

“SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY,	JULY 24
4:00 PM	Louis Salerno/req. Family
5:30 PM	Kathleen DeTuro/req. Cindy & Brian Maguire
SUNDAY,	JULY 25
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Walter Keily/req. Tom & Venus Leahy
9:30 AM	Rachel Piazza/req. Mary Kelleher
11:00 AM	Rosemary Gatyas/req. Husband & Family
12:30 PM	Agatina “Tina” Salvemini/req. Cindy Maguire
3:30 PM	Polish Community
MONDAY,	JULY 26
7:30 AM	James Monahan/req. The McDonnell Family
8:15 AM	Kathleen DeTuro/req. Denise Patetta
7:30 PM	Eileen Barbato/req. Mom & Family
TUESDAY,	JULY 27
7:30 AM	Carmen Guarino/req. Joann Haverick
8:15 AM	Roberta “Bobbi” Pocher/req. Terry Deegan & Marilyn Emery
WEDNESDAY,	JULY 28
7:30 AM	Richard Burke/req. Elaine Pavlick
8:15 AM	Roberta “Bobbi” Pocher/req. Carmella Barry
THURSDAY,	JULY 29
7:30 AM	Mary Ruppi Markowski/req. Daughter
8:15 AM	Mary Murphy/req. Victoria Read & Marie Dunleavy
FRIDAY,	JULY 30
7:30 AM	Dorothy Capelli/req. Pamela Kane
8:15 AM	Regina Perrine/req. Gina & Tom Perrine
SATURDAY,	JULY 31
7:30 AM	Joan Di Orio/req. Karen & Irene
8:15 AM	Ralph Esposito/req. Tom & Anne Aquilina
4:00 PM	Anastasia “Stacy” Syby/req. The Lutkiewicz Family
5:30 PM	Kathleen DeTuro/req. The Cub Scouts
SUNDAY,	AUGUST 1
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec’d Members of the Rosary Altar Society
	Charles Fay Sr./req. Denise Patetta
	“Bobbi” Pocher/req. Blanche Boznanski
9:30 AM	Margaret Tamburo/req. Husband, Joseph
11:00 AM	Joseph & Mario Monticiolo/req. Wife & Family
12:30 PM	Andrew Dimetros/req. Wife
3:30 PM	Polish Community

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	JULY 25
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After Masses Auditorium
<i>R.C.I.A.</i>	9:00 AM Room A and C
<i>Bereavement Support Group</i>	9:00 AM Daily Chapel
<i>Polish Mass</i>	3:30 PM Church
MONDAY	JULY 26
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:45 AM & 7:30 PM Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:00 PM Auditorium
<i>Teen Group Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM Old Church
TUESDAY	JULY 27
<i>We Care</i>	10:00 AM Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Auditorium
<i>Karate</i>	5:00 PM Auditorium
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:00 PM Old Church
WEDNESDAY	JULY 28
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:00 PM Old Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:00 PM Auditorium
THURSDAY	JULY 29
<i>Karate</i>	5:00 PM Auditorium
<i>AA</i>	8:00 PM Auditorium
FRIDAY	JULY 30
<i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>	7:30 PM Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM Auditorium

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JULY 25 SUN SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13 Pss I

JULY 26 Mon Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary white memorial

Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

JULY 27 Tue Weekday green

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

JULY 28 Wed Weekday green

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

JULY 29 Thu Saint Martha white memorial

Jer 18:1-6 (404)/Jn 11:19-27* or Lk 10:38-42

JULY 30 Fri Weekday green/white

[Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church]

Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

JULY 31 Sat Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest white memorial

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12



Sanctuary Candle for the week of July 25 is “In Loving Memory” of Ed & Ann Deresz/req. Ray

Sacred Heart Candle for the week of July 25 is “In Loving Memory” of Andrew Dimetros/req. Wife

Blessed Mother Candle for the week of July 25 is for God’s Blessings on the Pandolfi Family

“LORD, ON THE DAY I CALLED FOR HELP, YOU ANSWERED ME”

MINISTRIES

AA MEETING Thursdays at 8:00 PM in Church Auditorium.

