

Prayer + Fasting + Almsgiving



Second Sunday of Lent



Church of the Visitation

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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Daily: Monday – Friday 7:30 (Chapel)

Saturday - 8:15 AM (Chapel)

Holy Days: See Current Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Mon-Fri. 8:00 - 9:00 AM (Chapel)

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.

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 732-477-7059 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 732-477-7059 ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended period. In an emergency call the Parish office 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.

Elevator is located on the side of the Church by the Bell Tower.

We offer Low-Gluten Host for those suffering from celiac sprue disease.

"THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON; LISTEN TO HIM"

**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**

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	MARCH 12
4:00 PM	Francene Rousseau & Nicole Malato
SUNDAY	MARCH 13
9:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	MARCH 14
7:30 AM	Gary Hayes
TUESDAY	MARCH 15
7:30 AM	David Malaniak
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16
7:30 AM	Richard Clifford
THURSDAY	MARCH 17
7:30 AM	God's Blessing on Kathy Jelinek-Groesser
FRIDAY	MARCH 18
7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
SATURDAY	MARCH 19
8:15 AM	Donald "Eddie" Blanchett
4:00 PM	Marie Josephine Woodrow
SUNDAY	MARCH 20
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Ellie Witte

Reading for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



SUNDAY	MARCH 13	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>	9:00 & 11:00 AM	Church
<i>CCD Classes</i>	9:30 AM	Rms. A. & C
<i>RCIA Extended</i>	11:15 AM	Rms. A, B & C
<i>Baptism</i>	12:30 PM	Church
MONDAY	MARCH 14	
<i>Rosary for Unborn</i>	1:30 PM	Church
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM	Rms. A & C
<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM	Parish Hall & Rm. C
<i>Parish Mission</i>	7:00 PM	Church
TUESDAY	MARCH 15	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM	Rms. A, B & C
<i>Children's Choir</i>	5:30 PM	Church
<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM	Rms. A, B & C
<i>Holy Name Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Parish Mission</i>	7:00 PM	Church
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16	

In Lieu of Stations this evening, please join us in Church for the Parish Mission!

<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM	Rms. A & C
<i>CCD Classes</i>	5:30 PM	Parish Hall & Rm. B
<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM	Rms. A & C
<i>Parish Mission</i>	7:00 PM	Church
THURSDAY	MARCH 17	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM	Rms. A & C
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:00 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	MARCH 18	
<i>Traditional Stations of the Cross</i>	4:00 PM	Church
SATURDAY	MARCH 19	
<i>7th Grade Penitential</i>	1:00 PM	
<i>Church</i>	3:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Confession</i>	3:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>RCIA Extended</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

Candles for the Week

Blessed Mother Candle "In Loving Memory" of John Carlo
Sacred Heart Candle "God's Blessing" on Rev. Al Ricciardelli
Church Sanctuary Candle "No Intentions"
Chapel Sanctuary Candle "God's Blessing" on Rich Ryan Ochs

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In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors, especially; *John Vescuso, Joseph "Pat" Cooke, Peter McClellan*

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

3/6/2022

Regular	\$9,695.97
On Line	\$2,999.04
Total	\$12,695.01
Ash Wednesday	\$3,388.00



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

Thank you for your joyful return to the Lord and many acts of Christian stewardship. God bless you for your continued support to Visitation Parish

Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8



Reflections for The Second Sunday of Lent



On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. This occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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From the
Pastor

I know that people have been quite frustrated with the issues surrounding the upcoming sale of property owned by Visitation Parish. Much of that frustration stems from an incomplete understanding of what is happening and why. I also know that many people in the news and social media areas (which, increasingly as the court of public opinion, have become judge, jury and executioner in so many matters) have come to their own conclusions on the situation based on what they've heard – with an extraordinary amount of that understanding based on made up “facts” that have suddenly become reality! However, responding in kind is something that the Diocese and parish simply will not do and that is why the response has not been made as quickly as some would like. We are taking great care to ensure that all aspects of our response have been carefully documented and can be properly defended when the Brick Township Planning Board meets again on March 21st. One important part of that response is making it clear that this was not suddenly “sprung” on everybody. As Pastor, my primary concern is that Visitation parishioners were aware of this, so I am reprinting here a portion of *my Bulletin letter from July 28, 2019*. The complete text of the letter can be found on page 4 at

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/6597/bulletins/20190728.pdf>:

The Faith Formation Center. Before a firm action plan could be presented to the parish, we needed to procure monies to supplement the already collected (and still held in account!) Capital Campaign fund conducted a few years ago. That money will come from the sale of 34 acres of woodland owned by the parish between East End/Laurel Avenues and Drum Point Road. Potential buyers have come forward and we are working with the Diocesan Office of Planning and Construction to obtain the best possible price. In addition to addressing CAFRA (NJ Coastal Area Facility Review Act) requirements, Brick Township has indicated that we must demolish the old garage by the Rectory before approval of the sale can be considered, which has been completed this week, so I fully expect the sale to go forward, followed by announcement of preliminary plans for the new Center.

