

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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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.

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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Daily: Monday – Friday 7:30 (Daily Chapel)

Sat. - 8:15 PM (Daily Chapel)

Holy Days: See Current Bulletin **Tues. Jan. 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary**

Sun. April 21 ~ Easter

Thurs. May 30 ~ Ascension Thursday Thurs. Aug. 15 ~ Assumption of Mary

Fri. Nov. 1 ~ Feast of All Saints

Mon. Dec. 9 ~ Immaculate Conception

Wed. 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.

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 3:15 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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY 4:00 PM	NOVEMBER 2 Stephen E. Zaleski
SUNDAY 7:00 AM 9:00 AM	NOVEMBER 3 People of the Parish Living & Dec'd Members of the Music Ministry Frank Flake
11:00 AM MONDAY	Isabel & Louis Bulzoni NOVEMBER 4
7:30 AM	Kyle Lyons
TUESDAY 7:30 PM WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 5 (Church) Eva Curcione Thomas Flavin & Angelo Cianglone NOVEMBER 6
7:30 AM	Jade Elizabeth Bowers
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 7
7:30 AM	Robert Wendelken
FRIDAY 7:30 AM	John Perrone NOVEMBER 8 James Crane
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 9
8:15 AM	Alphonse Mineri
4:00 PM	Robert Burkhart
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 10
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society Frank Bottazzi
11:00 AM	Marie & Rocco DiBello

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;

Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3;

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;

Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-

9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38



NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 3	LOCATION
Masses		Church
Bible Study	12:15 PM	Parish Hall
Baptisms	12:30 PM	Church
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 4	
Rosary Mtg	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
Rosary for Unborn	1:30 PM	Chapel
Knight of Columbus	7:30 PM	Rm. A
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 5	

ELECTION DAY ~ MASS IN CHURCH POLLING IN DAILY CHAPEL

Bingo	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
Children's Choir	6:00 PM	Church
Alanon	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Liturgy Mtg.	7:00 PM	Rm. B
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 6	
Community	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
Luncheon		
Boy Scouts	6:00 PM	Parish Hall
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 7	
Bible Study	9:30 AM	Parish Hall
Adult Choir	8:00 PM	Church
Practice		
AA	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 8	
Adoration	8:00 AM	Chapel
Children of Light	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 9	
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	Church
Gift Auction	5:15 PM	Parish Hall

Candles for the Week

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Rosa Custode

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Ruth Gibbs.

Church Sanctuary Candle "God's Blessing" on Lisa Champion

Chapel Sanctuary Candle "In Loving Memory" of Audrey McNaught

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS.
PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPE
IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR
THE MILITARY SERVICES IN THE SECOND BASKET.

"I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER, MY KING AND MY GOD"



Wedding Banns

III. Nicholas Bruno & Tanya Coney



"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; Gwendolyn DiBarba

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

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 27, 2019

 Regular
 \$8,530.83

 On Line
 \$879.20

 Total
 \$9,410.03

 Assessment
 \$2,215.44



As of October 28, 2019 Goal ~\$60,000.00 Pledge ~ \$44,511.25 Cash Recd ~ \$42,765377 Total Donors ~ 250 Percentage of Goal ~ 74.1%

Reflections for Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more

than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation. *Loyola Press*

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Beginning Sunday, November 24th at 10:45am at St. Mary of the Lake in Lakewood Interfaith Hospitality of Ocean County will be hosting families. We need volunteers to help set up the air mattresses, assist with setting up bedroom, kitchen and living room areas, hosting dinner and social time with our families from 6 pm to 8:30 pm during that week; to help with preparing meals and helping out with the overnights (sleepers arrive by 8:30 pm and leave around 7 am (all new hosts and sleepers will be paired up with experienced volunteers.) We also need volunteers to clean on Sunday, December 1st; if you cannot help with time, we are in need of supplies. Any questions or to help contact Pat Rainer at 732-300-8288 or lanokaharbor@hotmail.com.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



If asked to name their favorite story from the Bible, most Christians would probably choose something from the Gospel of Luke. These stories are indeed unforgettable, and the Christian tradition is graced by this gospel from Luke's hand. It is the only one of the four gospels to describe the angel's annunciation of the coming birth of Jesus to Mary, and the visit of the shepherds at his birth; it is the only one to tell the parables of the Good Samaritan, of the prodigal son, and of the rich man and Lazarus; it is the only gospel to relate the story of

Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection. In addition to that, Luke's Christmas story is proclaimed by Linus on the Charlie Brown Christmas special!

