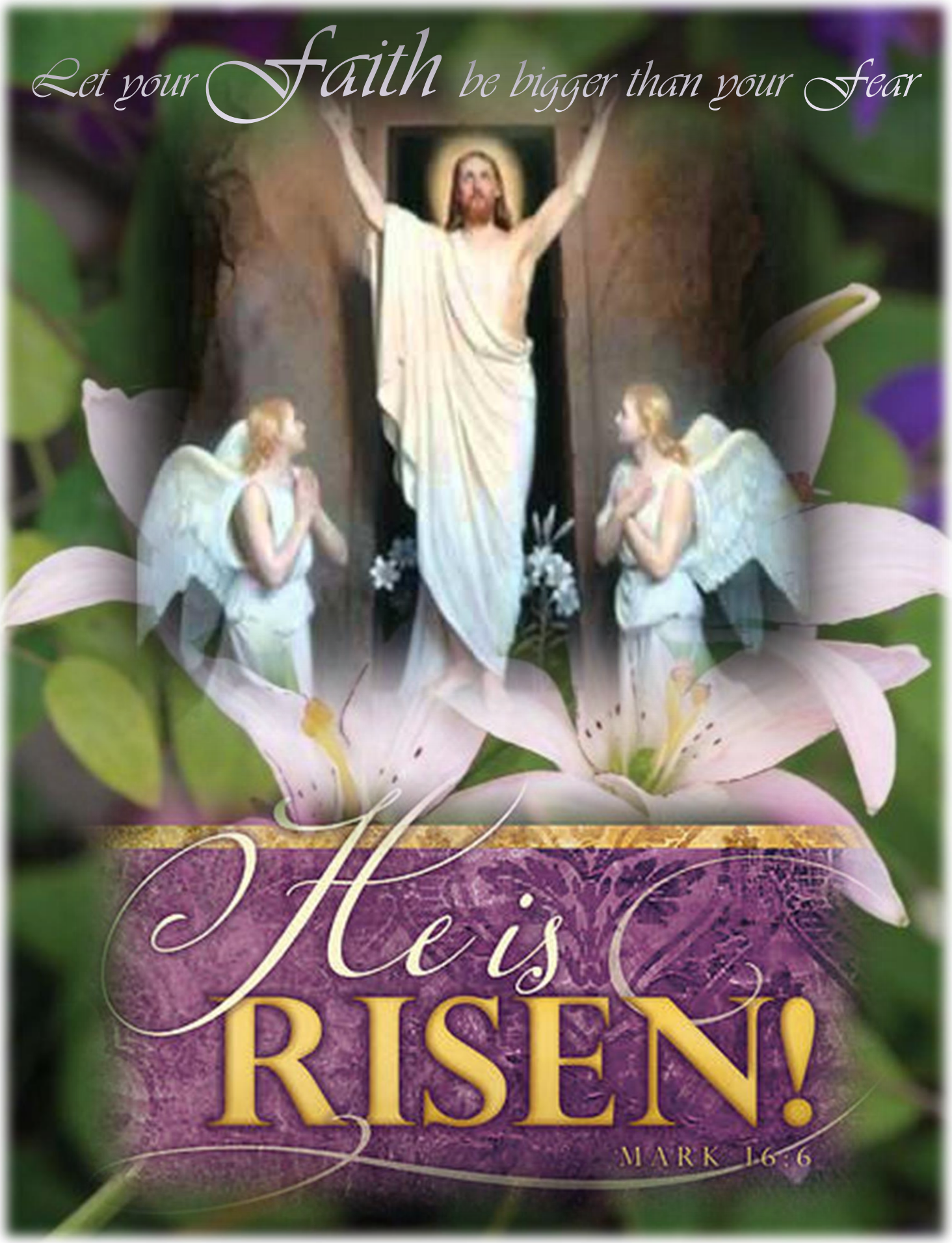
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Church of the Visitation

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Welcome!

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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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	**APRIL 11**
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
	Live Streamed
SUNDAY	**APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY**
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
11:00 AM	Maria Ormsby
	Live Streamed 9:00 AM
MONDAY	**APRIL 13 EASTER MONDAY NO MASS**
TUESDAY	**APRIL 14**
7:30 PM	Marion Johnson
WEDNESDAY	**APRIL 15**
7:30 AM	Tara O'Leary
THURSDAY	**APRIL 16**
7:30 AM	Michael Cloud
FRIDAY	**APRIL 17**
7:30 AM	Nanci C. McCarthy
SATURDAY	**APRIL 18**
8:15 AM	John Diessner
4:00 PM	Rose Dempsey
SUNDAY	**APRIL 19**
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Alyssa Sparano
11:00 AM	Alexander Banoff

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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Easter Sunday Prayer