The full response from the parish and Diocese will be released very soon. Hopefully, it will explain exactly what is happening and why. I do not expect it to make people very happy (and, as someone who lives in the area that will be potentially affected by development, I will not claim that it makes *me* very happy either!) I do expect it to help people understand the reality and the necessity of this action to further the mission of Visitation Parish and the Church in Brick.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT VISITATION

Lent is not only about sacrifice. It is a time that provides us with opportunities to strengthen our prayer life and our commitment to be faithful servants of God. Here at Visitation, in addition to the year round devotions available, many activities are available at various times to meet a variety of schedules. Make this Lent a meaning one.

DEVOTIONS

Our prayers help us remember that we are totally dependent on God. In prayer we recognize and express the sovereign nature of our Creator. No Christian Prayer can occur without the action of the Holy Spirit. It is this action that unites the whole Church. The Church is a community. It expresses its nature as a community in its coming together in prayer.

Private prayer is good. But prayer as a community adds another dimension to the experience of prayer. Joined as a community, we experience the Body of Christ as

members of the Church. You may recall that as a Church we believe the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Traditional Stations of the Cross are available every Friday at 4:00 PM in the Church.

Contemporary Stations of the Cross are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent in the quiet of the Daily Chapel. They provide time for meditation as well as a dialog between Christ and each one of us. As we follow the stations, each meditation is an authentic application of Jesus' suffering to our personal lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the presence of God and experience the depth of the Lenten Season. The prayers used in this encounter help us connect Christ's last steps on this earth to our own daily lives.

Living Stations of the Cross will be held at 11:00 AM on Good Friday.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place immediately following the 7:30 AM daily Mass every weekday morning in the rectory chapel.



“NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL”

SOUP OF THE WEEK SOUTHWESTERN SOUP

1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 1-inch pieces	1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 cup onion, chopped	5 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped	1 14-ounce can pink beans, rinsed and drained
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced (optional)	1 14-ounce can diced tomatoes
2 cloves of garlic, minced	Garnish with
1 teaspoon chili powder	1 cup diced fresh avocado,
1 teaspoon ground cumin	2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt	Lime wedges

In the bottom of a slow cooker, combine pork, onion, bell pepper, jalapeno, garlic, chili powder, cumin, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine.

Add broth, tomatoes, and beans; cover and cook on low for 6–8 hours or high for 3–4 hours.

When ready to serve, ladle soup into bowls and top with avocado and cilantro. Garnish soup with lime wedges. Serve with cornbread, if desired.

LENT INSTRUCTIONS

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead from *Ash Wednesday, March 2nd until Holy Thursday, April 14th*, the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert, alone, fasting and in intense prayer, beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

