Joy
Shout and sing for joy city of Zion
because the holy one of
Israel is great among you.
Isaiah 12:6

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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NEW RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thru Thursday: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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 the rectory ext. 201 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: 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday – Friday 7:30 (Church)
Saturday - 8:15 AM (Church
Holy Days: See Current Bulletin
Fri. Jan. 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary
Sun. April 4 ~ Easter
Thurs. May 13 ~ Ascension Thursday
Mon. Nov. 1 ~ Feast of All Saints
Thurs. Dec. 8 ~ Immaculate Conception
Sat. Dec. 25 ~ Christmas
Eucharistic Adoration: Every Mon-Fri. 8:00 - 9:00 AM (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. 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. 104 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 ext. 201 anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 PM in the Daily Chapel 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 in the Church Rectory. Pre~registration is required. Please call 732-477-7059 ext. 21.9

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

MASSES LIVE STREAMED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR YOUTUBE CHANNEL (SEE COVER FOR ADDRESSES) 4:00 PM & 11:00 AM MASSES ARE IN CHURCH WITH CONGREGATION NO LIVE STREAMING 9:00 AM WITH CONGREGATION AND LIVE STREAMED

SATURDAY	**DECEMBER 11**
4:00 PM	Malachy & Lucy Towey
SUNDAY	**DECEMBER 12**
9:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	**DECEMBER 13**
7:30 AM	John P. Duffy, Jr.
TUESDAY	**DECEMBER 14**
7:30 AM	Helen (Dolly) Emerson
WEDNESDAY	**DECEMBER 15**
7:30 AM	Anne Zdyrski
THURSDAY	**DECEMBER 16**
7:30 AM	Alfred Gilrain
FRIDAY	**DECEMBER 17**
7:30 AM	Angelina Mazzarisi
SATURDAY	**DECEMBER 18**
8:15 AM	Frank & Anne Kelemecz
4:00 PM	Loretta & Tom Freda
SUNDAY	**DECEMBER19**
9:00 AM	Charley Whitney
11:00 AM	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SUNDAY	**DECEMBER 12**	**LOCATION**
Masses	9:00 & 11:00 AM	Church
CCD	9:30 AM	Rms. A & C
RCIA	11:15 AM	Rms. A, B & C
Christmas Concert	2:30 PM	Church
OL Guadalupe Mass	5:00 PM	Church
MONDAY	**DECEMBER 13**	
Rosary for Unborn	1:30 PM	Church
CCD Classes	4:30 PM	Rms. A, & C
CCD Classes	6:00 PM	Rms. Parish Hall & C
TUESDAY	**DECEMBER 14**	
Advent Penance Service	**2:00 PM**	**Church**
CCD Classes	4:30 PM	Rms. A, B & C
Children's Choir Practice	5:30 PM	Church
CCD Classes	6:00 PM	Rms. A, B & C
Advent Penance Service	**6:30 PM**	**Church**
Holy Name Society	7:00 PM	Church
WEDNESDAY	**DECEMBER 15**	
CCD Classes	4:30 PM	Rms. A & C
CCD Classes	5:30 PM	Parish Hall & Rm. B
CCD Classes	6:00 PM	Rms. A & C
THURSDAY	**DECEMBER 16**	
CCD Classes	6:00 PM	Rms. A & C
Adult Choir	7:00 PM	Church
AA	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	**DECEMBER 17**	
SATURDAY	**DECEMBER 18**	
Confession	3:00 PM	Daily Chapel
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	Church

ADORATION TAKES PLACE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:00 – 9:00 AM IN THE DAILY CHAPEL AFTER 7:30 AM MORNING MASS

Candles for the Week

Blessed Mother Candle "In Loving Memory" of Sophie Gilrain
Sacred Heart Candle "In Loving Memory" of Raphaela & Louis Fasano
Church Sanctuary Candle "Birthday Blessings" on Rev. Al Ricciardelli
Chapel Sanctuary Candle "No Intentions"

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Remember Our Sick

"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 CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE IF YOU KNOW OF A PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY SO WE MAY INCLUDE THEM IN OUR PRAYERS.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING WEEK ENDING 11/28/21

Regular	$7,102.00
On Line	$1,159.60
Total	$8,261.60

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support to Visitation

Annual Catholic Appeal Diocese of Trenton

As of November 29, 2021
Goal ~$60,000.00
Pledge ~ $71,450.50 (119% of Goal)
Cash Received ~ $69,552.50.50
Total Donors ~ 277

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SO GENEROUSLY GAVE TO THE CATHOLIC APPEAL!!!

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.

Reflections for Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. *Loyola Press*

From the Pastor

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and an apparition of the Blessed Mother that has a most remarkable history. Widely celebrated in Mexico, others might not know that history and its importance to us here in the Americas.