ANNULMENT ADVOCATES. For information call ext. 106.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is available in the Spring and Fall. For more information call Deacon Richard Johnston at ext. 221.

BOYS SCOUT TROOP #38 sponsored by the Holy Name Society meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Old Church.

CUB SCOUT TROOP #38 sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society meets Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Old Church.

EVANGELIZATION TEAM contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218.

FUTURES TEAM to share your talents and ideas or for more information, call ext. 216.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY attends Mass the second Sunday of the month at 8:00 AM. Meeting is at 7:30 PM the Tuesday following the second Sunday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 meeting is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Council Home.

MUSIC MINISTRY is always seeking individuals who like to share their gift of music during our liturgies. Contact ext. 217.

PARISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Children of Light Parish Prayer Group meets every Friday at 7:30 PM in the Daily Chapel.

PASTORAL CARE OFFICE Contact ext. 211.

PRAYER CHAIN is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. Please call 732-604-1499.

RCIA is a group for adults seeking Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. For information call Dale at ext. 214.

RESPECT LIFE Pro Life Stations of the Cross is the 4th Monday of the month after the rosary. The rosary is every Monday in the Church at 1:30 PM

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY attends Mass the first Sunday of the month at the 8:00 AM. Meeting is at 12:00 Noon the Monday following the first Sunday.

ROYAL HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP Contact Mary at 732-262-3938 for meeting times and additional information.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD) Sunday classes from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call 477-5217.

SMOKELESS BINGO in the Church Auditorium on Tuesday at 11:00 AM and Friday at 7:30 PM.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is offered to anybody in the Parish who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. For information call Deacon Richard Johnston at ext 221.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP in the Old Church. Open Saturdays 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (Closed for lunch 12:00 to 12:30 PM).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY assists the needy in the community. For assistance call ext. 160.

USHERS greet guests; assist in the collection and preparation of the gifts for Offertory. For information contact Joe Gigante at 732-920-9006.

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM 3rd grade through high school. For information call Mrs. Stranieri 732-458-1492.

VISITATION FOOD BANK (MEMBER OF THE OCEAN COUNTY HUNGER RELIEF) accepts donations of non-perishable food the second weekend of every month.

VISITATION VISITORS VOLUNTEERS Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 12 noon. Contact ext. 211.

VISITATION TEEN CENTER MEETS Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Old Church.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples contemplating marriage should contact one of our priests or deacons one year in advance to set a date and begin Sacramental preparation.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Every Sunday at 1:30 PM. Parents of children to be baptized must attend a preparation class prior to the Baptism. Sponsors (godparents) must meet eligibility requirements prior to Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Every Saturday: 3:15-3:45 PM and by appointment. After the 4:00 PM Mass **only during Lent and Advent.**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness any time of the day or night call the rectory office and follow emergency instructions.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome into our Parish all new families and individuals who live within our Parish boundaries. In order to meet your needs, we ask you to register. The priests, deacons, and staff are here to serve you.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

For a sponsor certificate you must be registered, practicing and meet all Church requirements.

We Welcome Into God's Family



Angelina Kathryn Acevedo,
Delia Anne Acevedo,
Sonny Carmine Francese, Matthew David Henkel,
Sean Joseph Misyak, Justin James Williscroft



I. Russell Fastnacht

“REMEMBERING OUR SICK” LIST IS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS. THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR THREE WEEKS. IF EXTENDED PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT VISITATIONS PRAYER CHAIN AT 848-448-5506.

In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish especially; *Robert Dierolf, Jr.*, your friends, relatives and benefactors.