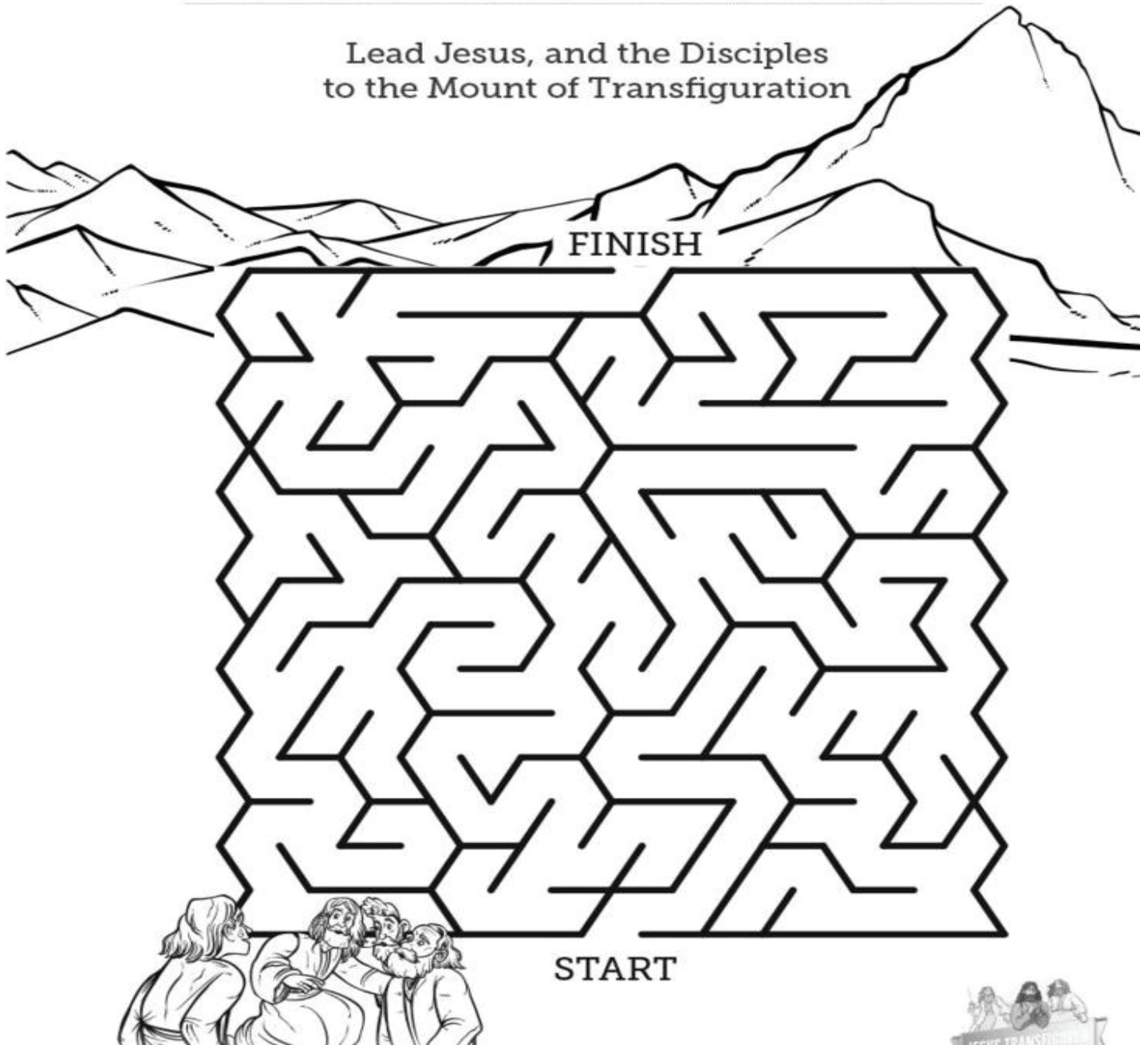
1. **The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below.**
2. **Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).**
3. **All other Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE (no meat).**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5-6, 2022 to Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022.** However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples
to the Mount of Transfiguration



One day, Jesus invited a few of his disciples, Peter, James and John to go up the mountain with him. Once they got to the top, something really cool happened. Jesus' face suddenly became bright like the sun and his clothes became bright like a light! Then, two famous guys from the past appeared. It was Moses and Elijah. This definitely took the disciples by surprise! They weren't sure what was happening but they knew it was something special. *Then...*an even crazier thing happened. A voice from heaven spoke to them. It was God and, what he said was very important. He told Peter, James and John to listen to Jesus! When they heard God speak, they bowed down on the ground in fear; but, Jesus told them not to be afraid. The point of this whole experience was to show the disciples how special Jesus was and why he should be obeyed. Jesus is God and he deserves respect and obedience. So kids, let's remember to listen and obey Jesus because he's the most important person ever!

SAVE THE DATES!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

ONLINE, IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX AFTER MASSES, AT THE RECTORY OFFICE OR AT OUR PARISH FAMILY GATHERING MARCH 20 !!!!



Join us March 27, 2022 from 2:00-5:00 PM at Church of the Visitation Parish Hall. Come to dance or just listen to the music of the 50's, 60's and 70's. Tickets will be \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door. Dessert and Hot and Cold beverages will be served. You are welcome to bring your own food as well. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 and more. Come dressed in a 60's outfit and be eligible for a prize. Tables can be reserved for parties of 6 or more. For more information or to purchase tickets call 732-475-0048, visit visitationRCchurch.org/social-events or email EventTeam@visitationRCchurch.org or TEXT Groovin to 732-5079477.

LENTEN FOOD/SOUPS & SOCKS COLLECTION



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God (Matt 4:4). However, sometimes we need to feed people before they can hear or see God in their life. This Lent we are going to share our "bread" with our community. We are asking that each of us bring a non-perishable food item to the Mass that they attend.