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son,
You conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Due to the Coronavirus as per the Bishop, weekday and weekend Masses, Funeral Masses, Weddings and Baptisms have been suspended along with all activities and/or events at Church of the Visitation until further notice (as of this printing). The Church Proper along with the Daily Chapel will be closed until further notice!
Until public celebration of Masses can resume, we will celebrate 9:00 AM Sunday & 7:30 AM Monday-Friday & 8:15 AM Saturday daily Masses via YouTube live-stream; also to be available for later viewing on our parish YouTube channel. Please see our list of Holy Week events that will be Live-streamed as well. (Please note: Mass of the Lord's Supper will be available for Live-stream ONLY.
The sacrament of Anointing for the Sick will continue to be provided for emergency cases.
Please remember, these measures enacted by the Diocese-although seeming extreme-are being proactively taken to protect all of us from contracting this disease. Please take these measures with this in mind, be patient, pray and remember that God is more powerful than any disease.
Let's give all fears and worries to Him who hears us, loves us and is our *HOPE!*
Please continue to visit our website for the most updated information
www.visitationRCchurch.org
May God bless you and keep you safe✞

There will be no live streamed Mass or Adoration Easter Monday, April 13.
We will resume live streamed Mass on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 AM.

Remember Our Sick

II. *Maria "Chickie" Ammerata*

"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.

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering from March 15 - April 5, 2020

Regular	$9,311.00
On Line	$2,294.60
Total	**$11,605.60**
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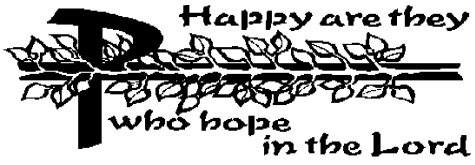
During this most difficult time in the Churches history, we ask you to please continue to support your Parish with your weekly offering to the Church. You can either set up your On-line Giving by visiting us at www.visitationrcchurch.org drop off your envelopes to the Rectory Office or mail you weekly offering to the Rectory office at Church of the Visitation, 730 Lynnwood Ave., Brick, NJ 08723

This crisis WILL pass and we will still be here - let's make sure that Visitation Parish is, too!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR MARCH 50/50

Anna & Jim Corsaro, who are annual subscribers, were the winners of $343. The next drawing will be April 25th.

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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DEAR VISITATION PARISHIONERS,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!!

May Jesus' gift of peace at Easter bring every happiness to you and all your loved ones especially during these difficult times! May you understand fully His love for you and may your life reflect that love to all you meet.

On this day of our Lord's glorious Resurrection, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ always live within you, and may you always have the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope and the promise of Peace

For all those who have participated in our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies online, may you rejoice in the New Life of Christ's Grace.

Many thanks to all parishioners for your continued support and continued loyalty and may Christ's Grace Reign supreme in your hearts.

Happy Easter

Peace of the Risen Christ
Fr. Ed
&
Staff

MISSION STATEMENT

"***The Church of the Visitation is a Roman Catholic Community. We are committed to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the needs of people, through prayer, service, friendship and love. Our commitment is expressed in Sacramental and Gospel interaction. Through Ministry and Stewardship we give greater glory to God.***"

"LORD GIVE ME PATIENCE. NOW"

Followers of Jesus are called to treat everyone with love. Yet many of us find that it is hard to be patient with others, but patience is a key ingredient necessary to showing love. To acquire it, practice makes patience.

Exercise.

Patience is like a muscle. We need to exercise it every day, but in a society of instant everything, we are losing opportunities. Find ways to practice such as reading a book all the way through without skipping to the end. Plant a seed and care for it until it blooms. Cook from scratch. Then patience will be available when you need it.

Learn your warning signs.

Take note of events that make your heart race, your palms sweat, or your breath quicken so that you can identify and anticipate challenges to your patience before they happen.

Flip it around.

Impatience with others often comes from imposing our ideas on them. What if you were expected to live or act according to someone else's ideas or opinions? You probably wouldn't like it. Try practicing acceptance of others instead.

Step out of it.

Often we get annoyed because we assume what others do is meant to offend. In fact, it is likely that others' actions are intended to be personal. Give people the benefit of the doubt from the first.

WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFTS WE RECEIVE

Although gathering at Church for Mass has been temporary suspended, The Church of the Visitaion continues to carry on with our work. We remain committed to serving you and our Parish Community in prayer and creative ways. This work would not be possible without your continued encouragement and generous support..

May God continue to bless us all during these uncertain times.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 19

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is to be started on Good Friday the April 10th for nine days ending on Saturday the 18th of April. In 1935 Our Lord taught Blessed Faustina a special prayer for mercy:
"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet…Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy…Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will" (Dairy, 1731).

THE CHAPLET OF MERCY
Our Father . . Hail Mary . . .The Apostles' Creed.

On the large bead before each decade:
Eternal Father,
I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
On the ten small beads of each decade:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
Conclude with:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on usand on the whole world.
(Three times)

APRIL 12, 2020

An Act of Spiritual Communion is proposed for the faithful who are temporarily unable to receive the Eucharist:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be live streamed Monday-Friday from 8:00 -9:00 AM (immediately following live-streamed daily Mass) from the Rectory Daily Chapel.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to help our neighbors in need. Monetary donations are much appreciated to assist with housing, and utility bills. Donations can be mailed to the Rectory office to the attention of St. Vincent de Paul.

