

Church of the Visitation

Mantoloking Road, Brick, New Jersey



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch

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 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.

Welcome!

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

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 9:15~10:30 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 28
4:00 PM	Frank Ammerate/req. Family
5:30 PM	McGregor Family/req. James & Helen McTernan
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 29
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Jorge Hurtado Molfino/req. Family
9:30 AM	Maria Amato/req. Son, John
11:00 AM	Olga Zuzchik/req. Pucci Family
12:30 PM	Angela & Nat Licandro/req. Camille & Joe Licandro
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 30
7:30 AM	Kerwin Ynaya/req. Ynaya Family
8:15 AM	James Kilkenny/req. Family
7:30 PM	Mary Fucci/req. Madeline & Bill O'Dell
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 1
7:30 AM	Anne Mesgleski/req. Theresa & Stephen Barr
8:15 AM	John Ahearn/req. Sister & Family
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 2
7:30 AM	Mary Ferrara/req. Mary Ann Britton
8:15 AM	Thomas Crothfelt/req. Betty Kilkenny
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 3
7:30 AM	Frank Posluszny/req. Wife
8:15 AM	Frank & Albina Rebar, Sr./req. Family
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 4
7:30 AM	Victoria Swity/req. Daughters
8:15 AM	Raymond Foley/req. Wife Audrey
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 5
7:30 AM	Anne McQuade/req. Husband
8:15 AM	Patsy Angarano/req. Family
4:00 PM	Arthur Dempsey/req. Family
5:30 PM	James Kilkenny/req. Family
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 6
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	McQuade & Healy Families/req. McQuade Family
11:00 AM	Janet Ashford/req. Family
12:30 PM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Bernice Crimaldi

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 29	
<i>Masses</i>		Church
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 30	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Dailey Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM AM	Room A & B
<i>Children's Choir.</i>	6:15 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church & Parish Hall
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Chapel
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 1	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM	Room A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 2	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A & C
<i>Youth Choir</i>	7:30 PM	Church
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 3	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A & C
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 4	
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Holy Hour</i>	7:00 PM	Church
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 5	
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

For the Week of November 29, 2015



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

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "For World Peace"

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Meehan & Elder Families/req. Clare Elder

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Theresa Malone/req. Connie Perri

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

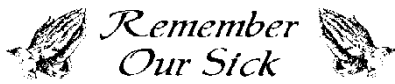
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

"TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL"



**II. Carmella Hoechst, Annette Caraccia,
Ann Marie Blumensteel**

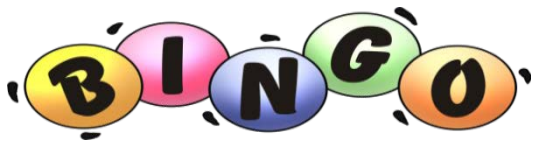
"REMEMBERING OUR SICK" LIST IS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS. THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS. IF EXTENDED PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT VISITATIONS PRAYER CHAIN AT 848-373-4239.



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

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.



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

PEACE BE WITH YOU



It has been a practice for many of us to shake hands with our neighbors in church during the sign of the peace.

For those who feel uncomfortable with the shaking of hands, an alternative form for the sign of peace maybe instituted; instead of a hand shake, a smile and a bow of the head with the words, "*Peace of Christ be with you*" would be acceptable.

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Reflections for The First Sunday of Advent



Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT IN THE SECOND BASKET



I don't know about you, but I find society's message for this time of year very confusing. If we listen and try to follow what we hear from the media and see in the shopping malls, it almost seems as if we're commanded to "be joyful in the holiday spirit", implying that there's something wrong with us if we are anything less than deliriously joyful while we're plunking down our plastic at the cash register for that latest "must have" gift.

Of course, this would be an effort for anyone even under the best of circumstances, but it can be especially difficult – if not impossible – for those grieving the recent (or maybe not so recent) loss of a loved one. To help maintain a hopeful, Christ-centered perspective on this holiday season (which for Catholics and many other Christians is called "Advent"; the Christmas season doesn't begin until December 25th) I would like to offer ten tips from the National Catholic Ministry for the Bereaved to remember during those times when your heart is heavy and grief seems overpowering:

- Try to remember. Don't try to forget
- Give yourself the gift of healing tears
- Be realistic in your expectations
- Tell people what you need. Ask for their help
- Don't lose the holidays completely
- Keep some traditions. Choose those that bring you comfort
- Visit a special place that brings you warm memories
- Listen to your body. Take time to rest, refresh and renew
- Don't wait for others to bring you happiness
- Light a special candle in celebration of the love you still share.

My prayers that you have a blessed Advent season and all hopes for holy joy as we prepare for the true Christmas miracle of the Incarnation – the Word taking flesh and dwelling among us!

Fr. Ed




CHRISTMAS IS COMING!
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

These last few weeks, the Thrift Store volunteers have been busy preparing for the Christmas season. We have artificial Christmas trees setup in a special room. There are many holiday sweaters to brighten your attire. In addition we are selling brand new jackets for girls and boys for ten dollars each. We have new handmade scarfs and hats donated to us by the "Rip It Out" Club. On our store shelves, you can find nativity sets, angels, Santa's, snowmen, tree ornaments, and plates to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Don't forget our daily bag sale of clothing for \$8.00. Come in to see for yourselves! Remember, every dollar spent in our Thrift Store, will make you a partner in our efforts to assist the needy families in our community during this special season. All donations are welcome during our regular business hours: (8:30 am to 12:30 pm - Monday through Saturday.)