Wedding Banns

- I. Joseph Kolesar & Ashley Gaye
- III. Frank Castaldo & Joanna Boylan

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week Ending July 17, 2010

Weekend ~ July 10 & 11, 2010	\$12,233.92
Weekend ~ (July 11 & 12 2009)	\$13,657.14

Receivables	\$170.60
Expenses for the week	\$14,606.79

Some of the expenses included:

Brick Postmaster	\$50.00
Diocese of Trenton ~ Peters Pence	\$1,495.00
Religious Education Books	\$10,898.65
Comcast	\$225.89

Our church subsists by the contributions of its members. Thank you for your kind generosity. May the Lord always reward you.

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYER

**Tuesday July 27 12PM St. Peter's Church
Pt. Pleasant Beach
Celebrant - Fr. John Connor C.S.S. R.**

Join as we seek Our Lord's Healing for the Spiritual, Emotional and Physical needs of ourselves, our families and friends. Contact Dawn Rusinko at 732-892-0049 ext 23 for further information.

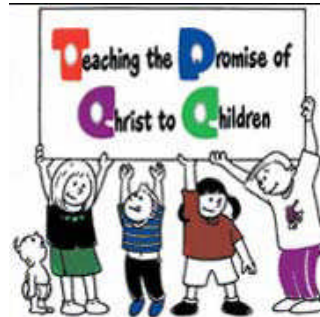
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THEY MAKE OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE.**

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

AUGIES

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

CCD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are still in need of Catechists to teach a 2nd Grade or a 4th Grade Class on Sundays. If you have doubts about if you “Can teach”, give Nancy a call at the Religious Ed office 732.477-5217. If you are reading this bulletin

from Visitation Church, it means you are practicing your Faith and interested in passing it on. If you have that, the Holy Spirit will give you all the help you will need and we will provide the tools to do it.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED MINISTRY

The Ministry to Separated and Divorced meets every other Monday during the summer at St. Dominic's. The summer meeting schedule is **August 9 and August 23 at 7:00 PM in the St. Dominic Meeting Room.** Structured discussions and support with the guidance of trained facilitators. For more information call Rosemarie at 732-840-1410, ext. 38.



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 732-477-0028 ext. 216.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A note of thanks for those of you who have used the "Memorial Envelopes" left in Weatherhead Young and Silverton Funeral Parlors as well as the lobby of the church.

We acknowledge the donations made in memory of the deceased to the donor and the bereaved. Please fill out the name of the bereaved to be used in the mailing address, Mr. Mrs. Miss etc. These Memorial Envelopes donated by the John Patrick Publishing Co are also available in the St. Vincent de Paul Box in the Rectory.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for Tuesday Bingo from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Friday Bingo from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. If you can assist in any way, or even for a couple of hours, please stop by the Church Auditorium on Tuesday or Friday during bingo.

SUMMER CHOIR



Throughout the months of July and August you are invited to participate in the parish summer choir. The choir will sing at the 11:00 am mass and the rehearsal will be 30 minutes before mass in the music room in the church. This is a great opportunity to "try out" the choir without making any formal commitment. Everyone is welcome to participate - individuals, families, young and old! RSVP is NOT necessary; simply show up 30 minutes before mass. If you would like more information please contact Natalya Bencivenga at the rectory office at ext. 217.

Please put the misselette books back in the racks, place any garbage in the waste paper baskets in the vestibule and take your bulletins with you so the church remains neat for the next mass. If everyone did there share then the church would always look nice and it only takes a couple of seconds.



Love to shop???? Don't want the high credit card bills?? We have the answer. St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. You may just find what you've been looking for. Stop by and see us. Store hours are

Saturdays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. (Closed for lunch 12:00 to 12:30).

DONATIONS ACCEPTED DURING STORE HOURS ONLY.

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DO NOT TALK IN CHURCH. SOME ARE PREPARING FOR MASS WHILE OTHERS ARE GIVING THANKS. PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES WHILE IN THE CHURCH WORSHIP SPACE. THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.



presented by the Brick Children's Community Theatre at Brick Township High School, Chambers Bridge Road. **Dates are August 6, 7, 8 & 14 at 7:30 PM and August 8 & 14 at 2:00 PM.** Tickets are available for \$15 for adults, \$12 seniors & students, and \$10 children 12 and under. All seats reserved. Call 732-920-9041 or visit www.bcct.org for more information.