During this very trying time, we must not forget the less fortunate of our community and how we can be of assistance to them. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is fully operational at a heightened state of precaution, accommodating social distancing. To access our services or learn how the changes affect our clients via the internet type https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/catholic-charities-coronavirus-pandemic/ or call our Help Line 1-800-360-7711

AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE MOST VULNERABLE, EVIL TRIES TO LURE US INTO DECEPTION

The Diocese of Trenton has issued an alert regarding reports of email and text scams that will use the name of a pastor to solicit funds in the form of gift cards or cash donations. The warning follows a recent report on CBS Philly about parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia being targeted. The email usually begins with a simple "Hi," but no recipients' name, and asks for financial help for a worthy cause. The pastor's name concludes the email. Several pastors in the Diocese of Trenton have already heard from parishioners who received emails or text messages, seemingly from the pastor, asking for donations. The Diocese takes this opportunity to advise parishioners that pastors do not raise money in this manner and to exercise the utmost caution when receiving this type of communication. Some law enforcement in the area urge parishioners to question any email or text that doesn't come from a person in their contacts. If the person is not known, a parishioner should call the person asking for funds to verify the story. If a pastor's name is used, parishioners should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of the appeal. Anyone who feels that they have been the victim of this type of scam is urged to contact their local police department.

God, we trust that you are good and do good.
Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis.
Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus,
who laid down his life for the sake of love.
Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will.
Amen.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER WEEK

Monday, April 13

GRACE IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

"THROUGH HIM WE RECEIVED GRACE AND OUR APOSTOLIC MISSION TO PREACH THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH." (Romans 1:5)

At Pentecost, the birthday' of the church, Jesus Christ appeared to the twelve and "breathed" on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit". The power of this Holy Spirit enabled the Apostles to go out and boldly preach the gospel of Christ. If we stop and think about it, this Holy Spirit transformed these men. They went from being afraid of their own shadow to suddenly risking their lives for Christ. Not only did they risk their lives, they all were eventually killed with the exception of St. John. This same grace from the Holy Spirit is available to us and can give us strength to overcome our heartaches. Today in your prayer ask Jesus to send the Holy Spirit into your mind and heart.
"I will give you whatever you ask of me."

Tuesday, April 14

WE DON'T COME TO GRACE, GRACE COMES TO US.

"YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, NO, I CHOSE YOU." (John 15:16)

When it comes to grace we enter into a paradox. While there does exist the need for our openness and cooperation, there also is nothing we can do about grace coming to us. We may consciously aspire to grow spiritually but this does not guarantee it. There are those who have achieved a state of grace and have experienced a newness of life. They however, do not feel that they have earned it. Those who are the closest to grace are most aware of the fact that it is a gift that has been given.

Wednesday, April 15

SEE AND HEAR WITH YOUR HEART.

"IN THE HEARTS OF DISCERNING MEN, WISDOM MAKES HER HOME." (Proverbs 14:33)

During the course of his ministry, Jesus would often instruct the disciples. He knew if these men were to continue in the mission of bringing about the "kingdom", they would need His words to be rooted within. As we read the gospels, we find Jesus telling a confused Judas, "Judas, if you're ever going to understand my way to the truth, you must do more than seeing with your eyes and hearing with your ears". You must develop a pure heart in order to experience the kingdom.

Thursday, April 16

IT IS THROUGH LOVE THAT WE OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.

"LOVE IS ALWAYS READY TO EXCUSE, TO TRUST, TO HOPE AND TO ENDURE WHATEVER COMES." (Corinthians 13:7)

Love opens you up to your own growth and life. Certainly, you have experienced how being in love has enabled you to accomplish things beyond your expectations. We've all heard stories about people performing superhuman feats in order to save someone. If it is love that has empowered human beings to overcome the odds with a particular situation, we need to realize the love must be included in the solution to our struggles.
Love is the greatest power on earth!

Friday, April 17

LACK OF GROWTH COMES FROM FEAR.

"WHY ARE YOU AFRAID, YOU MEN OF LITTLE FAITH?" (Matthew 8:26)

Fear is often disguised as logical and rational reasons why something cannot be done. Sometimes it comes disguised as a feeling that other people are stopping you. There are many ways to disguise fear; blame it on others, refuse to take responsibility, decide you can't do it anyway so why try, get angry and quit, and many others. What ways do you use to cover up fear? If you discover you are doing these things, acknowledge your fear and ask Jesus to replace it with unconditional love.

Saturday, April 18

FEAR=FALSE EVIDENCE APPEARING REAL.

"THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE, BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR." (I John 4:18)

How do you discover fear? Look at some area of your life where you have a decision to make. Ask yourself if there are any reasons, you do not feel free to make a decision to do what you want to do. Perhaps there is a fear that you cannot make it on your own or a fear that others do not love you and will not want you if you do not live up to their expectations. If you could see in prayer Jesus assisting you in every way possible, and if you knew you could trust yourself, would you make a different decision? Become aware that the power of love removes fear and enables us to make decisions out of strength.

STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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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

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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