

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

Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

Daily: Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	January 16
4:00 PM	Angela, Nicky, Dolly Giglio/req. Terri & Toni
SUNDAY	January 17
6:45 AM	Anna Vermitsky/req. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sweador
8:00 AM	Mary Ann Ammerata/req. Family
9:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bird/req. Mr. & Mrs. William Bliss
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Frank Zickar/req. Smith Family
MONDAY	January 18
7:30 AM	Mary Reidinger-Wardell/req. Joann & Bob Fairchild
8:15 AM	Alfred Faime/req. Hughes Family
TUESDAY	January 19
7:30 AM	Mary Catherine Olsen/req. Mary Jo Balasi
8:15 AM	John Duane /req. Margie
WEDNESDAY	January 20
7:30 AM	Mary Walker/req. Jim & Alice Kelly
8:15 AM	Ellen Prisco/req. Joseph & Roger Kadash
THURSDAY	January 21
7:30 AM	Carinn Gallagher/req. Ramona Gallagher
8:15 AM	Ann Brogna/req. Rita Powers
FRIDAY	January 22
7:30 AM	Joseph DiMatteo/req. September's Family
8:15 AM	May & Michael DeMita
SATURDAY	January 23
7:30 AM	Tom Walsh/req. Fausto & Mary Falsetta
8:15 AM	Michael D. Kirby, Jr./req. Fausto & Mary Falsetta
4:00 PM	Rob Kalp/req. Kozak Family
SUNDAY	January 24
6:45 AM	Philip LaMann/req. Dee DeTuro
8:00 AM	Ellen Prisco/req. Deacon Ed & Jackie Fischer
9:30 AM	Frank Zickar/req. Denise Patetta
11:00 AM	Bill Nicholas/req. Eugene & Yvonne Cautillo
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

SUNDAY	JANUARY 17
<i>Masses</i>	Church
MONDAY	JANUARY 18
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scouts.</i>	6:30 PM Old Church & Parish Hall
TUESDAY	JANUARY 19
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Adult Faith Formation Mtg.</i>	7:30 PM Room B
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 20
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM Church
THURSDAY	JANUARY 21
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
<i>Royal Hearts Prayer Group</i>	7:30 PM Parish Room A
FRIDAY	JANUARY 22
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM Parish Room C
<i>Parents Baptismal Formation Session</i>	7:30 PM Daily Chapel
SATURDAY	JANUARY 23
<i>2nd Grade Parents Meeting</i>	1:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

REMINDER: THERE WILL NO LONGER BE MONDAY EVENING MASS OR 5:30 PM MASS ON SATURDAY EVENINGS.

For the Week of January 17, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Carl Casano/req. Mr. & Mrs. Louis LaRoco
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "Good Health" for Virginia Passarella Family/req. Donna Bonomo
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Gloria Clarke/req. James Clarke
Sacred Heart Candle No Intentions

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS TO ALL THE NATIONS"


Welcome into God's Family

Meryl Philips, Harper Woska,
Maxim Castro, Gerald Castro



I. Bernadette Galgon

“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; *Geraldine Strickfess, Dona Martone, Michael Betar.*

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of January 10, 2016

Regular	\$9,623.52
On Line	\$661.00
Total	\$10,284.52

Some of the expenses for September included:

Building Maintenance	\$1,731.67
Electric	\$2,324.44
Natural Gas	\$564.02
Communication Services	\$721.33
Liturgical Supplies	\$2,070.60

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

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Reflections for

The Second Sunday in Ordinary time

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us. *Loyola Press*



As we begin 2016, you will soon be hearing – if you have not already heard from friends attending other parishes – about two initiatives that Bishop O’Connell has commissioned. Both work towards a common goal: to support the stability and relevance of the Church’s message in today’s world.

Faith in Our Future: A planning process through which the Diocese of Trenton, its parishes and ministries will meet the challenges and respond to new opportunities for sharing the Gospel of Christ for years to come. Formally started in November 2015, our parish Core Team has been meeting to design instruments with which to collect your input on parish strengths and areas of improvement as well as help to provide our parish a balanced and objective overview of the challenges and opportunities facing the Church today. This initiative will examine the various models of parish leadership, collaborative relationships and pastoral planning. Its goal is to provide information and recommendations to the Bishop that will best position the Diocese and its parishes to move forward in its mission to be relevant in presenting the truth of the Gospel to today’s world.

Faith to Move Mountains: An endowment campaign designed to establish long-range funding resources to support diocesan activities, including parish planning and support. This differs from the Annual Catholic Appeal and parish assessments in that it meets not day-to-day needs, but the strategic direction needed in order for the Church to respond to the extraordinary, fast-paced challenges and needs for faith formation and evangelization that today’s world requires. Visitation parish’s involvement in this program will begin later this year.

Both of these projects begin with **Faith** because faith is at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. ***Faith in our Future*** will help to create strong parish communities and ministries. ***Faith to Move Mountains*** will make an investment in the future and provide needed resources to sustain our communities and ministries. Together, the planning and endowment campaigns will result in action that will move the Diocese of Trenton confidently forward into the future. I will provide more information as these initiatives move forward in our parish.

