

*"I have
come to set
the earth
on fire...."*

Luke 12:49



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 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.

"LORD, COME TO MY AID"

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



SUNDAY	AUGUST 14	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>	9:00 & 11:00 AM	Church
MONDAY	AUGUST 15	

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

<i>Rosary for Unborn</i>	1:30 PM	Church
TUESDAY	AUGUST 16	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 17	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 18	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
AA	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	AUGUST 19	
<i>Evening Scripture Study</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Cursillo School of Leaders</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	AUGUST 20	
<i>Blessing Bag</i>	11:00 AM	Parking Lot
<i>Confession</i>	3:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church
RCIA	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	AUGUST 13
4:00 PM	O'Rourke Family
SUNDAY	AUGUST 14
9:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	AUGUST 15
7:30 AM	Cathy Tesauro
TUESDAY	AUGUST 16
7:30 AM	Helen & Steve Vartan
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 17
7:30 AM	Charlie Repage
THURSDAY	AUGUST 18
7:30 AM	Linda Popoutskis
FRIDAY	AUGUST 19
7:30 AM	Barbara DePol
SATURDAY	AUGUST 20
8:15 AM	Maryann Tiknis
4:00 PM	Lenny Fanelli
SUNDAY	AUGUST 21
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Donald "Eddie" Blanchett

Candles for the Week

Blessed Mother Candle "God's Blessing on Fr. Al Ricciardelli"
Sacred Heart Candle "In Loving Memory" of Edward Rutkowski
Church Sanctuary Candle "In Loving Memory" of Thomas Corallo
Chapel Sanctuary Candle "In Loving Memory" of Christine "Tina" Udet



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Cash Received ~ \$40,332.00

Total Donors ~ 187

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

"I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE....."



Wedding Banns

II. Daniel Mahoney & Marissa Pelligrino



"REMEMBERING OUR SICK" LIST IS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ANY REASON, NOT JUST ILLNESS. THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS. IF EXTENDED PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT VISITATION'S PRAYER CHAIN AT 201-281-1330.

IV. James Cox



In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors.

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

8/7/22

Regular	\$6,778.00
On Line	\$2,480.80
Total	\$9,258.80

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



THIS WEEK, AUGUST 14, THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS: REGULAR & ASSUMPTION

NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 21, THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS: REGULAR & REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2022-2023 season of CCD is now open online. Please visit visitationrchurch.org/religious-education, scan the QR code on the right, or contact the religious education office at 732-477-7059 ext. 219.



Reflections for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

Loyola Press

AUGUST 14, 2022



Bishop David M. O'Connell has granted permission that the votive Mass for Blessed Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, may be celebrated in parishes of the Diocese on his feast day, Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Blessed Michael McGivney was born on August 12, 1852, in Waterbury (Connecticut) of Irish immigrant parents and baptized there on August 19 in St. Peter's Church (predecessor to what is today the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception). Ordained a priest on December 22, 1877, he was assigned to St. Mary's Church, New Haven, where his remarkable ability to relate to all people of every social, economic and religious background became apparent. In 1882, he founded the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benevolent association that offered spiritual and apostolic direction to Catholic men. He died of tuberculosis on August 14, 1890, while Pastor of St. Thomas' Church in Thomaston (Connecticut). Father Michael McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020, during a Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., where an apostolic letter from Pope Francis was proclaimed, declaring that Father McGivney "henceforth be given the title of Blessed and that his liturgical memorial be kept each year on 13 August, in those places laid down by the norm of law."

A step in the process of canonization, beatification is meant primarily for devotion and veneration of the blessed within a local diocese — in this case, the Archdiocese of Hartford, in which Michael McGivney was born, served as a priest, founded the Knights of Columbus, and died. Not until a candidate for sainthood is canonized are devotion and veneration extended to the entire Church, a process that continues in Blessed Michael McGivney's cause.

This is a wonderful event and highlights the good that the Knights of Columbus have done for the community here at Visitation and throughout the country. I continue to be truly appreciative and thankful for their service.

God of eternal mercy, who set your priest Blessed Michael in the Church to comfort the suffering and the weary, the lonely and the oppressed with works of charity and a gentle heart, grant that, through his intercession, we too may become vessels of mercy in our day and so enter into our heavenly inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever (Collect/Opening Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney)

EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY – SHARING THE WORD



On Friday, August 19, a new ministry is forming, and you are invited. We will meet twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd of the month, on Fridays at 7:00 pm in the Daily Chapel. This is for men and women over 18, advanced in scripture, but also new beginners. We will blend our discussions and learn with each other. As 1 Timothy says:

“devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching.” So come on out Friday, August 19 for our first session and if you like it come back on September 9, 2022.

For more information, contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation office at 732-477-7059 ext. 104, or email at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS

Catholic Charities provides addiction counseling, basic needs, children services, housing, mental health, violence prevention and treatment. Listed below are some highlights from the 2021 annual report:

Children and Family Services served 7,736 families and individuals Community Services food pantries issued 46,467 meals and provided crises counseling for 47,973 people related to covid 19. Domestic Violence Services provided 36,428 nights of shelter and the Domestic Violence hotline answered 3,443 calls. Approximately 11.2% of revenue was spent on administration. The complete report is published in the summer issue of The Spirit. To access it online, go to the Catholic Charities website. Click on About Us and then Publications or you can pick one up in the Narthex of the Church.