The country of Mexico in 1531 was a land of conflict and struggle, with the Spanish Conquistadors threatening to annihilate the native Indian population. In December of that year, a native named Juan Diego rose before dawn to walk to daily Mass in what is now Mexico City. As he passed Tepeyac Hill, he heard music and saw a glowing cloud encircled by a rainbow. He spotted a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess. The woman said she was the Virgin Mary and told Juan, "I vividly desire that a church be built on this site, so that in it I can be present and give my love, compassion, help, and defense, for I am your most devoted mother…to hear your laments and to remedy all your miseries, pains, and sufferings." The apparitions occurred over the course of three days, from December 9th to the 12th.

It is truly an example of God's wisdom that the apparition occurred when it did and to whom it did. By incorporating elements of both native beliefs and Catholic theology, the natives were slowly able to adopt the Catholic faith, first by interpreting the vision with their own pagan views but remaining outwardly-compatible with the compulsory teaching of the Conquistadors, later by embracing it as their own by the authority of the native (now Saint) Juan Diego's preaching among his people. It is impossible to say how much bloodshed had been averted by allowing this gradual and subtle transition to take place.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe rightly deserves her place as the pinnacle of Catholic veneration in the Americas and we can learn from her example. By recognizing and respecting our similarities before our differences, we can heal the divisions that wound our relationships in families, businesses, towns and ideologies. In this way, we can truly begin to work towards the Kingdom of Peace that Christ promises us.

¡Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, ruega por nosotros!

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH ADVENT HEALING & PENANCE SERVICE WITH FATHER PIO MANDATO

Father Pio Mandato will be at St. Dominic Church, 250 Old Squan Road, Brick the evening of December 17th for a special Advent Healing and Penance Service. Confessions begin at 5:00 PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 PM followed by a conference. Individual blessings with the glove of St. Padre Pio will be offered to everyone attending at the end of the service. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory Office at 732-840-1410 for additional information

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 12, 2021 at 2:30 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. 107.

THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 12 THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS: REGULAR & RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT.
NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 19 THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS: REGULAR & REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE.

2022 BREAKING BREAD MISSALETTE

If you are interested in purchasing the Breaking Bread Missalette for 2022, they are available now through the Rectory Office during regular business hours (Monday thru Thursdays 8-3) and at the weekend Masses in the Narthex of the Church.
They are $10.00 each with a limited supply.

BINGO

Plans are being made to restart Bingo, **HOWEVER WE NEED YOUR HELP**. If you can spare a few hours between 10 am and 2 pm on Tuesdays to call or walk the floor please let us know. No experience needed - just a friendly face or smile. Come make new friends. Call 732-523-1617 and leave a message (be sure to include your phone number) or email Bingo@visitationRCchurch.org or go to our website - visitationRCchurch.org and follow the link to *Become a Volunteer.*

We hope to hear from you so we can get the Bingo Balls Bouncing once again Bingo workers will be available at the Parish Family Gathering to answer questions.

"THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE"

The Christmas Giving Tree has been placed in our Church Narthex. Each "Ornament" will represent a gift for a needy child in a family that the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Seeds of Service serves throughout the year. When you take an "Ornament" from our tree, the front will tell you if the child is a boy or girl and their age. The back of the ornament might give you a suggestion regarding something special that girl or boy would like for Christmas. The "Ornament" needs to be attached to the wrapped gift and placed under our Christmas Giving Tree by December 19 or earlier. (Our elves need a few days to deliver the gifts to our needy families). To be added to our list, please call 732-477-7059 ext. 102 and leave your name and phone number ONLY!

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE????

With the holidays fast approaching lets help make the residents of Complete Care at Shorrock Nursing Home holiday season a little brighter. Many of the residents do not have family, so it is our hope that we could lend a helping hand. ***Wouldn't it be nice*** to be a ***"Secret Santa"*** and purchase just one additional gift to give to one of the residents? Please drop your gift off (unwrapped) to Denise Patetta at our rectory office by December 20th. She will be making deliveries of your gifts to Complete Care at Shorrock. Some gift ideas: Non-Skid Socks, Fleece Blankets, Men's T-Shirts, Woman's Slippers, Woman's & Men's Pajamas, Robes, Craft Items, Adult Coloring Books, Costume Jewelry, Little Knick Knacks and Trinkets, & Toiletries. Some favorites are snacks, baked goods or candy. For additional information or questions, please call Denise at the rectory office at 732-477-0028 ext. 201. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed.

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?"