THE DRAWING FOR THE 50/50 WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 12:30 PM MASS DURING COMMUNITY SUNDAY.

NOTICE

MASS INTENTIONS

There are still many weekday and shared Sunday 8:00 AM Masses available for intentions. The offering for these Masses is \$10.00. Please stop by the Parish office for Mass cards during regular business hours.

PILGRIMAGES TO POLAND AND ITALY

Hosted by Fr. Joseph Kubiak

1. **POLAND**-12 days: Sept. 27 to Oct. 8, 2010
Price is \$ 2375 *

2. **ITALY**-11 days: November 10 - 20, 2010
Price is \$ 2399 *
Contact Fr. Joseph Kubiak at St. John Vianney Colonia, N.J. Rectory: 732-574-0150, or cell: 732 – 829-4983 or call Mrs. Phyllis Gomulka 732-566 4115; or e-mail www.polishculturalfoundation.org

*The tour price does not include: U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges

MEN'S RETREAT

For nearly thirty years the Ocean County Federation of Holy Name Societies has helped organize a group for a men's weekend retreat at the San Alfonso Retreat House, a Redemptorist Spiritual Center on Ocean Avenue in West End, Long Branch.

The theme of this year's retreat is based on the Gospel of Luke. It begins Friday evening, October 1 and ends with lunch Sunday, October 3. The fee is \$175. All are welcome and newcomers are encouraged.

Visit www.sanalfonsoretreats.org or contact John Fraraccio at 732-272-7572 or e-mail johcafra@hotmail.com.

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

The Catholic Church is world-wide, and much of it is served by missionaries in developing countries. To help us better understand the universality of the Church and to give us an opportunity to assist missionaries in their effort to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, Fr. Scott Binet, MD, MI will be coming to our parish the weekend of July 31 & August 1 to speak on behalf of SOS DRS (SOS Doctors). SOS DRS is the international disaster relief organization of the Ministers of the Infirm (Order of St. Camillus) that serves the medical, pastoral and humanitarian needs of people affected by man-made and natural disasters. SOS DRS is now serving after disasters in Italy, Chile and Haiti. Fr. Binet will be asking for our prayers and financial support for the mission of SOS DRS (www.sosdrs.org). Please be generous.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Every family and individual in need deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. From a family struggling to make ends meet to a veteran who feels alone, or a battered woman fleeing domestic violence, we provide the personal support and essential care each person deserves. Our mission is to alleviate some of their problems. We want them to build the skills and self-confidence that leads to success. St. Vincent de Paul Society helps people replace a sense of despair with a sense of dignity and hope. We are low on funds and we ask you to remember the needs of others by using our "Poor Boxes". We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Information is needed from our parishioners in order to update our files. Please contact Denise Patetta at ext 201 at the rectory office to inform us of a name or, address change, change in marital status, additions to your family or if you are moving out of the parish. This is the only way for us to keep our records accurate.

VISITATION NEWSPAPER DEADLINE



Monday, August 30, is the deadline to get your articles in to us for our next (September) issue of our Visitation Newspaper. If you are involved in any of our many parish activities, please write a few lines about your experience. This will keep our parishioners aware of the vibrant activities here at Visitation. Remember, our deadline for articles to this office is Monday, August 30. Please e-mail your articles to dee@visitationchurch.com

PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE VISITATION NEWSPAPER AND BE SURE TO USE THE COUPONS INSIDE.

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



COMMUNITY SUNDAY is Sunday, July 25, after all Masses and will be hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul & Respect Life Society. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.



This month's Community Sunday has been subsidized by Lee Baetz "In Loving Memory" of her husband, John Baetz.

If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, 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.

