

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord



Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age
Isaiah 43:2



Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road Brick, N.J. 08723

Welcome!

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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Parish Registration

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

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00
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

We now offer Low-Gluten Host for those suffering from celiac sprue disease
Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MASSES LIVE STREAMED THROUGH
OUR WEBSITE OR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL
(SEE COVER FOR ADDRESSES)
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS HAVE
TEMPORARILY COMBINED INTO A
SINGLE 9:00 AM LIVE STREAM**

SATURDAY	MAY 23
4:00 PM	(SEE SUNDAY)
SUNDAY	MAY 24
	Malachi Towey
	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Dec'd Members of Music Ministry
	Bernadette Galgon
MONDAY	MAY 25
7:30 AM	Joseph Warhola
TUESDAY	MAY 26
7:30 AM	Robert Leddy
WEDNESDAY	MAY 27
7:30 AM	Joseph Warhola
THURSDAY	MAY 28
7:30 AM	Edwrad Hoban
FRIDAY	MAY 29
7:30 AM	Eileen Richel
SATURDAY	MAY 30
8:15 AM	Michael 7 Angelina Mancini
4:00 PM	(SEE SUNDAY)
SUNDAY	MAY 31
	Rose Tramutola, Philomena O'Neill & Anna Wasco
	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Living Members of Music Ministry
	Dec'd Members of Visitation Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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THEY MAKE OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE.**

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
JACK'S LANDSCAPING**

For bulletin advertising information, please call
John Patrick Publishing Company 800-333-3166

As we continue to navigate our way through these trying times of COVID-19, 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 will be open for private prayer from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday-Friday and Noon-6:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. Enter through elevator doors ONLY. & FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN. There will be 10 chairs put out spaced appropriately, due to the 10 person limit. Pews are not available to sit in. You are encouraged to bring your own disinfectant to ensure your own safety. Daily Chapel will remain 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.

After Sunday Mass, beginning May 24th (from 10:00 – 10:30 we will be distributing the Eucharist. See Pastors Letter on page 5 for details.

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 available*

www.visitationRCchurch.org

May God bless you and keep you safe✠

Candles for the Week

Blessed Mother Candle is "God's Blessing" on All Essential Personnel on the Frontline of COVID-19

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Those who are infected or lost their lives to COVID-19

Church Sanctuary Candle "God's Blessing" on Reverend Edward Blanchett, Deacons Salvatore Vicari & Edward Fischer, III.

Chapel Sanctuary Candle "God's Blessing" on The Parish Family of Church of the Visitation

**THIS WEEK, MAY 24, THERE ARE
TWO COLLECTIONS.
REGULAR WEEKLY AND THE ASSESSMENT.
NEXT WEEK, MAY 31, THERE WILL BE TWO
COLLECTIONS. REGULAR WEEKLY AND
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

"I BELIEVE THAT I SHALL SEE THE GOOD THINGS OF THE LORD....."



"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,
All who have died from COVID-19.

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 May 17, 2020

Regular	\$5,603.00
On Line	\$2,114.60
Total	\$7,717.60
Community Luncheon	\$776.00



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 in the outside mail box 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!!!

Reflections for Seventh Sunday of Easter



Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world. *Loyola Press*

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES is asking for prayers and support for the mothers who are preparing to give birth during this difficult time. Unfortunately, the needs of the mothers and babies served by Good Counsel Homes have not slowed down for the coronavirus, but donations have. Fundraisers and speaking engagements at parishes have been canceled. For more information about Good Counsel Homes or to donate please visit the website at www.goodcounselhomes.org.

MAY 24, 2020



As was mentioned at the end of Mass last weekend, we will be offering Outdoor Reception of Holy Communion per the temporary dispensation given by Bishop O'Connell. In order to balance safety, health and due reverence for the

Guidelines for Outdoor Reception of Holy Communion

To best manage traffic flow, enter the parking lot from the Mantoloking Road entrance only – the Lynnwood and Barber Avenue entrances will be blocked off.

