



Church of the Visitation

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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.

Welcome!

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Events

SATURDAY	JANUARY 18
4:00 PM	Mary Ann Ammerata
SUNDAY	JANUARY 19
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Elyse Staropoli
11:00 AM	Thomas halleran
MONDAY	JANUARY 20
7:30 AM	Mary Rose
TUESDAY	JANUARY 21
7:30 PM	John Manganiello
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 22
7:30 AM	Thomas Fahey
THURSDAY	JANUARY 23
7:30 AM	Maceo
FRIDAY	JANUARY 24
7:30 AM	William Guli
SATURDAY	JANUARY 25
8:15 AM	Salvatore Pepe
4:00 PM	Emilio Loffredo
SUNDAY	JANUARY 26
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Louise Barbaro
11:00 AM	Robert Hull

SUNDAY	JANUARY 19	LOCATION
Masses		Church
Bible Study	12:15 PM	Parish Hall
MONDAY	JANUARY 20	
Rosary for Unborn	1:30 PM	Chapel
Knight of Columbus	8:00 PM	Rm. B
TUESDAY	JANUARY 21	
Bingo	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
Children's Choir	6:00 PM	Church
Alanon	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 22	
Community Luncheon	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
Boy Scouts	6:00 PM	Parish Hall
Event Development	6:45 PM	Rm. B
Mtg.		
Youth Choir	7:00 PM	Church
THURSDAY	JANUARY 23	
Bible Study	9:30 AM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	7:00 PM	S.O.S.
Adult Choir Practice	7:15 PM	Church
AA	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	JANUARY 24	
Adoration	8:00 AM	Chapel
Parents Baptism	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
Session		
Children of Light	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	JANUARY 25	
7 th Grade Penitential	11:00	
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	Church
RCIA	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of
Elyse Staropoli

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of
Dorothy Devaney

Church Sanctuary Candle "God's Blessing" on
Fr. Al Ricciardelli

Chapel Sanctuary Candle "No Intentions"

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

"HERE AM I, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL"



II. Christine Udet, Chris White

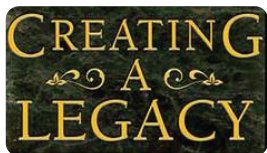
"REMEMBERING OUR SICK" LIST IS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS. THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS. IF EXTENDED PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT VISITATION'S PRAYER CHAIN AT 848-373-4239.



In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors especially; *John Kozak, Laura May*

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 January 12, 2020

Regular	\$10,192.83
On Line	\$560.00
Total	\$10,752.83
Latin America	\$2,052.83

Some of the expenses for January included:

Electric	\$1,803.88
Natural Gas	\$1,726.86
Heating Oil	\$465.06
Communications Services	\$695.26
Landscaping	\$665.00
Building Maintenance	\$2,394.00
Property insurance	\$4,728.67
Total	\$12,478.73

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." **Luke 6:38**

Reflections for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"Behold!
The Lamb
of God
who takes
away
the sin
of the
world!"**

John 1:29

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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We are now in what the Church calls in her calendar “Ordinary Time”. This is made clear as soon as you walked into the church this weekend: the Christmas decorations have been taken down and put away, the plants around the altar are a bit more muted and the altar cloths and clergy vestments are colored green.

Ordinary Time, the 33 or 34 weeks of the year that don’t fall under the “strong” liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter, marks the longest time of the Church calendar. Unfortunately, as it is derived from the Latin phrase *Ordinalis tempus per annum*, more correctly translated as “Counted time of the year”, the term has gained a connotation in today’s society as meaning “plain” or “the usual”; without anything especially interesting going on. In terms of our spiritual growth, nothing could be farther from the truth. I think that the Church tries to remind us of this by the use of the liturgical color for this season: Green. By taking the color that growing living things hold (how especially necessary for us to remember during winter!) it also indicates that, as the period in which we live most of our lives in the faith, it is also where most of our growth occurs. Powered by the penitential and hopeful messages of Advent and Lent, energized by the joyful and glorious signs of Christmas and Easter, Ordinary Time is meant especially as the time given to us to put these messages and signs into practice in meaningful and concrete ways. Through a confident and courageous witness to the Good News – which is something that we always live in, no matter what the season – we reflect the trust in how the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus works for our salvation.

During this period of Ordinary Time, which will continue until Ash Wednesday on February 26th, resume on June 1st and conclude for 2020 on November 28th, we are called to accept the invitation to attend to our own growth as well as those placed in our path by the Holy Spirit so that it truly can be a time of life, hope, love and peace.

PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



Tuesday, January 22, 2020 is a Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn. We are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. There is a wealth of information on the U.S. Bishops website (USCCB.org). Please check it out. The following is a prayer that can be said:

We praise and thank God for his goodness in creation, especially for the gift of life. We know that each life is precious and created in His image. We ask for protection for each sacred human life that he creates.

