word and work of Christ by caring for each other and all of God’s creation. In gratitude, they joyfully give back a portion of their God-given gifts of **TIME, TALENT and TREASURE”**

THE WORD AMONG US

Thinking of doing something extra for Lent? Make sure to pick up your copy of “The Word Among Us” offered free from Visitation for Lent. (Located in the racks at the doors of the Church.) This booklet combines daily meditations & articles on the official Catholic readings from the daily Mass in one easy to use resource. This booklet will help us form a right attitude for Lent and help us in cooperating with God in forming clean hearts and steadfast spirits.

Reflections for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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

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

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As we enter a time of preparation for Lent (Ash Wednesday is this week), I came across the following. While not a big fan of Facebook, I read this and wasn't sure if I wanted to laugh or cry – you decide:

12 Reasons Why I as a Pastor Decided to Quit Attending Sporting Events

1. The coach never came to visit me.
2. Every time I went, they asked for money.
3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were very hard.
5. The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
6. I was sitting with hypocrites – they only came to see what others were wearing!
7. Some games went into overtime and I was later getting home.
8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel I know more than the coaches do, anyway.
12. I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

If you read this and laughed and/or cried, you know what I tried to say. If you didn't understand why I posted this, we need to talk.

SOME OF THE LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT VISITATION

Lent is not only about sacrifice. It is a time that provides us with opportunities to strengthen our prayer life and our commitment to be faithful servants of God. Here at Visitation, in addition to the year round devotions available, many activities are available at various times to meet a variety of schedules. Make this Lent a meaning one.

DEVOTIONS

Our prayers help us remember that we are totally dependent on God. In prayer we recognize and express the sovereign nature of our Creator. No Christian Prayer can occur without the action of the Holy Spirit. It is this action that unites the whole Church. The Church is a community. It expresses its nature as a community in its coming together in prayer.

Private prayer is good. But prayer as a community adds another dimension to the experience of prayer. Joined as a community, we experience the Body of Christ as members of the Church. You may recall that as a Church we believe the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Traditional Stations of the Cross are available every Friday at 4:00 PM in the Church.

Contemporary Stations of the Cross are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent in the quiet of the Daily Chapel. They provide time for meditation as well as a dialog between Christ and each one of us. As we follow the stations, each meditation is an authentic application of Jesus' suffering to our personal lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the presence of God and experience the depth of the Lenten Season. The prayers used in this encounter help us connect Christ's last steps on this earth to our own daily lives.

Living Stations of the Cross will be held at 11:00 AM on Good Friday.

Holy Hour is available every first Friday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place immediately following the 7:30 AM daily Mass every Friday in the Rectory Chapel.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SMUDGED WITH ASHES, SMEARED WITH OIL

On a somber Wednesday (February 26) we will gather to smudge every forehead with ashes, admonishing each other to remember that dust returns to dust and that the only way through death to life is Christ. The ashes are made by burning palms—given to us on Passion Sunday a year ago with the invitation to “go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds that welcomed him into Jerusalem.” Our baptismal life is a lifelong pilgrimage with Christ toward Jerusalem. Yet like our best intentions, last year’s palm branches now have become dried and brittle—fodder for the fire. So our pilgrimage leads us to Lent. And a hostile climate of sin and suffering necessitates drastic measures: We are marked with ashes as a sign of our willingness to pray, fast and give alms.

But this gritty smudge that we accept on our foreheads is not a death sentence. It is not the mark of Cain. A reminder of our fragile mortality, it is nonetheless shaped in the great sign of salvation: The ashes form a cross, a thumb-printed cross that marks the same heads that were smeared with chrism at baptism. Anointed with that royal oil, we are committed to conversion, to continually setting out for the New Jerusalem, to leaving behind forever our captivity in Egypt.

This gritty ashen sign reminds us that on the way there is soil and toil, sweat and hard work before we come to the oasis in this desert—the Easter bath of baptism. At the font, on a damp and chilly night, water will wash away soil and oil will soothe away toil to make new Christians royal: heirs of the reign of God. The dusty smudges will be gone, and in the light of the paschal candle the oily heads of the newly baptized will shine like the moon and the stars, reminding us of our destiny. What begins in ashes ends in water and in fire.

LENT INSTRUCTIONS

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead from *Ash Wednesday, February 26^h until Holy Thursday, April 9*, the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert, alone, fasting and in intense prayer, beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. **The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below.**
2. All other **Fridays of Lent** are **days of ABSTINENCE (no meat)**.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 29-March 1 to Trinity Sunday, June 7-8** However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020



FEBRUARY 26, 2020

MASS - 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM

ASH SERVICE 12:00 PM 4:00 PM

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR
Ash Wednesday, February 26**

Mass	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion	I. Kronicz F. Ochs NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	J. Amato L. Gerardi NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	J. DiSorco NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Lector	J. Olden	NOT FILLED	C. Rippa
Lector Services Only	12:00 PM Rosemary Russell	4:00 PM A. Viciidomini	

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF OCEAN COUNTY is a non-profit, interfaith ministry committed to providing shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families. We once again converted Guild Hall into a home for our families beginning last Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:45 am. Wow, we had a FULL house with lots of babies! There were nine children in all with six of them under 4 years old. Volunteers all helped to make the week run smoothly. Truly, it was joyful for everyone together, both those we serve and the volunteers happily and lovingly working together. Together we became the Light and the Salt for those less fortunate! Visitation parishioners have made a huge contribution assisting in this ministry by joining with Saint Mary of the Lake to help the working poor in our community. If you would like to help out with the next visit, beginning on April 26th, 2020 or have questions please contact: Pat Rainer - 732-300-8288 or lanokaharbor@hotmail.com.