The following conditions should be observed:

- If you are not feeling well, STAY HOME
- Be a Catholic and properly disposed to receive (still applies)
- Observe the one-hour Eucharistic Fast prior to receiving (unless impeded due to health)
- Call to mind any sins and make an act of Contrition
- Pray the *Our Father* and receive Holy Communion
- **Communion will be offered in the hand ONLY**; please make sure that your hands are clean
- Per NJ state law, face masks must be worn while in close proximity with the Minister of Holy Communion; immediately after saying "Amen" you may pull down the mask.
- Extend your hands outside the car window, ONE HAND ON TOP OF THE OTHER
- After receiving Communion, please do not engage in conversation
- It is suggested to offer the following prayer after Communion:
Almighty and ever-living God, may the Body and Blood of Christ your Son be for us a lasting remedy for body and soul, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exit through the street by the old Church onto Mantoloking Road

Blessed Sacrament, please follow these

Communion will be offered, following the Sunday 9:00 AM live-streamed Mass, from 10:00 until 10:30AM.

As of this writing, I am trying to procure a short-range FM transmitter so that the live-stream Mass can be heard by those in the parking lot waiting to receive Communion. In any case, although the obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended, you are strongly encouraged to either watch the live-streamed Mass later (www.youtube.com/VisitationRomanCatholicChurch) or a Mass broadcast on television. Please note that **the above information is current as of 5/21 Thursday morning** (when the bulletin is submitted) and some of it may have changed since then. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our parish website at www.visitationrcchurch.org, go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VisitationRomanCatholicChurch or (ideally) our Flocknotes eCommunity at www.flocknote.com/churchofthevisitation (to sign up easily just text VisitationBrick to 84576 on your smartphone.)

As we approach the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord (which, don't forget, has been transferred from Thursday 5/21 to Sunday 5/24 for this year), continue to pray for those suffering from illness, for those who care for them, and for all of us to be open to God's guidance and grace!



Please mail pledges directly to:

The Annual Catholic Appeal
Diocese of Trenton
PO Box 4887 Trenton, NJ 08650

Thank-you to those who've already pledged.

As part of the Annual Catholic Appeal, funds are returned to the parishes for local needs. Some parishes use these funds to provide necessary maintenance to the church or parish buildings. Others direct dollars to their social outreach and ministerial support.

PLUS... 15% of the collected goal amount goes back to the parish and 50% of the overage is also returned for repair/restoration projects, new areas of growth or ministry development, as well as other needs.



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.

FAITH

It's hard sometimes to not be afraid. But it's much harder to always live in fear. Faith means to believe something is true, sometimes without any proof at all. Have faith in yourself and the proof will follow. Doe Zatamata

AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE MOST VULNERABLE, EVIL TRIES TO LURE US INTO DECEPTION. PLEASE BE ESPECIALLY AWARE AS STIMULUS CHECKS HAVE BEGUN TO BE ISSUED TO MANY!

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. Most recently, emails are going out from the Bishop as well. 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.

This is a time when we must all be on high alert for the many scams that are arising during this pandemic. Remember, it’s ok to question anyone who calls, texts or emails you especially when they are requesting money, gifts cards or any of the like.

PRAYER FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES



O merciful Father, We pray you sanctify our doctors and nurses and all those whom you have called to practice the profession of healing the sick. Strengthen them in body and soul, and bless their work, that they may give comfort to those for whose salvation your Son became Man,

lived on this earth, suffered and died on the Cross. Amen.

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HOME DEVOTION– Please visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.

OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE continues to be a safe, positive environment that meets the unique needs of runaway, homeless and abused youth. Now, more than ever, Harbor House needs your help, especially in light of the fact that its major fundraiser, Ride for New Beginnings 2020 has been postponed. Please donate to cover the cost incurred from the COVID 19 crisis by visiting www.oceansharborhouse.org/donate. Please join Harbor House's first ever virtual auction, featuring art created by its clients. Visit <https://www.oceansharborhouse.org/event/virtual-art-auction/> for more details. If possible, spread the word on social media so that people know that Harbor House is still providing excellent service to youth and their families. Thank you.