Those who would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Administrator, Reverend Albert Ricciardelli may do so at Community Sunday. He will be there after each mass for any well wishers. Hope to see you there!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Al and the staff of Visitation, along with the parishes of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Agnes, will join together to celebrate the installation of Father William Dunlap as Pastor. You are invited to a special Mass on Friday, August 13 at 7:00 PM at St. Agnes Church, 103 Center Ave., Atlantic Highlands. Rev. Msgr. Eugene M. Rebeck will be the principal celebrant. Light refreshments will

WE CARE FOR OUR TROOPS



"We Care" is a new ministry at Visitation Church. We collect donations and send them to our troops overseas.

In the vestibule of the church, in front of the poster with pictures of our parishioners who are in the military, there is a plastic tote and lists of suggested

items that are needed buy our men and women overseas.

Some of the items listed are for our wounded in the hospital and some are for an orphanage that is near the base at Kandahae, Afganistan.

If you have, or know of, someone overseas, and you give us their address we will see that they receive a care package.

Thank you for caring with us and God bless your generosity.

JULY 25, 2010

ACKNOWLEDGING OTHERS

By

Deacon Len Kruk, SFO

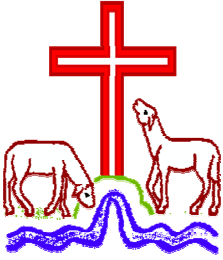
In 2000, Catherine Ryan Hyde's novel *Pay It Forward* was published and adapted into a Warner Brothers film. The novel and film described as an obligation to do three good deeds for others in repayment of a good deed that one receives. Such good deeds should be things that the other person cannot accomplish on their own. In this way, the need to help one another can spread exponentially through society. The Pay It Forward Foundation was established in September 2000 by author Catherine Ryan Hyde and others to educate and inspire students to realize that they can change the world. Students and their teachers are encouraged to formulate their own ideas of how they can "pay it forward". In April 2009, "pay it forward" made its way to Craigslist and YouTube. A simple Craigslist posting said "I can help you with groceries, give you a ride if you need one..." The expression "**pay it forward**" describes the concept of asking that a good turn be repaid by having it done to others instead. It is a concept of *acknowledging the importance of others*.

Scripturally, we have an excellent example of the "pay it forward" concept in Luke, chapter 10 when Jesus tells the story of the "Good Samaritan" who "had compassion" for a wounded man lying helpless in a ditch." He went up and bandaged his wounds ... carried him to the inn and looked after him," and gave money to the innkeeper, saying, "Look after him, and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have" (Lk. 10:34,35). Having given this story-definition of "neighbor," Jesus says to the lawyer, "Go and do the same yourself" (Lk. 10:37). And so says Jesus Christ now, to you and to me: "If you want to experience eternal life now, if you want to know God now, if you want to come home to God now, remember the story of the 'Good Samaritan' -- and go and do likewise."

St. Francis had an unswerving desire to imitate Our Crucified Savior in all things by living the Gospel and teaching others to do the same. Francis remained a constant witness to the Catholic faith, always inspiring the faithful to a deeper observance of the Gospel, and his spirit lives on today in those who strive to live the Rule of the Friars Minor, of the Poor Clares, and of the Third Order. It is told that one day while Francis and his Brothers were traveling about they were being heckled by a leper. Francis stopped and asked the leper what it is that he could do for him. The leper, supposedly responded; "I wish you to wash me from head to foot, for I smell so bad that I disgust myself." Francis then went and prepared some water with some herbs and spices and removed the leper's rags. He then washed the leper from head to toe. It is said that the skin of the leper became like that of a child. The leper realized the physical change in his life and repented of his sins and turned to God. Hopefully, the leper went forth and repeated what he experienced by serving others as St. Francis served him.

Family, friends, colleagues and strangers continue to come into and out of our lives. We interact with them, laugh and cry with them and are often better because of them. How often do we acknowledge the special ways that we have been touched by them? May each of us do our share to spread the Gospel, the true Catholic faith as living witnesses of Jesus—volunteer a weekend of your time, a car ride, a dinner invitation, etc., let's find a way to "pay it forward" as we acknowledge the specialness in others.