The gifts that are most needed are paper goods, such as napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, toiletries such as shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes, hand lotion and handwipes and cleaning supplies. There will be baskets by the doors. You can place your food item either before Mass or after. Each week during Lent a basket containing food items will be brought up in our procession of gifts by a member of the parish family. These gifts will be given to our Food Pantry to assist the poor and afflicted. This year, in addition to the requested items, the SVdP Society is asking for an extra gift of "Soups and Socks" (for the homeless).

PARISH FAMILY GATHERING

**Join Us For Coffee,
Donuts and Conversation**

is next Sunday, March 20 (moved from March 27 due to the dance) beginning after the 9:00 AM Mass. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends and explore our many Ministries and Organizations. St. Vincent DePaul Society invites everyone (young and old) to prepare for Easter with Craft Activities including Easter Cards and Flowers

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

**THIS WEEK, MARCH 13, THERE WILL BE
TWO COLLECTIONS: REGULAR & CATHOLIC RELIEF
NEXT WEEK, MARCH 20, THERE WILL BE
TWO COLLECTIONS: REGULAR & REPAIR & 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.**

pray **L** *fast* **E** *give* **N** **T**

GARY ZIMAK “GIVE UP WORRY FOR LENT”



Parish Mission will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14, 15 and 16, 2022 — 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Church Worship Space at 755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ.

Gary is a renowned Catholic presenter who will talk about overcoming anxiety, worry and stress. He is also an author of many books, (which will be available for sale) and featured on many Catholic radio and T.V. stations. We are so happy he said “yes” to our invitation to come to Visitation, and we hope you all will join us. There will be refreshments after the closing session on Wednesday, March 16. This event is free however a love offering will be taken each night for Mr. Zimak.

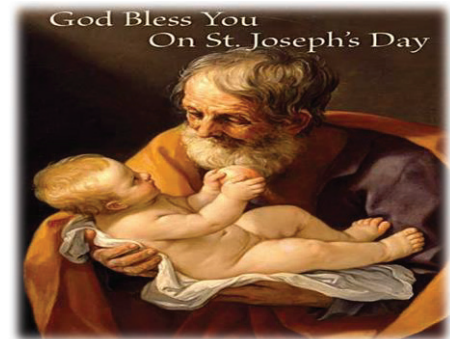
We look forward to this wonderful opportunity to gather as a Community and to be enlightened together as we draw closer to God. Come on out and enjoy this stressless, anxiety free, Parish Mission with us. For additional information see our Parish website, visitationrcchurch.org. or Facebook. Please contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 Ext. 104 or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org with any questions. (Elevator accessible). Let’s do this – let’s give up worry for Lent.

MARCH 17



AND

MARCH 19



FLOWERS/DECORATIONS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Easter 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 Easter flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, use the form provided below or visit our website online for your convenience, or TEXT Easter Flowers to 7325079477. Please complete all information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** We will publish a list of donors along with their loved ones names in the bulletin shortly after the Easter Season.

If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.

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### **EASTER FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION**

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

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE**

**GIVEN IN LOVE BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop into the collection basket or return to the rectory office. Thank you!



### **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*

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** Provides a welcoming experience by assisting in the parking lot, greeting people as they enter the worship space and overseeing collection activities. 732-475-0048 – *Vicki Cottrell or vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

**VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM** see Youth Ministry

### **Sacrament Preparation**

**BAPTISMAL TEAM** assists the Priests and Deacons with Baptismal Formation Sessions, as well as the 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*

**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*

**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 (*off site*) to pray, share scripture, praise God, give and discuss teachings and share fellowship. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulrollis63@gmail.com*

### **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. (*off site*) 732-505-2273

### **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*, 732-477-7059 ext. 103 *Joan Olden*, 732-552-6521 *Terry Bastone*

### **Social Ministries/Activities**

**BINGO** is held every Tuesday at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. 732-523-1619 – *Margie White*

**EVENT DEVELOPMENT TEAM** meets as needed to develop and implement social activities for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. 732-475-0048, – *Vicki Cottrell-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

### **Social Concerns**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** is held every third Wednesday of the month..

**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 and **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.

### 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.holynome@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:andrekelly3@me.com)

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** honors the Blessed Virgin Mary to secure her patronage. Members attend the 9:00 AM Mass and meet monthly. 732-295-1812 – Rose Marie DiGiovanni or [digioro1@yahoo.com](mailto:digioro1@yahoo.com)

**Ministries are an opportunity to use your talents, gifts, and time to fulfill your baptismal call of service. There are roles that are behind the scenes as well as within the celebration of Mass. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries. If you are interested in giving your gift of talent for one of these ministries, please contact the Ministry of your choosing.**

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