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Families*

September 22 - 27

A Global Celebration

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 Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch 12:30 to 1:30 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 Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Cannon 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 and 5:30 PM
Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Daily: Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)
Monday Evenings: 7:30 PM
Holy Days: See Current Bulletin
Holy Hour: First Fri. of the month 7:00 to 8:00 PM (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. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following the 12:30 Mass at 1:45 PM. 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.

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 extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45PM in the Church 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 on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217.

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. 214 for more information.

Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
4:00 PM	Denise Kemal/req. Mother, Father & Brothers
5:30 PM	Thomas Rygiel/req. Wife, Toni
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
6:45 AM	Ann Zdanis/req. Rosemary Ackerman
8:00 AM	Joseph Rinaldi/req. Friend
9:30 AM	Fred & Pauline Flake/req. Fred & Joyce Flake
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Maria Amador/req. Grandchildren
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
7:30 AM	Joan Lewis/req. Cindy Maguire
8:15 AM	William Toledo/req. Arnold & Marie Pepe
7:30 PM	Judith Bencivenga/req. Rich Schuler
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
7:30 AM	Dorothy, Bob & Bobby Weil/req. Stiffler Family
8:15 AM	Irene Donahue/req. Maryann Busset
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
7:30 AM	John Lamberti/req. Connie Paris
8:15 AM	Thomas Crotchfelt/req. Joan Olden
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 1
7:30 AM	Emanuel & Mary Ferrara/req. The Santucci Family
8:15 AM	William Toledo/req. Rosella Harris
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 2
7:30 AM	John O'Neill/req. Diklich Family
8:15 AM	Janet Malorano/req. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Netti
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 3
7:30 AM	Matthew Ruh/req. September's Family
8:15 AM	Diane Arrabito/req. Daughter Joellen
4:00 PM	Frank Ammerata/req. Family
5:30 PM	Ursula Feehan/req. Carol Mazzara
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 4
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Dolores Castellano/req. Daughters
11:00 AM	Francesco D'Ambrosio/req. Josephine
12:30 PM	Stanley Swiechocki/req. Wife, Maddalena

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 27	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
Community Sunday	After All Masses	Auditorium
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 28	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Church
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A, B & C
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 29	
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Al-Anon</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 30	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 1	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 2	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Holy Hour</i>	7:00 PM	Church
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 3	
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

For the Week of September 27, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Frank Zikar/req. Doug & Vicki Cottrell

Chapel Sanctuary Candle (In Church) is "In Loving Memory" Joseph Iannace/req. Family

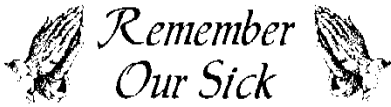
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Ann Zdanis/req. Zdanis Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of John Martone/req. Elaine Martone

“THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD GIVE JOY TO THE HEART”

Welcome into God's Family

Brayden Joseph Austin, Frankie Rose Beckett
Avery Grace Delia, Jacob Matthew Gibis
Juliette Wilmot



III. Dorothy Ann Di Mambro, Bernadette Galgon
III. Mick Winters

“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 VISITATIONS 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, *Loretta Lazar*



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

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Tuesday morning bingo. If you can help in any way, even if it's only for a few hours, please stop by the Church Auditorium during Tuesday Bingo and speak with Cindy.

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.

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS NOT BE AVAILBLE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Reflections for the

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes “stumbling” or “causing scandal.” In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. *Loyola Press*

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.



Now that we're deep into school and other autumn-related activities, there's probably some tension and a longing recollection of the summer's slower pace. So I thought I would pass along a lighter, but still some food for thought, theme for reflection; my thanks to Deacon Sal for sending it my way from the Internet. Some have commented on the tablet I use at the presider's chair – in fact, now Fr. Jim and some of the deacons have caught the “technology bug” at Mass. One can only wonder what the Church of the Visitation will look like in the not-too-distant future:

FATHER: “The Lord be with you!”

CONGREGATION: And with your spirit.”

FATHER: “Will everyone please turn your tablet, PC, iPod, smartphone, and Kindle Bibles to today's readings and switch on your Bluetooth to download the homily.”

Pause.

“Let us pray, commending this week into God's hands. Using your Twitter, Facebook or Instagram account, please enter your prayer petition by tweeting it to #ChatWithGod”.

Silence.

“As we take up our Sunday collection, please have your credit and debit cards ready. The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the pews.

Those making electronic fund transfers are directed to the computers and laptops at the rear of the church; the parish routing number is listed above the monitor.

For those who prefer to use iPads or tablets, the password to the church Wi-Fi is ‘Lord909887’.

Those using telephone banking: please take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account.”

Closing Announcements and Final Blessing

- This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.
- Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 7PM. We recommend using Groupboard for exchanging notes with other participants.
- You can follow Father on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayer requests.

God bless and have a nice day!