Fr. Ed

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Visitation Parish, is a member of the Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ) coalition, providing free service to our frail elderly, is in need of volunteers who can spare a few minutes a week or an a few hours a month!

Caregiver Volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments, do grocery shopping, make reassuring phone calls, friendly and pet visits to reduce social isolation; and provide respite care for families caring for loved ones with chronic illness, dementia or Alzheimer’s disease. Volunteers in this ministry choose any assignment they are most comfortable doing, on their own schedule and time frame. We are grateful for every moment you can give to this important ministry. There are no limitations or minimums to volunteering!

All volunteers participate in an orientation, undergo a background check and drivers abstract, and receive supplemental insurance coverage while volunteering. There will be a new volunteer orientation at the **Brick Library on Tuesday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m.** Additional dates are listed on the CVCJ website www.caregivervolunteers.org

Visitation CVCJ volunteers will be at Community Sunday, January 24, 2016 to answer any questions you have about volunteering or how to receive services. To find out more about CVCJ, call Mary Malagiere at 732-505-2273 ext 211 or email her at marym@caregivervolunteers.org *please add your contact information if you want them to call you first!*

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE A DONATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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In Loving Memory of Charles & Mary Cwierko & Adelaide & Earl Porper

Charles & June Cwierko

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Mom & Dad

In Loving Memory of Bulwicz Family

Raymond Bulwicz

In Loving Memory of Cuozzo & Genova Families

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In Thanksgiving for family

Pandolfi Family

In Thanksgiving for blessings received

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In Loving Memory of Rothweiler & Cardone Families

Rothweiler Family

In Loving Memory of Nancy Spinelli

Tom Spinelli

In Loving Memory of Theresa McCarthy & Terry Wright

Rita Napolitano

In Loving Memory of Isabel & Louis Bulzoni & Marie & Rocco DiBello

Estelle DeBello

In Loving Memory of Margaret & Harold Woods

Barbara Woods

In Thanksgiving for Jacquin & Chiappinelli Families

Laura Jacquin

In Loving Memory of Hammel, Phelan, Hinchliffe, Findon, Scanlon, Kelly & McKenna Families & Joseph Jacob Hammel

Mary Phelan-Hammel

In Loving Memory of Edward Zack & Katherine & Fred Geyer

Catherine Zack

In Loving Memory of Vincent & Ermina Augello, Henry Leszczak and Margaret Dwyer

Thomas & Louise Dwyer

In Loving Memory of Huff & Lyszczek Families

Matthew & Blanche Lyszczak

In Loving Memory of Edward Preckajlo

Ann Preckajlo

In Loving Memory of Albino Aquilino & Jake Arnold

Arnold Family

In Loving Memory of Family & Friends

In Thanksgiving for "everything I have"

Joe Nicoletti

In Loving Memory of Mark Domagauer

Family

In Loving Memory of Lech, Vitale & Pecora Families

Dennis & Victoria

In Loving Memory of Eugene Capozzi

Wife & Family

In Loving Memory of Robert Feeney

Family

In Loving Memory of Kate & Pat Frank & John & Olga Kovacs

John & Deanna Kovacs

In Honor of Our Families, Living & Deceased

Bev & John Mozart

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS CONTINUED

*In Loving Memory of Anthony & Clara Carofola,
In Honor of Irene Carofola & Jonathan Frolich,
In Thanksgiving for Irene Carofola*

Milagros Frolich

*In Loving Memory of Laura & Rocco Zingarelli &
Joan Peters*

Charles & Loretta Peters

*In Loving Memory of George & Freida Lysat & Anne
Dailey, In Thanksgiving for Morgan & Ella Dailey*

Bob & Lorraine Dailey

In Loving Memory of Anna & Vincent DeSimone

Marie Bell

In Loving Memory of Stanley Swiechocki

Maddalena Swiechocki

In Loving Memory of Fred & Esther Reiser

Diane Wolny

*In Loving Memory of Richard Holl, Michael & Anne
DeCostanzo, Peg & Frank Holl*

Janet Holl

In Loving Memory of Frederick D'Ambola

Wife, Angie

In Loving Memory of Mary & John Walsh

Alice Donnelly

*In Loving Memory of Edward Foy, Elizabeth &
Harry Russell, Sr., Harry Russell, Jr.*

Elizabeth Foy

In Loving Memory of Tara Rosado

Family

In Loving Memory of Emily & Teresa Ann Juarez

Ben Juarez

*In Loving Memory of Paul Thomas & Jamie
Manganelli*

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Manganelli

*In Loving Memory of John, Elizabeth, Richard, Mom
& Dad In Honor of Richard Bassarab, Sr, In
thanksgiving for "People who need People"*

Family

In Loving Memory of Stephen E. Zaleski

Mom & Dad

In Loving Memory of Jack Stampfle

Wife, Anne

*In Loving Memory of Athanas, Corio & Turli
Families*

Bessie Athanas & Elaine Martone

In Loving Memory of Stephen & Helen Janosik

Family

In Loving Memory of Deegan & Mesgleski

Terry Deegan

In Loving Memory of Barry Danielson

The Danielson Family

In Loving Memory of Leonard Laniewski

Joanne Laniewski

*In Loving Memory & Thanksgiving of Snowbelle,
Luna, Baily & Finsta*

Milagros Frolich

In Loving Memory of Stephen Fetish, Jr.