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR
February 29 & March 1**

Mass	4:00 PM	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Cup M. Emery A. Barlowski A. Romano F. Starita B. Ulrich F. Ochs A. Catanzaro	J. Statesire D. Smith J. Olden I. Kronicz NOT FILLED	Deacon Cup P. Mancini A. D'Ambola J. Nebenburgh M. Helik A. Kelly J. Arendt D. Kiley	Deacon Cup R. Carbone R. Carbone L. Gerardi R. Nickerson M. Pontrantolfi R. Scace T. Bastone
Lector	J. Foy	K. Smith	L. Conroy	A. Vicidomini

Subject to Change

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God (Matt 4:4).

However, sometimes we need to feed people before they can hear or see God in their life. This Lent we are going to share our “bread” with our community. We are asking that each of us bring a non-perishable food item to the Mass that they attend.

The gifts that are most needed are paper goods, such as napkins, paper towels, toilet paper. There will be baskets by the doors. You can place your food item either before Mass or after. Each week during Lent a basket containing food items will be brought up in our procession of gifts by a member of the parish family. These gifts will be given to our Food Pantry to assist the poor and afflicted.

SUPPER WITH THE SAINTS



For those who are hungry or in need of friendship, the last Tuesday (February 25) of each month join All Saints Church at 500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head for food

and fellowship. Serving from 4:00~6:00 PM. For additional information call 732-892-5198

10 TIPS FOR MAKING THE LENTEN SEASON MORE MEANINGFUL

1. Slow Down - Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalize your body and your spirit.
2. Read a good book - You could choose the life of a saint, a spiritual how-to, an inspirational book or one of the pope's new books.
3. Be kind - Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.
4. Get involved - Attend a Lenten lecture or spiritual program (Parish Mini-retreat on March 14).
5. Volunteer at your parish - Whether it's serving at a Parish event or picking up after Mass, or helping with the food drive, it will give you a chance to help others.
6. Reach out - Invite an inactive Catholic to come with you to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.
7. Pray - Especially for people you don't like and for people who don't like you.
8. Tune out - Turn off the television and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.
9. Clean out closets - Donate gently used items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
10. Donate — Google "Catholic Missions." Then pick one mission and decide how you can help by sending money, clothing or supplies.



What is it?

It is a non-profit dedicated to showing compassion and humanitarianism to those in need by providing them with blessing bags filled with personal hygiene items, food and socks. Their mission is to help the homeless find some comfort and hope. Everyday items, that we take for granted, can make a huge impact on these individuals. Once the supplies are collected, children with special needs, church groups or community organizations assemble the bags. Initially, these bags were distributed to local shelters and on the streets of NYC. The area of distribution has now been expanded into our areas.

How can you help?

Donated items should be unisex and travel sized. Items can be dropped off at Visitation Church for the next six weeks. Men's Socks, .Shampoo, Snack foods: including breakfast bars, Water bottles, Toothpaste, Lotion, Soaps, Toothbrush, Deodorant, Disposable razors.. These are suggested items that we are currently putting into our bags. Additional suggestions are always accepted.

Where will the bags be assembled?

On Sunday, March 15, 2020 right here at Visitation Church starting at 12:30. Please join us and our CCD students! Thank you in your efforts to help the homeless and those in need feel blessed even for just one day !For more information, contact Joanne Martone at 908-415-7697.

Visit Blessing Bag Brigade on Facebook or at BlessingBagBrigadeNJ.org.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEN'S GROUP meets every other Monday evening in Rectory Room C to study the Word of God, faith sharing and fellowship. 201-747-8631 *Chris Pozo or chrispoz@optonline.net*

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

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets Friday evenings to pray, share scripture, praise God, give and discuss teachings and share fellowship. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulrollis63@gmail.com*

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

Pastoral Care Ministries

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

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-477-5217 – *Nancy Grodberg*.

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@caregiversvolunteers.org*

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM 732-475-0589– *Cathy or Bingo@visitationRCchurch.org*.

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. 732-475-0048, – *Vicki Cottrell-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

Services

ANNULMENT TEAMS are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari, 848-333-2671 – Eleanor Troiano, 732-477-7059 ext. 103 Joan Olden*

Social Concerns

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

RESPECT LIFE focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. The group gathers weekly to recite the Rosary. . 732-920-9006 – *Pat Gigante*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL operates the Thrift Shop in the SOS building at 725 Mantoloking Rd. and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the less fortunate in our parish and the surrounding community. Donations of nonperishable food are accepted at the doors of the Church to assist the hungry of the community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

Youth Ministries/Activities

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

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 732-903-4290 – *John McCoy or vast@visitationRCchurch.org*

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

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

Temporal Welfare

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

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

Organizations

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

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

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 9:00 AM Mass and meet monthly 609-234-4437 – *Richard Bencivenga or visitation.holyname@gmail.com*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. 732-600-1029 – *Andrew Kelly or andrekelly3@me.com*

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 9:00 AM Mass and meet monthly. 732-295-1812 – *Rose Marie DiGiovanni or digioro1@yahoo.com*

Consult the Parish Events Calendar on our parish website (www.visitationRCchurch.org) for the most current schedule of meeting dates, times, and locations. Information in the Calendar of Events section of the bulletin is current as of bulletin publication.



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