Fr. Ed

**NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE 2015 RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE WILL BE ON SALE
OCTOBER 3 & 4 IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH**

First prize 2016 Volvo XC 60 all-wheel-drive SUV

Second prize shop right gift certificate \$1000

Third prize shop right gift certificate \$750

Fourth prize shop right gift certificate so \$500

Drawing will be held Friday evening November 20, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Somerset New Jersey. Proceeds for the benefit of New Jersey right to life

JOIN OUR YOUTH OR CHILDRENS CHOIR!

Our children's choir will practice on Monday evening from 6:15 to 7:00 PM beginning October 5th in the Church and will sing at the 12:30 PM mass. The youth choir will practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the church and sing at 11:00 AM mass on Sundays. For more information please contact our Music Director Natalya at 732-477-7059 ext.217.



RCIA CORNER

THE CATECHUMEN

The term Catechumen is a Greek word that describes the person who is taught the elementary facts, principles, etc., of any subject. In this case the faith of the Catholic Church. A Catechumen links their personal life story with the Good News as witnessed and lived in the Roman Catholic Church. They enter the process as an Inquirer. As an Inquirer, once they make the decision to commit themselves to entering fully into the faith they are spiritually prepared to receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through baptism. They are then called a Catechumen.

As they enter this path they receive first, the acceptance of the Community of believers, then their sponsor pledges their support and they are signed with the Cross, indicating their entry into the state of Catechumen. And now they are on their way to the Easter Sacraments.

They are permitted to remain in the first part of the mass, but even in the earliest centuries were dismissed before the Eucharist, as we do today. They are sent forth to consume the word as they are not yet ready to consume the Eucharist. Their desire for baptism is held to be sufficient guarantee of their salvation, if they should die before the reception. As long as they remain in the Catechumenate they are granted certain privileges such as Christian burial, marriage and a participation in the worship of the community.

If you or someone you know has not been baptized, please contact Dale Zanetti at 732-477-7059, Ext. 214, dale@visitationchurch.com, or on our web page at visitationrcchurch.org.



Visitation welcomes new parishioners to our parish family. If you recently moved into the area, and are interested in becoming a member, please contact Deacon Sal at 732-477-7059 ext. 218 to set up an appointment.

RETREAT FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women, suffering with a serious illness, will be held the weekend October 16, 17 and 18, 2015 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearney, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 1:30 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service on Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no charge for the retreat. For info contact: Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237.

AI-ANON

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? AI-Anon members are people just like you and me-people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. They are parents, children, spouses, partners, brothers, sisters, other family members, friends, employers, employees, and coworkers of alcoholics. AI-Anon is anonymous, the meetings are confidential, and we do not disclose whom we see or what we hear at meetings to anyone.

Many who come to AI-Anon are in despair, feeling hopeless, unable to believe that things can ever change. We want our lives to be different, but nothing we have done has brought about change. In AI-Anon, members share their own experience, strength, and hope with each other. You will meet others who share your feelings and frustrations, if not your exact situation. We come together to learn a better way of life, to find happiness whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

If you would like more information, join us at 7:30 pm in Rectory meeting Room A or call Ann at 732-861-9051 or annern508@comcast.net.

FLU VACCINE

Walgreens Pharmacists will be administering vaccines at the September 27 Community Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Vaccines are free with Medicare or discounted to \$25 cash. Other insurances can be billed. (must have insurance cards with you) Don't miss out on this opportunity! We hope to see you there!



BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



Bishop David O'Connell will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Anniversary Blessing Mass on October 25, 2015 at St. Robert

Bellarmino Parish, Freehold, 3:00 pm. All Catholic married couples in the Diocese of Trenton celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50th and beyond wedding anniversary in 2015 are invited to participate. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register.

LAST CHANCE
ANNUAL ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY AREA
WIDE COMMUNION BANQUET



The 18th Annual Rosary Altar Society Mass and Luncheon is being hosted by St. Peter's Rosary Altar Society. The Rosary will begin at 10:30 AM followed by Mass at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 7th, in St. Peter's Church. Pt. Pleasant Beach. The luncheon will follow at: THE MILL, 101 Old Mill Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ. The tickets are \$37.00 and we still have a few tickets left. If interested, please contact Dotty at 732-295-0862.

50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for September will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, September 27 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH



The Respect Life Ministry along with St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and blankets for the needy through the month of October. Men's coats are especially in need. These items may be brought to St. Vincent de Paul Monday-Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.



HOLY HOUR
Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY
October 2, 2015 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

DAY OF HEALING FOR
SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Diocese of Trenton, Dept. of Pastoral Care invites all separated and divorced Catholics to a day of healing Saturday, October 17 @ 9AM – 4PM at the Church of St. Ann Parish Center, 1253 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville. Led by: Marianne Skrobiak, M.S., M.A., LPC Nationally renowned author of "Return to Life" (a divorce recovery series). Online registration: www.dioceseoftrenton.org Cost is \$10 per person.