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

PENANCE SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 2:00 & 6:30 PM

TEN STEPS TO RECONCILIATION

1. **Admit and express your feelings.**
2. **Decide & pray.**
3. **Confess and repent.**
4. **Let go of fear and anger.**
5. **Gain a fair perspective.**
6. **Imagine the meeting.**
7. **Meet with the other person.**
8. **Give thanks to God..**
9. **Deepen the reconciliation.**
10. **Be patient.**

ParishSOFT

DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

ParishSOFT, our on-line giving vendor, is offering us a special gift for this upcoming season of generosity. They are offering a Donor Match Program for all parishioners that add new recurring donations thru our ConnectNow Giving program thru December 31, 2021. For every first donation from a new recurring donor that is added between now and December 31, 2021, they will match that first gift, up to $50, with a maximum match of $1,000 to the church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. We can't wait for you to join in this radical movement towards generosity and are so grateful for your continued support of our parish! To set up your gift –visit us at www.visitationRCchurch.org and click the box to Support My Church.

ON-LINE GIVING
WHAT IS IT AND HOW DO I USE IT?

Have you ever arrived at mass and realized that you forgot your giving envelope? If so, then you should be using online giving! Setting up scheduled giving allows you to be faithful and consistent in your generosity, and allows us to plan and budget consistently as a church.

As a church that seeks to serve, we provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want, whenever you want. We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. ConnectNow Giving offers you the opportunity to make secure, automatic contributions from your bank, credit/debit card, or Google Pay account to Visitation Church.

Benefits for You

- No check writing or ATM stops before church
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- Use your checking/savings account, credit/debit card, or Google Pay account
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Change a gift or account anytime you like
- Choose offertory or special funds
- View your giving history anytime

Security is our top Priority

- Meets all the strictest PCI/DSS security standards and is PCI compliant
- Uses SSL certificates and encryption
- Had intrusion detection and transaction security

To create your online account, visit our website and click on our Giving Button. You can also "quick-donate" via text message to 7325079477 *Text funds **for a collection list or** help **for a quick guide***

However you choose to give your time, talent, and treasure, we thank you! Our church ministries thrive only with your help.

"The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every grace overflow in you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work."
-2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (HCSB)

Parish Family Gathering

December 18 and 19
after all Masses for
Refreshments (Sun. only),
Fellowship and More!
Explore our many Ministries and Organizations

St. Vincent dePaul invites everyone (young and old) to participate in the Christmas Season

Crafts

Coupons for children to do some Christmas shopping (including gift wrapping)

Come Join us to celebrate
25 YEARS OF THE JANTA-POLCZYNSKI POLISH SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL
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AT LAKEWOOD STRAND THEATER
DECEMBER 19, 2021
2PM COCKTAIL HOUR
3 PM CHILDREN PERFORMANCE

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SONGS,
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AND MANY OTHERS

TICKETS $15

– Proof of full vaccination or
– A negative COVID-19 test taken within 48-72 hours of door time
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More information contact Kasia Pawka 732 239 5603

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FLOWERS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Christmas Season begins to unfold, much of our thoughts are of others. Let us remember those who have touched our lives in some way. Parishioners and guests at Church of the Visitation will have the opportunity to honor family or friends by making a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful Christmas flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, please use the form provided below. Please complete all information and put the form in a plain envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation, bring to the rectory office or go our website for your convenience. Make sure to mark your envelope Flower Donation.. *PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!*

A list of donors along with their loved ones names will be published in the bulletin shortly after the Christmas Season. If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Christmas Season

IN MEMORY OF: ____

IN HONOR OF: ____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: ________________________________

PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE

GIVEN IN LOVE BY:___________________________ **PHONE NUMBER:**_______________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $____________________

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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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.

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. 214 – *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. 214 – *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. 107 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* 732-477-9526, 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. 732-477-9526, ext. 107 - *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

USHERSS promote hospitality by assisting parishioners, taking up collections and preparing Offertory Gifts at Mass.

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. 732-977-9542 - *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. 732-477-9526, ext. 104 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9526, ext. 104 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

BIBLE SHARING offers day and evening sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. 732-477-9526 ext. 104 - *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. 732-477-9526, ext. 104 - *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 in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-7059 ext. 219- *Joanne Martone or jmartone@visitationrcchurch.org*

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets third Friday of the month 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. 732-477-0028 ext. 201.

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

Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is currently suspended

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, 732-552-6521 Terry Bastone*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH Postponed for the near future.

RESPECT LIFE focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. Meets on Mondays at 1:30PM in the church to pray the Rosary for Unborn. . 201-281-1330 – *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. 732-477-9526, 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. 732-477-9526 ext. 107 – *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 908-489-5146 – *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* 732-477-9526, ext. 201

FINANCE COUNCIL oversees the financial aspects of the parish 732-477-9526, ext. 201– *Arnie Vicidomini*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 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*

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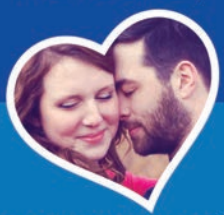

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