THE JESSE GIVING TREE

 **THE JESSE TREE** represents the human ancestors of Jesus. Jesse of Bethlehem had 7 sons, one whom was later to be known as King David. Each ornament depicts one of those ancestors. Adam, Eve, Mary, Joseph, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Isaac, John, Elizabeth, Ruth, Zachary, Solomon, Moses and Noah

The Jesse Giving Tree has been placed in our Church Narthex. Each "Gold Star" will represent a gift for some needy child in a family that the St. Vincent de Paul Society serves throughout the year. When you take a "Gold Star" from our tree, the front will tell you if the child is a boy or girl and their age. The back of the star might give you a suggestion regarding something special that girl or boy would like for Christmas. The "Gold Star" needs to be attached to the wrapped gift and placed under our Jesse Tree by December 19th or earlier. (Our elves need a few days to deliver the gifts to our needy families).



**PENANCE SERVICE:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
2:00-3:00 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24-

4:00 PM, (4:15 PM in the Daily Chapel),
7:00 PM & 12:00 AM (Midnight)

CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

The Prelude Music for Christmas Eve as follows:

- 3:15 PM for the 4:00 PM Mass**
- 6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM Mass**
(Children's Choir)
- 11:15 PM for the Midnight Mass**

HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for
Holy Hour and Benediction

FIRST FRIDAY

December 4, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Eucharistic

Adoration



TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE: MONDAY 7:00 PM AND TUESDAY, 7:30, 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM. ALL MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH.

CONFIRMATION CLASS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
MAKE YOUR FAITH YOUR OWN

If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and they are in in High School please call Nancy Grodberg at 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalya Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our Music Ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Consider joining our Children's choir to sing for the Christmas Concert Sunday, December 13th

at 3:00 p.m. Practice is in the church on Mondays from 6:15 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

beginning Monday November 16th. For more information please contact our music director Natalya Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext. 217.



RCIA CORNER

DIVINE REVELATION

When we have a developed a close relationship with someone it means that we know them well. We spend time with them, we communicate, and we encounter things with them. It means that we have more than an occasional connection with them. When we come to know God it is the same thing. We need to communicate and spend time with him in order to develop that close relationship that we seek. God wants us to know him. He wants to reveal himself to us.

In his saving actions throughout history God has been revealing himself. He reveals himself completely in our Savior Jesus Christ. He first made himself known to the Israelites and now in full and complete disclosure to us. This is called Divine revelation and it is the means by which God reveals himself to us.

This revelation does not just happen to us individually but in the community of believers. We have the blueprint for this revelation through our written scriptures and the Tradition of the Church. Scripture and Tradition are the sources of God's revelation to us. We have the writings but also the testimony.

Let us continue to call upon the mercy of God, open ourselves to his grace and let him continue to reveal himself to us.

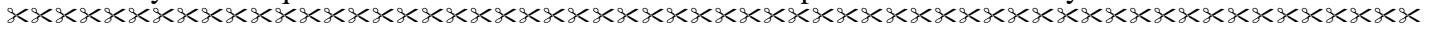
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FLOWERS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Christmas 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 Christmas flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church or use the form provided below. Please complete all information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

A list of donors along with their loved ones names will be published in the bulletin shortly after the Christmas Season. If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Christmas 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 in collection basket or return to parish office.



ROSARY ALTAR MEETING



The Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, December 7 at 11:30 am for the Rosary in the Church and 12:00 noon for the meeting in the Parish Hall. This will be our Christmas Luncheon. Cost is \$15.pp. Registration is required. Call 732-477-5217.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

**As we begin our Advent journey, guide us, dear God of Love.
Help us to recognize the great gift You have given us in Jesus,
and may we prepare well for His rebirth in
our hearts.**

**On each day of this journey, may we move closer to Jesus,
the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World.
Shine the light of Your grace upon us that we may follow Him faithfully.
In all our preparations for Christmas, may we always remember that
Jesus is the reason for this blessed season.**

**Thank You, loving God, For this time of
joy and expectation.**

Walk with us and show us the way today and every day of Advent.

Amen



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 20, at 2:00 PM in the Church. Please join us in the beautiful and inspiring Holiday Celebration. Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me". This experience will be happily received by Him.

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**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50
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**Annual subscriptions make a great Christmas stocking stuffer or gift for yourself, family, friends, and others (i.e. hairdresser, teacher, paper carrier, etc.).
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A \$20 annual subscription gives you one ticket in each monthly drawing throughout 2016.

All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

Completed forms must be returned by December 11, 2015, to assure delivery by Christmas. Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or **place in the collection basket**. **A certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vicki@visitationchurch.com.

Number of subscriptions for Purchaser (self) _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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Name: _____ Phone _____
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**Tickets ordered after that December 11th can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.
A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 22, 2016**

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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 Straneri 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 7:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. 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 Rectory Room B. 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.