Amen



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR

January 25 & 26

Mass	4:00 PM	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Deacon Cup F. Ochs S. Mills M. Emery A. Catanzaro A. Barlowski D. Zanetti A. Romano	I. Kronicz J. Olden J. Statesir D. Smith NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Deacon Cup T. Barr D. Kiley J. Amato A. Bassarab V. Cottrell A. Kelly J. Arendt	Deacon Cup M. Pucci T. Bastone R. Carbone R. Carbone C. Ripa L. Gerardi R. Nickerson
Lector	R. Russell	C. Ladato	L. Conroy	A. Vicidomini

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LOOK What's Happening



BLOOD DRIVE

Church of the Visitation
755 Mantoloking Road
Brick, NJ 08723

Sunday, February 9th

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Appointments preferred, please call
732-477-7059 x 102

Or log onto www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code Church of the Visitation or
visitationRCchurch.org

Unable to Give Blood but still want to help?
Contact Vicki at 732-477-7059 x 216 or
vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org

PARISH FAMILY GATHERING

Sunday, January 26 beginning after the 7:00 AM Mass. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends. This month St. Vincent de Paul invites everyone (young and old) to participate in making Valentine Cards for Shorrock Nursing Home, Veterans, Troops, as well as family and friends. There will also be the opportunity to be involved in a craft activity.

If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, please stop by or call the rectory office (ext. 201) and speak with Denise Patetta. You can subsidize a month with a donation of \$100 or more or you can sponsor a month for a donation of \$300. You can honor either a living or deceased loved one.



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CONTINUED

LIVING FAITH BIBLE CHURCH AND TEMPLE BETH OR PRESENT A MOVIE

“WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY”

In November of 1940, days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, this clandestine group vowed to defeat the Nazi lies and propaganda, not with guns and fists but with pen and paper. This is a story of resistance; a story of who gets to tell the story of the Jews there. These spiritual resistors risked their lives so that the truth would survive, even if they did not.

Join us Sunday, January 26, 3:00 PM (until approximately 4:30 PM) includes Q&A with Pastor Alex Perednia and Rabbi Robert Rubin followed by kosher light refreshments at Living Faith Bible Church 1595 Route 88, Brick (corner of Route 88 and Larsen Street, across from Ocean Medical Center) No charge RSVP to LFBC at 732-458-5544 or TBO at 732-458-4700 Note: International Holocaust Remembrance Day is Monday, January 27.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK



We will once again be converting Guild Hall at Saint Mary of the Lake Church into a home for our families on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:45 am. We need volunteers to help set up the air mattresses, assist with setting up the bedrooms, kitchen and living room area as well as volunteer hosts to prepare and enjoy dinner as well as spend social time with our families from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. We could use a few more volunteers to help out with the overnights which includes sleeping from 10pm to 6:30 am. Sleepers arrive by 8:30 pm and leave around 7 am. All new hosts and sleepers will be paired up with experienced volunteers during their initial Hosting and Sleeping Evening. On Sunday, February 9th at 10:45 am, we will need several volunteers to help us clean up and take a bag of laundry. Any questions, please contact Pat Rainer 732-300-8288 or email at lanokaharbor@hotmail.com.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YET? TIME IS RUNNING OUT!



Make next year be the year that you enrich your spare time and let the Lord know how grateful you are for all he has done for you. There are many opportunities to share your time and talents as we work together to develop an environment that will ensure that our church will live on for generations to come. Please contact any of the listed ministries/organizations listed on pages 9 & 10 for additional information or volunteer opportunities.

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.

If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26



SUPPER WITH THE SAINTS

For those who are hungry or in need of friendship, the last Tuesday (January 28) 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.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE



The feast of St. Blaise is February 2, 2020. Throats will be blessed at all masses the weekend of (February 1 & 2) as well the morning Mass (8:15) on Saturday, February 1. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Save the Date

GET YOUR "HOP" ON



Get your dancing shoes and 60's outfits ready and join us for an afternoon of music, dancing, and fun on Sunday afternoon March, 22 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The Strictly 60's

band will provide an afternoon of 60's music – with some 50's and 70's sprinkled in. Check out our website and future bulletins for additional event and ticket information.



As of January 13, 2020

Goal ~\$60,000.00

Pledge ~ \$48,589.25

Cash Recd ~ \$48,119.53

Total Donors ~ 272

Percentage of Goal ~ 80.9%



All teens are invited to join us for this great day that will offer every participant the chance to hear God's call for them and connect with other young Catholics from beyond their parish or school! The day will be filled with joy! Conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell

BLESSING OF THE DOLLS

February 2, 2020 after the 11:00 AM we will have the tradition of the "Blessing of the Dolls." Please bring your Niño dolls to church for a special blessing.

ENDICIÓN DE LAS MUÑECAS

El febrero 2 de 2020 después de las 11:00 tenemos la tradición de la "bendición de las muñecas". Por favor traiga sus Niño las muñecas a la iglesia para una bendición especial.

Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions Available for 2020

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Completed forms must be returned by January 20, 2020, to assure entry in the January 26th drawing. Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or **place in the collection basket.** **A certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org.

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MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020



We need our voices to be heard and our presence to be felt in Washington. The bus will be departing from St. Martha's, Herbertsville Rd. Point Pleasant. Fr. Dave will be celebrating mass at 6:30 AM with the bus leaving at 7:00 AM sharp. Reserve your seat or for additional information call St. Martha's Rectory at 732-295-3630.

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call Denise Patetta at the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to dpatetta@visitationRCchurch.org. If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail by January 31, 2020.

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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 Grodborg or ngrodborg@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 Grodborg.

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

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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.

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 9:00 AM Mass and meet monthly 609-234-4437 – *Richard Bencivenga or visitation.holynome@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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