Archeologists and textual experts usually date the writing of the Gospel of Luke to around 80 CE. One piece of evidence that helps with the dating is that the gospel contains nearly all of Mark, and from this we know that it was composed after 70 CE (about when Mark was written). In addition to having Mark as a source, the Gospel of Luke shares a large chunk of material with Matthew, material that appears neither in Mark nor in John. From this we assume that there was another source for Luke, one that he and the writer of Matthew used together. Luke also had a source of information that only he used.

The evangelist Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles, which is, in a sense, the second part to the gospel. This is evident from the very polished Greek of these two books, but more specifically, from the fact that both books are addressed to Theophilus, a fellow believer. (See Luke 1:3 and Acts 1:1.) Luke's contribution, therefore, makes up more than one-quarter of the second testament.

The portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke is of an itinerant prophet who is attracted to the poor and the outcast. He explains that his ministry is to them, and he envisions the heavenly banquet as filled with the poor and disenfranchised. The evangelist draws powerful portraits of despised members of the society, and much of the wonder of this compelling gospel is in its address to sinners.

The Gospel of Luke is proclaimed in Year C, the years 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007 and so on. In art, the evangelist Luke is portrayed with a bull by his side. The feast of Saint Luke is October 18.

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR November 9 & 10

Mass	4:00 PM	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Cup A. Catanzaro B. Ulrich S. Mills A. Romano A. Barlowski M. Emery J. Aymar	Deacon Cup I. Kronicz J. Statesir D. Smith J. Olden D. Patetta NOT FILLED	Deacon Cup K Warhola J. Arendt B. Porebski J. Nebenburgh A. D'Ambola P. Mancini D. Kiley	Deacon Cup R. Nickerson L. Gerardi R. Scace M. Pontrantolfi J. DeMichele M. Helik T. Bastone
Lector	J. Foy	K. Smith	L. Conroy	P. Bruno

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalya Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217. Refreshments by The Holy Name of Jesus society following the concert.

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 7:00 pm in the Church Auditorium or call Ann at 732-861-9051 or annern508@comcast.net.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Drop off donations to us at the SOS building during regular hours. All monies received help the needy families in our area.

THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 29 & 30. WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY DECEMBER 2



"By entering this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

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ADVENT

We are preparing for Advent early this year. We will gather to learn, pray, and share on the true meaning of Advent with a Night of Reflection. November 16, 2019 beginning at the 4:00 PM Mass and continuing after Mass in the Parish Hall with a light dinner. After dinner we will convene upstairs in the Church proper where our Pastor, Father Ed Blanchett will then lead us in prayer and discussion. Please join us as we journey in faith as a community of

God's love. Pray and ask God to help you set aside the distractions of shopping and decorating to focus on the true significance of the season and be able to share it with your families. You will be blessed; you will be a blessing! You may register beginning today until 12:00 PM Friday, November15. Registration is so that we can supply the proper food and supplies. Please contact Adult Faith Formation at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org, or call 732-477-7059 ext. 214.



ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The next meeting the Rosary Altar Society will be Monday Nov. 4, 2019. The meeting will begin with the rosary at 11:30 in the church followed by the meeting in the auditorium at 12:00 PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for November will take place after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday,

November 24 in the church auditorium during the Parish Family Gathering. We wish you good luck and hope to see you there.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR OCTOBER 50/50



Rita Smith was the winner of \$467. Rita is a annual subscriber. The next drawing will be November 24, in the church auditorium after the 11:00 AM

Mass.

PROJECT BEAUTIFICATION

We are working **very hard** to beautify the church. **Please** help us by **NOT** putting anything such as prayer cards or booklets on the window sills. Also, there are lost and found baskets in the narthex for any miscellaneous items found in the church.

We need your help to maintain a beautiful and clean worship space.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We turn to Jesus for understanding and healing through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is for adults and children who are suffering from serious physical or mental illness, or about to undergo surgery. Call the Rectory Office to have a priest come for anointing. Please do not wait for an emergency to call!



ENVELOPES & COLLECTIONS

Please remember that our parish offertory system operates on this thought:

"MY FAIR SHARE"

Those of you, who are upset with the many collections and or appeals, please remember that motto. Each family is to do only their fair share. No one is asking you to "break the bank". However you are being asked to be thoughtful in your sharing habits. Make a mature thoughtful decision about what and how much to share with the worthy causes that are suggested. Catholic Catechism #2443: "God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them. Give to him who begs from you and do not refuse him who would borrow from you". MT 5:42..."It's by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones". Mt 25: 31-36 "Give what is fair when & where you can".