PROJECT CHILD FIND is a free referral service to use if you have concerns about your child's development (ages birth-2 years). For more information about Special Education in NJ visit www.nj.gov/education/specialed. Call 1-800- 322-8174. All calls are confidential and toll-free.

DOWNY SIDE– Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. The children are school-age and up. For information contact Sister Elizabeth Engel at 732-359-8434 or email your interest to sister.engel@gmail.com.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AT HOME AND ABROAD? Text the word "freedom" to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for more information on how you can take action to protect religious liberty.

CATHOLIC RADIO- Tune into 89.3 FM to hear the Gospel message, live call-in shows, devotions, speakers, inspirational music and more. WFJS 89.3 FM Catholic Radio is an EWTN affiliate reaching Monmouth and parts of Ocean Counties. Listen on-line at www.DomesticChurchMedia.org. Free apps are on your iPhone and Blackberry. Call or write for your FREE Program Guide: WFJS PO Box 7509 Trenton 08628



*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.*

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**You can still purchase
Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2020**

**Annual subscriptions make great gifts for
yourself, family, friends, and others (i.e. hairdresser, teacher, paper carrier, etc.).**

It's a gift they'll remember all year long.

The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects.
A \$20 subscription gives a total of 12 tickets in the remaining monthly drawing throughout 2020.

All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

Simply mail back and 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.

Number of subscriptions for Purchaser (self) _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
Number of Gift subscriptions _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
Total amount enclosed \$ _____

☐ Cash
☐ Check

Purchaser:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ City/St/Zip: _____

Each subscription has 12 chances to win – 1 for each monthly drawing. Use a separate piece of paper for additional gifts.

All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

Gift Recipient Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Indicate the # of ticket request for each month – for a total of 12 tickets:

June Tickets _____ Jul. Tickets _____ Aug. Tickets _____
Sep. Tickets _____ Oct. Tickets _____ Nov. Tickets _____ Dec. Tickets _____



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.



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Managing God's Gifts To Us

MAY 24, 2020



TIPS FOR STRESS, ANXIETY & DEPRESSION

DURING COVID-19

1. Think positive, Instead of thinking "I am stuck at home", think "I can stay safe and spend time with my family".
2. Relax your mind with meditation, studies have shown that meditating can be helpful for various conditions.
3. You may have anxiety with the situation but use this time to read, write, and remind yourself of all the things you are grateful for.
4. Manage your emotions and avoid frustration, go outside, exercise, or even reach out to your loved ones.
5. Motivate yourself and stay positive. Organize things around your house, play with your pets, and drink plenty of water.
6. Keep a schedule so you avoid stress and your time goes by faster.
7. Lastly, don't be afraid to ask for help, if you are in crisis, call the national crisis line at 1-800-273-8255



**NEVER BE AFRAID
TO ASK FOR HELP!!!**

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

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**

In the wise words of St. Vincent de Paul

“To serve the poor is to serve Jesus.....

Love the poor. Honor them, my children, as you would honor Christ Himself.”



SVDP/SEEDS OF SERVICE pantry is in need of boxes of cereal, canned vegetable, oatmeal, and shelf stable milk. All of the food banks are running very low on food. The need for these items and many more is great especially during this pandemic. Items can be dropped off at SOS on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the box at the front door. *Your help is desperately needed to assist our neighbors in their time of need.*

IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

We are working diligently with all our love and understanding to provide the essential services you have come to rely on and to connect with those who may be in need of our services for the first time. With that in mind, we have changed the steps to accessing our resources during COVID-19 and have moved our outreach to a remote practice. Our building and grounds are closed to the public and will remain so until further notice. If assistance is needed, call 732-746-3456 and leave your first and last name, your phone number and the best time to reach you.

Be aware, we will be calling you from a blocked number which may show up as private or unknown. Please be sure to answer our call.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is fully operational at a heightened state of precaution, accommodating social distancing. To access our services or to 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.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!

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

RCLA (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*

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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.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 digior1@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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