

#### **Mass Schedule**

We warmly invite you to join us at Visitation House for our liturgies and Bible Studies:

9:15 a.m. Mass on Monday
7:15 a.m. Mass on Tuesday
through Friday
7:30 p.m. Mass on Monday and
Thursday
6:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday

Our Saturday liturgy is followed by a prayer meeting on the first three Saturdays of each month.

Monday Masses are usually followed by Bible Studies with Fr. Philip Latronico, our Community's chaplain, for those interested.

Morning Masses are followed by coffee and fellowship.

Please call the Community office at 201 – 935 – 0344 to verify times and dates.

### Would you like to know more?

We welcome visitors and new members and encourage you to find out more about us and our programs at our website <a href="www.thecgl.org">www.thecgl.org</a> or by calling the office at 201 -935 - 0344.



### The Community of God's Love

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# Welcome to the Community of God's Love



A Roman Catholic Charismatic Community in Rutherford



### Welcome to Our Small Catholic Faith Community! Let us introduce ourselves!

The Community of God's Love (CGL) is a warm, welcoming community where God's love is present. We are a covenanted Catholic charismatic community of families, single people, and ordained clergy who are committed to the Lord Jesus and to each other in a unique way.

Members of the CGL believe we have been called to live out our commitment to God through our relationships with each other. We support each other on our spiritual, emotional, and physical journeys as we work together toward the establishment of God's kingdom on earth. The richness of our lives together emanates from shared prayer and a strong bond among members who are committed to "being there" for each other in joyful and in difficult times, as well as in the ordinary situations of our lives. In many ways, we are like extended family to each other.

# What is the Community's Relationship to the Roman Catholic Church?

A recognized part of the Archdiocese of Newark, we were established as a "Public Association of the Christian Faithful" by Archbishop Peter L. Gerety in 1984. We are not a parish, and we are not a religious order but fall somewhere in between those expressions of lived faith. We are governed by a lay pastoral team, elected by our members every two years.

# What does it mean to be a covenanted community?

Our Covenant is central to who we are. Covenanted members sign a covenant expressing our commitments to daily prayer, to presence at community gatherings, to service, to tithing, and to pastoral structures.

Besides covenanted members, the CGL also has Associate Members. Association is a less formal form of membership which allows a person to experience the life of the Community on a regular basis.

#### What does it mean to be charismatic?

The members of our Community believe in the ongoing outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We share the belief that the Holy Spirit is pouring out His gifts on His people in today's world, just as He did 2,000 years ago on Pentecost. Prayers for healing and prayer meetings follow our weekly liturgies to keep the gifts of the Spirit alive in our midst.

# How do we share our life with those outside the Community?

Our Christian call leads us to reach out beyond ourselves in many ways including support for our local food pantry, Pre-Cana Conferences for engaged couples, service at the Rutherford Senior Citizen Center, social outreach programs, a weekly Bible Study, and more.





#### What is life like within the Community?

Our joyful celebration of the Eucharist has always been a key element in our life together. Mass, followed by a time of fellowship, is available most mornings at Visitation House. After our weekly Saturday evening liturgy, we have a prayer meeting to praise God, to listen to His word, and to share the ways in which God reveals Himself in our daily lives. Small groups called subgroups meet monthly to share faith journeys and foster deep relationships among members.

Women's and men's fellowship groups are another avenue of support. These groups complement the dynamics that occur when the whole community comes together.

Most importantly, there is the intangible bond of close relationships shared by our members, enabling us to give support and accept support from each other as our journeys evolve.





### Where does the Community gather?

Visitation House is our Community's home and the center of our communal lives. It is where we gather for daily and weekly liturgies, as well as times of fellowship.