WHY SHOULD I USE ENVELOPES?

The use of envelopes is important; they document your active participation in the faith life of our parish. This information is needed in order to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to be issued when you are asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. This also facilitates the preparation of a statement of contributions for income tax purpose. If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please contact Denise Patetta at the Parish Office at 732-477-0028 ext. 201.

PEACE BE WITH YOU



It has been a practice for many of us to shake hands with our neighbors in church during the sign of the peace. For those who feel uncomfortable with the

shaking of hands, an alternative form for the sign of peace maybe instituted; instead of a hand shake, a smile and a bow of the head with the words, "*Peace of Christ be with you*" would be acceptable.

"THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED"



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner (**DELIVERY ONLY**), Thursday, November 28, 2019 beginning at 11:00 am, supplied by Church of the Epiphany. For additional information and to set up delivery, please call 732-458-0220.

ST. MARTHA'S CHURCH

The Knights of Columbus Council 7926 will prepare and package complete Thanksgiving meals for individuals who are homebound and families who are in need at no charge. Should you or someone you know require this service, please contact Dominick Chirichella at dchirichella@emi.org or 732-330-6926 with the following information: Name, telephone number and address Preference - Pick-up or delivery Number of meals required Meal pick-up is at Saint Martha's Catholic Church, 3800 Herbertsville Road, Point Pleasant. Should delivery be needed, it will occur on the morning of Thursday November 28. The Knights of Columbus are in need of volunteers who would be interested in delivering these meals. If you can help please leave a message with Dominick.... you do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY

It's Almost Holiday Time!!

In order to prepare for Thanksgiving Baskets, please know that we are in need of the following items:

StuffingSoupTunaSnacksGravyInstant PotatoesPancake Mix and SyrupPuddingsCanned VegetablesCoffeeCake MixesDrinks

Cranberry Sauce Canned Fruits Peanut Butter and Jelly Paper Products

Thrift Shop

Don't forget to stop by Monday-Saturday 9:00- 12:30 to pick up some treasures!!



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On Thursday, November 28, 2019, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The Mass will be <u>9:00 AM only</u>. Small loaves of bread will be distributed at the masse with a special blessing to say at your meal. We hope that you will join us at Mass to give thanks and celebrate.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; His love is everlasting"



J J CHRISTMAS SPACTACULAR J J

Friday, December 13th at 7:30 PM, for the renowned Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea conducted by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson at Saint Dominic Church. Welcome the holiday season with the elegance and grace of Father Alphonse Stephenson. Father Alphonse provides humorous and personal anecdotes perfectly tuned to the occasion. His 42-piece orchestra skillfully performs holiday classics with passion and precision that make this spectacular evening one not to be missed.

Call 732-840-1410 (Mon.-Fri. - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM) for additional information or to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door.

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Visitation welcomes new pari

Visitation welcomes new parishioners to our parish family. If you recently moved into the area, and are interested in becoming a member, please contact Deacon Sal at 732-477-7059 ext. 218 to set up an appointment.

USE CANDLES WITH CARE, WHEN YOU GO OUT, BLOW OUT!

As part of fire prevention month, follow these simple guidelines to assist in keeping our community and your family safe.

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- 1) Use sturdy, non-flammable candleholders that won't tip over easily.
- 2) If you must burn candles- use level uncluttered surfaces.
- 3) Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.
- 4) Keep candles away from spots where they could be knocked over by someone.
- 5) Trim candlewicks to a quarter inch before lighting.
- 6) Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could cause combustibles to make contact and ignite.
- 7) Keep candles and open flames away from flammable liquids.
- 8) Extinguish candles when they burn to within 2 inches of their holder. Be careful not to splatter the hot wax.
- 9) Votives and filled candles should be extinguished before the last 1/2 inch of wax starts to melt.

10) Never leave burning candles unattended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 732-458-4100 regarding any issues involving candles or fire safety.

STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

If you wish to reach a staff member via e-mail, please find a list of each staff's email address below:

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Liturgical Ministries

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 vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

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

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. 732-477-9672, ext. 217 - *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org* **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 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*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

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 chrispozo@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@caregivervolunteers.org

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 5

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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #38 is sponsored by the Holy Name Society.732-997-8933 – Benjamin Brouwer or benmbrouwer@gmail.com **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 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 8:00 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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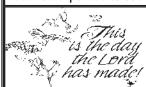
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