2016 CANDLE BOOK NOW OPEN

The Candle Book for 2016 is now open. Please stop by the rectory office during regular business hours to get your candles for next year.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

When a loved one cannot attend mass due to illness, it is often a desire to bring Communion to them. However the Universal Church has regulations to ensure that proper respect is shown for the Blessed Sacrament at all times. The Universal Church allows for lay people who have been **properly trained** to distribute Communion, including to the homebound. This training includes theological and spiritual aspects as well as practical aspects surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion. It is important that proper respect and adherence to Universal Church teaching is maintained at all times. When the Blessed Sacrament is administered outside of Mass, it must be transported in an appropriate vessel. If the person is unable to attend Mass for a period of time, please call the Rectory Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216 during office hours so that we can schedule a Eucharistic Minister to visit the home.

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AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 7, 2015, 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.

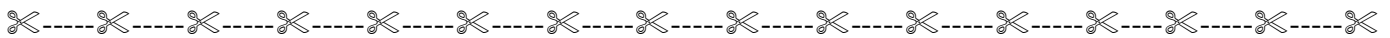
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to the restoration of the original church building to make it safer and more useful. 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 732-245-6071 or Dee DeTuro 732-232-7132 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY



- 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 7, 2015

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening

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MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

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. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or Vicki@visitationchurch.com*

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. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vicki@visitationchurch.com*

LITURGY TEAM meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. – *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, 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. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

Bell Choir is open to all ages. 732-477-9672, ext. 217 - *Natalya Bencivenga or natalie@visitationchurch.com*

USHERS promote hospitality by assisting parishioners, taking up collections and preparing Offertory gifts for presentation at Mass. 732-262-4186 – *Kathy Cifelli*

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. 732-477-9028 - *Donna Stawicki or SewSimple@aol.com*

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. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

BIBLE SHARING offers day sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9:45 AM in the Church Auditorium. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

EVANGELIZATION TEAM promotes and fosters evangelization in all ministries by reaching out and encouraging all to live life as active Catholics. 732-477-9672, ext. 218 - *Deacon Salvatore Vicari or ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School and weekdays in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-5217- *Nancy Grodberg or nancy@visitationchurch.com*

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 7:00 PM in Parish Room C to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

ROYAL HEART OF JESUS & MARY CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Room A. All are welcome. 732-742-2600 – *Joellen Arrabito – 732-262-3938 – Mary Casella or mnick123@aol.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 provides support and meets Spring and Fall. 732-477-9672, ext. 221- *Deacon Richard Johnston.*

On-going support to grieving families is available- *Linda Conroy 908-902-2741 or lconroy58@verizon.net*

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-367-5329 – *Rosemary Russell.*

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 ext. 211- *Mary Malagiere or marym@caregivervolunteers.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. 848-333-2671- *Eleanor Troiano ~ 732-477-7059* ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is offered to anyone in the community who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. 732-477-9672, ext.221 *Deacon Richard Johnston*

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 7:30 PM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*; Friday - *Anna Tortoriello*

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. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN) provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community. 732-255-2835 - *Isabel Kronicz or fkronicz@comcast.net*

RESPECT LIFE focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. The group gathers every Monday in the church at 1:30 PM to recite the Rosary. 732-262-2047 – *Charles Pocher*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL operates the Thrift Shop in the old church and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the needy in our parish and the surrounding community. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church. These donations assist the hungry of our community. 732-746-3456 - *Visitation Relief Center*

Youth Ministries/Activities

CHILDREN'S CHOIR welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. The choir sings monthly at the 12:30 PM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 - *Jim Daniels*

CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 201-522-3679 – *Coach or doug_roman4@yahoo.com*

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. 732-458-1492 - *Sue Stranieri or stranieri.sue@gmail.com*

VISITATION TEEN 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 youthministry@visitationchurch.com*

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* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

FINANCE COUNCIL oversees the financial aspects of the parish 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Karen Smith*

FUTURES TEAM assesses and implements the needs of the parish to ensure that we are prepared for the future. The various teams coordinate all activities pertaining to the development of the Faith Formation Center. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - *Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.

AL-ANON MEETINGS are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in Rectory Room A. Call Ann at 732-861-9051 or email *annern508@comcast.net*.

CUB SCOUT PACK #38, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. No meeting during July & August. 732-451-0252 *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*

BOY SCOUT TROOP #38, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the old church. 732-262-8977 - *Matt Powell or matthewapowell@verizon.net*

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 8:00 AM Mass the second Sunday of the month and meet the Tuesday following the second Sunday at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationchurch.com*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Council Home on the corner of Cedarbridge Avenue and Route 70 East.

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 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month. The Monday following the first Sunday of the month they meet at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary. The meeting will follow at 12:00 noon in the Church Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or deed@visitationchurch.com*

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin & Announcement Deadline: Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.