Angela Fetish

In Loving Memory of Deceased Friends & Family

In Thanksgiving for All God has given

Florence Ochs

*In Loving Memory of Lilla, Emanuele & Charles
Vitabile*

Daughter & Sister Antoinette

In Loving Memory of our Mothers & Father

Pat & Jane Cooke

In Loving Memory of Edward Hoban

Joan

In Loving Memory of Paula Pepe

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In Loving Memory of Loved Ones

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In Loving Memory of Joseph Annicchiarico

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In Loving Memory of Louise Woodroffe

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In Loving Memory of Anthony & Anita

Mary Karpowich

*In Loving Memory of Robert & Catherine Mitchell &
Robert & Virginia Weychert*

Joseph & Joyce Mitchell

In Loving Memory of Carrie & Steve Turner

Aunt Blanche & Uncle Matt

In Loving Memory of Donald Freeman

Wife, Joan

In Thanksgiving for Divine Intervention

Maryellen & Fred Underwood

In Loving Memory of Linda, Lorraine & Rob

Maureen & Jerry Shapiro

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In Loving Memory of Maryann & Anthony Scalera

Dan & Del Scalera

*In Loving Memory of Gladys, Bruno & Bruce
Bacchetti*

Bruna & Family

In Loving Memory of Andrew Dudek

Lydia Wilson

In Thanksgiving for Everything

Geraldine Pellegrino

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS CONTINUED

In Loving Memory of Joseph & Lucy Russotto

Cardyn Kowalski

In Loving Memory of Russ & Marie Fierro

Ron Fierro

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Jane Cunningham, New

Kirk & Gamarello Families

Grace Gamarello

*In Loving Memory of Warren Baluha & William
Nichols*

Ginnie Baluha

In Loving Memory of My Parents & Brothers

Father Richard Carlson

In Loving Memory of Rose Doyle Camfield

Tom Doyle

In Loving Memory of Cehelsky & Zegley Families

John & Lucie Cehelsky

*In Loving Memory of Anna & Joseph Leitner, Jenny
& Joseph Statuto, Anna & John Litwinka, Bernice
Williams, Janis Harrington, Anna & Francis Wegele*

Carol & Angelo Statuto

In Loving Memory of Uncle Mario

Lexi Romano

*In Loving Memory of The Hendricksen & Schuhmann
Families*

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Families*

Kathi & Tom

*In Loving Memory of Sean Williamson, Mary Natale,
& Bernie Smith*

Rita Smith

*In Loving Memory of Charles, Clara, & Virginia
Donnarumma*

Andrea Romano

In Loving Memory of Anthony J. Foti

Rose Foti

In Loving Memory of Carmelita Rossilli

Lois & Ted Koziol

In Loving Memory of Elvira Meehan

John Meehan

In Loving Memory of Joseph & Frances Sanservino

Patricia Lombardo

*In Loving Memory of Francis & Evelyn Doyle &
William A. Trainor*

Barbara Doyle & Family

*In loving Memory of Duffy and Maher Families
Family*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store, located on the lower level of the Old Church is part of the Visitation Conference.

Our Volunteer Ministry offers many benefits to our parish. The donations to the store are sold at greatly reduced prices. We have a grocery bag sale daily for \$8.00 a bag. Revenue received from these sales help to fund the services our Society provides which includes housing for the homeless, food vouchers, rent payments, and assistance with utility bills for our neighbors in need living in the 08723 area.

The Thrift Store director and her staff of ten volunteers selflessly provide their time, talent, and hard work as a service to our parish and the surrounding community. The store is open SIX days a week from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Remember, your donations do make a difference! You will feel great, knowing you have helped make a positive change in someone's life with your generosity!

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016 IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 8:30 AM.

ADULTS and TEENS who wish to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, sessions are now forming. Confirmation, like baptism, is a sacrament of initiation into the Christian life. It is a sacrament that Jesus Christ instituted within his Catholic Church to further strengthen those who have reached adulthood.

To receive the sacrament it is required that you have received Baptism and Holy Communion in the Catholic Church; you should be an active Catholic and, if married, your marriage should be in accordance with the laws of the Church.

Orientation and registration will be on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel. There are 11 instruction weeks, 1 Retreat, 1 practice session and Confirmation Day. First session is Saturday February 13, 2016. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 15, 2016, the Feast of Pentecost, at the 9:30 AM Mass. The sessions begin at the Saturday, 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word and continue in the auditorium until 6:30. Refreshments are served. You may register at Orientation on February 12, 2016, or registration forms are available on the website at visitationrcchurch.org, call Dale Zanetti, in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email me at dale@visitationchurch.com.

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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. 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*;
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.