HOLY HOUR



Join us in the Church for
Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT
August 6, 2010
7:00 to 8:00 PM

A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY



Many of you have heard a song sung either at Mass and you may hear it again at times through the summer. Since it is in Latin, you may be interested to know the translation when you hear it again.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
miserere nobis, dona nobis pacem
have mercy on us, grant us peace.*

Pronunciation:

Ah-nyus Deh-ee, kwee toh-lees peh-kah-tah moon-dee,
mee-zeh-reh-reh noh-bees, doh-nah noh-bees pah-
chehm



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM and Friday evenings at 7:30 PM.

ELEVATOR UPDATE

The elevator is now up and running. Please be sure to observe the handicap parking signs in front of the entrance to the elevator. They will be strictly enforced by Brick Township Police Department. Remember, the elevator will take you downstairs to the auditorium to enjoy Community Sunday. See you there!

LOVING FOR A LIFETIME

Married couples of all ages, please join us as we explore and celebrate the essentials of a happy, lifelong marriage. The diocesan Office of Family Life invites you and your spouse to enjoy a marriage enrichment seminar entitled "**Loving for a Lifetime**" based on the book by Dr. Richard Johnson of the Johnson Institute. This intergenerational experience will be held from 2:00 to 4:30 PM in two locations: on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at St. Ann's Church, Lawrenceville, NJ, and again on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at Sacred Heart Church, Bay Head, NJ. Registration fee: \$10 per couple includes seminar materials, light refreshments and resource ideas for marriage enrichment in your parish. To register, call Mary Ann Romagna at 609-406-7400 ext. 5558.

PARKING LOT TRAFFIC FLOW

Please notice the traffic flow pattern of our parking lot on Sunday.

It **DOES NOT** permit exiting onto Mantoloking Road near the Church. Exiting onto Mantoloking Road is specific to the Old Church roadway nearest the rectory building.

Exiting by the Church is dangerous. If this persists the Brick Police Department will ticket offenders for obstructing traffic.

SAVE THE DATE



Family fun is just around the corner. Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual carnival here at Church of the Visitation.

Sunday, September 19 is the day. Additional information will follow in future bulletins. See you there!!

JULY 25, 2010

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebrating the Sacrament

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is a celebration in which those who are seriously ill or infirm are surrounded and supported by other members of the Christian community, whether at home or in the house of the church (for those who can leave their beds and come here). In song and in silence, with scriptures and prayers, we strengthen the bonds of love and faith that are stronger than the most lethal disease and more powerful even than death. The sacrament may be celebrated in the context of a Mass, or on its own, depending on the needs of the person who is sick.

The celebration opens with brief introductory rites that help us remember that God is with us and that we are the body of Christ.



Then follows a liturgy of the word, in which we hear scriptures that shed light on the meaning of sickness and suffering and the compassion of our God, who suffers with us. Depending on the needs of the person who is sick, one brief passage or two or three readings and a psalm may be used. A homily may be preached, too.

Then the rite continues. The gathered church surrounds the person who is sick with the prayer of faith. In response to God's word, a litany is prayed. Then, the priest does the laying on of hands, an ancient sign of the moving of the Holy Spirit to heal and save. This is done in silence. Then a prayer is said over the oil of the sick. Finally, the priest anoints the head and the hands, and sometimes other parts of the body (the feet, for example, or the part of the body that is in pain) of the one who is sick. While anointing the sick person's head, the priest says "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." And all answer "Amen!" While

anointing the hands, the priest says, "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." And again, all answer "Amen!" If other parts of the body are anointed, no words are said. A final prayer is then said.

The liturgy of the Eucharist, or simply the giving of communion, may follow. Or the rite ends with a blessing. If you or someone you know is in need of the anointing, please call the parish office.

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