If you know someone in need of Catholic Charities services, please call 800 360 7711 or visit our website: www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org

DON'T MISS THE AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION
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The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 5, 2022, and we're looking for your help.



Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are helping to maintain and keep safe our aging facilities. This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about donating, a gift and/or helping us prepare for the event, call Betty Kilkenny 732-475-0048 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Gifts can be Dropped Off at any Parish Family Gathering or drop them off at the Rectorry Office during Regular Office Hours (Monday, Thru Thursday 8 am to 3 pm).



- I would like our gift auction "elves" to purchase a gift in my name with my monetary donation
- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 5, 2022

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening

The Dividing Line

Do you think I came to bring peace on Earth? No, I tell you
but rather division *Luke 12:51*



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WORD BANK

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TIME	PEACE	FATHER	RAIN	FIRE
WIND	SON	MOTHER	BLOWS	DAUGHTER
DIVIDED	SOUTH	SKY	EARTH	FAMILY

Think of your life at this moment in time, where do you find that your values or faith cause others to feel uncomfortable or may even bring division? Take time to invite the Lord to be with you in these situations. Ask him to guide and strengthen you as you need.

"WE ARE VISITATION PROUD"

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, August 15, is the "*Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*". This year it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. The day commemorates the death of Mary. We speak of Mary's Assumption not her Ascension. Christ ascended via His own power. Mary was taken up to heaven by the power of God. The Assumption of Mary is something God did for her. It is the result of Christ's redemptive power applied to His Blessed Mother. The dogma of the Assumption means that the Virgin Mary now experiences in heaven the union of a glorified body and soul, which her Son enjoys. She is not a disembodied spirit, but a complete human person, body and soul, matter and spirit, reigning with Christ. Mary's feast reminds us that we are created for the glory of God and to be with God for all eternity.



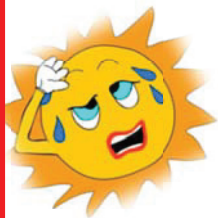
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All of our Religious Education Classes will be held in the Rectory during the week and on Sunday mornings. When we were able to use Lake Riveria Middle School we had up to 20 students in a room. That isn't feasible in the Rectory. We need more teachers for more classes. God helped us through COVID and virtual "google Classrooms" "now we ask those who can, to help us too. We need Teachers in all grades. Please give us a call at 732 477-5217 or email jmartone@visitationRCchurch.org.

APPLAUSE DURING THE MASS

The role of the music is to enrich the liturgy. The musicians are not performing a recital or concert they are praising the Lord, so please refrain from applauding after the prelude song (before the mass), the meditation song (after the communion) or the recessional song as there are members of the congregation still praying. Please say "Amen" or pray and meditate in silence after the musical pieces. Our music ministry is truly doing a wonderful job, we are asking everyone to sing with us as the congregation singing is the part of the liturgy.

Please keep singing and praising the Lord!



**WE UNDERSTAND IT'S SUMMER AND TERRIBLY HOT.
OUR AIR CONDITIONER IS WORKING BEAUTIFULLY! PRAISE GOD!
WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE
DRESS APPROPRIATELY AND RESPECTFULLY
FOR OUR LORD'S HOUSE!!
THANK YOU!!**



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.

"HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT....."

2022/2023 MASS BOOK OPENS

The Mass book for the year 2022/2023 will open on Monday August 29, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

The Mass schedule remains the same;
Monday – Friday 7:30 AM,
Saturday, 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel),
Vigil Mass Saturday 4:00 PM and
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM.

The book will open from the First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022 to the last Saturday of Ordinary Time, December 2, 2023

This year, you may request two Masses per family; one weekend and one weekday.

Masses may be purchased online by visiting our website at visitationRCchurch.org and scrolling down to the "Request a Mass Card".

No request will be taken over the phone.
Mass offering is \$10.00.
All intentions will mention the person in the Prayer of the Faithful.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.

PRAYER INTENTION OPPORTUNITIES

The Candles, (Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart, \$12.00~ Church and Sanctuary Candles \$15.00) are lit for each intention for one week (Sunday-Saturday) in honor of someone, as a memorial, in remembrance, a celebration or for a special intention. There are still many candles available. Please call the Parish Office to reserve your candle today!



BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 29th
9:00 am to 7:00 pm
in the Parish Hall

Appointments preferred

Log onto www.redcrossblood.org
(sponsor code *Church of the Visitation*)
or call 732-475-0048 or

visit www.visitationRCchurch.org/blood-drive

Unable to Give Blood but still want to help?
Contact Vicki at 732-475-0048 or
vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org

The rectory office will be closed for regular business on Monday, August 15 in observance of The Assumption. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 AM.

MASS CARDS: THE GIFT OF PRAYER

The Holy Mass is the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father. It makes present Jesus' gift of his life, death, and resurrection. Thus, no better prayer can be offered for someone than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

A Mass card is given to someone to let them know that they, or a deceased loved-one, will be remembered and prayed for during a Mass.

Whether you wish to have prayers said for someone who has died, someone who is ill, or someone who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary, Mass Cards are an excellent way to show that you care.

VIRTUS CLASS.

We will have a session on Wednesday, August 24th, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall for those who have not attended as of yet. Access to the Hall is handicap accessible. You must register for the class on the Diocese website under Our Office Departments: Child and Youth Protection. Questions? You can email Nancy Grodberg at grodbergnancy18@gmail.com



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*

PRAYER CHAIN is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. 201-281-1330.

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. 732-523-1617 – *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 Thursday 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*

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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

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

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