

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	January 30
4:00 PM	Will Zabigna/req. Kozak Family
SUNDAY	January 31
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Linda Lutkiewicz & r. Ron Depasugale/req. Lake Riviera Middle School
9:30 AM	Frank Zickar/req. Carmella Barry
11:00 AM	Philip LaManna/req. Pat & Gloria Cannata
12:30 PM	Andres & Edna Abeal/req. Andres & Louis
MONDAY	February 1
7:30 AM	Linda Lutkiewicz/req. Nancy Cole
8:15 AM	Maria & Lidia Freda/req. Antonio & Lucia Conforti
TUESDAY	February 2
7:30 AM	John Leddy/req. Ehrola Family
8:15 AM	Marion E. Bradshaw/req. Elaine, Susan & Ricky
WEDNESDAY	February 3
7:30 AM	Ryan Faella/req. Ryan Family
8:15 AM	William Meehan/req. Terry Deegan
THURSDAY	February 4
7:30 AM	Phillis Wierdo/req. Thomson Family
8:15 AM	Harry Karpinsky/req. Nancy & Len Minkler
FRIDAY	February 5
7:30 AM	Richard Rowan/req. Cathy & Quinlin Hunt
8:15 AM	Barbara Toscano/req. Michele Schubert
SATURDAY	February 6
7:30 AM	Mary Pecorrao/req. Summerton Family
8:15 AM	Thomas Verrastro/req. Friend
4:00 PM	Linda Lutkiewicz/req. Kozak Family
SUNDAY	February 7
6:45 AM	Jerry Gilbrain/req. Domogauer Family
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Walter Sitnik/req. Bencivenga Family
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	James O'Donnell/req. O'Donnell Family

SUNDAY	JANUARY 31
Masses	Church
Community Sunday	After all Masses Parish Hall
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 1
M M & Saint Jude Novena	8:15 AM Church
Rosary For Life	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
CCD	4:00 PM Rooms A & B
Cub Scouts.	6:30 PM Old Church & Parish Hall
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 2
Bingo	11:00 AM Parish Hall
CCD	6:00 PM Rooms A & B
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM Old Church
Alanon	7:00 PM Parish Hall
Adult Faith Formation Mtg.	7:30 PM Room C
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 3
Community Lunch	12:00 PM Parish Hall
CCD	4:00 PM Room A & B
Youth Choir Practice	7:30 PM Parish Room C
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 4
Bible Study	9:45 AM Parish Hall
CCD	6:00 PM Room A & B
Adult Choir Practice	7:15 PM Church
AA	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 5
Children of Light Prayer	7:00 PM Parish Room C
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 6
Confirmation Retreat	9:00 AM Parish Hall
RCIA Teaching	5:00 PM Parish Hall

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

For the Week of January 31, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Dora Matarazzo/req. Philip, Debra & Children

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is No Intentions
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Carrie & Steve Turner/req. Aunt Blanche &

Uncle Matt

Sacred Heart Candle is No Intentions

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 (22-32)

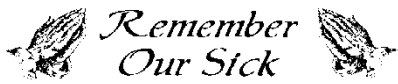
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29


Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



- II. Anna Marie Blumensteel
- III. 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; *Regina Brown, Dora Matarazzo.*



HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

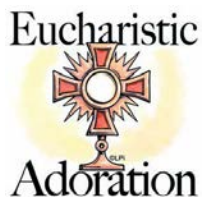
Please consider “Creating a Legacy” that will last for generations to come. When you remember Church of the Visitation in your will, you will help to provide for the many organizations and ministries after you are gone. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of January 24, 2016	
Regular	\$ 796.05
On Line	\$556.00
Total	\$ 1,352.05

Parish eCommunity

Hopefully last weekend pointed out the importance of being part of our electronic community. Members received notice of Mass cancellations with plenty of time! If you haven’t yet, text VisitationBrick to 84576 or visit our parish Website to join and receive great information about our faith!



HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY
February 5, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Reflections for

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all. . . *Loyola Press*

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

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ADDITIONAL THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS GO TO THE FOLLOWING

*In Loving Memory of Nancy Spinelli and
Thanksgiving for Tom Spinelli*

KAREN CONTINO

*In Loving Memory of Anna & Philip Faber & Marie
& Tom Midwinter*

GERRY & TOM MIDWINTER

In Loving Memory of Stephen & Helen Janosik

HELEN CLARK

In Loving Memory of Ronald Creange

LAVERNE CREANGE

In Loving Memory of Vincent Lombardi

KIM & VINCE LOMBARDI

In Loving Memory of Stoddard Family

FLORENCE CALAMARI

In Loving Memory of Clayton & Anna Carty

THE FAMILY

In Loving Memory of Shane Swift & Peggy Muller

JOAN PURCELL

In Loving Memory of Amanda Ancona

MARY ANCONA

In Loving Memory of Sal & Frances Garafano

ROB GARAFANO

In Loving Memory of Alan & Alphonse Minieri

MARY MINIERI

*In Loving Memory of Anna & Philip Faber & Marie
& Tom Midwinter*

GERRY & TOM MIDWINTER

In Loving Memory of Sullivan & Mills Families

SUSAN & LEON MILLS

*In Loving Memory of Mario Altomare, Thomas
Rygiel, Anne Smith, Angela Giglio*

TONI & TERRI

In Loving Memory of Edward Gladney

FRANCES TRAVAGLIANTI

THE PELICANS

On the face of our altar is a pelican feeding its young. Our tradition tells us that this bird is a wonderful visible sign of Jesus. Like the pelican Jesus sustains his own, feeding us with his body & blood. The life that is nurtured and grows in the young pelican is a sign of our own eternal life which is nourished by the body & blood of Christ.

Watching pelicans today as they soar majestically in good or bad weather, illustrates to us that the Church, despite good or bad experiences through the ages, still soars majestic. Just as humans have by our failures and shortcomings tried to eradicate the pelican, whether intentional or not, still it flies. So too the Church. Despite our human failings and shortcomings the Church remains, strong and vibrant because Christ promised that not even the gates of hell will prevail against her.

It is said that the pelicans mate for life and take great care of their offspring. The pelican will actually wound itself so that its blood could nourish the young. It will peck at its own chest to draw blood to feed its young. Pelicans may not actually draw their own blood to feed their young but they do catch fish, predigest them and then feed their children. The tradition got started when people saw the blood and thought the pelicans fed their own blood to their children, and therefore it became a symbol of Christ who has wounded himself to feed us. It is a beautiful Eucharistic symbol that is not biblical but comes from the tradition of the Church. St. Thomas in beautiful poetry for the Feast of Corpus Christi, calls Christ "Pie Pelicane Jesu Domine" which translates to "Pious Pelican, Jesus the Lord".

Yes, the pelican has long been used by the Church as a symbol of Christ and the Eucharist because the pelican, to sustain its young, feeds the young birds its own flesh and blood through the sacrifice of plucking that flesh from its own chest. It is thought that the pelican tears open its breast to bring life with its own blood and can be for us a living representation of what Jesus does for us. Opening his life to death so that we may live; shedding his blood so that we can have eternal life.

Once again, we have a symbol of Christ right before our very eyes - on our sacred altar - the pelican pecking itself and drawing its own blood to sustain her children.

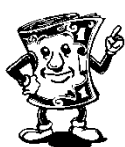
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Those who have lost a loved one to suicide face a unique challenge in their grief. If you have been touched by such a tragedy and are willing to help others in the healing - or are in need of such healing yourself - please contact the Ocean County support group at ForeverInOurHearts@comcast.net or 732-269-3236. If enough are willing to participate and help, we can consider beginning this ministry here at Visitation Parish.



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to the winner of our first monthly 50/50 raffle for 2016. Bruna Bacchetti, an annual subscriber, won \$543. You can still purchase subscriptions for 2016. Just fill out the attached form and let us know how you would like the 12 tickets assigned to the months of your choice.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 from April 5 through May 17, 2016. Please call Deacon Rich Johnston at 732-477-7059 ext. 221 if you're planning on attending or for additional information.



The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.

ROSARY ALTAR BUS TRIP

The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic "Rumors". Please join us on Monday, April 25. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 8:45 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$85 per person (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and lunch. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terri Deegan 732-903-7527 or Marilyn Emery 732-920-9763.



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*" is acceptable.



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program beings on **February 12-14** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, P.A.. For more information, or to register visit our website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY DINNER DANCE ...



Sponsored by the Department of Youth, Marriage and Family Life will be held Saturday, February 13, 2016 at St. Pius X Parish in Forked River. Married couples of all ages will gather for the celebration of the Eucharist at St. Pius X Parish at 4:00 PM for Mass. Immediately after Mass, appetizers will be served followed by a buffet dinner and dessert; DJ, Dancing and so much more. Complementary wine and champagne will be provided. The cost is \$75 per couple. Group reservations are available (4 couples per table.) Register at www.dioceseoftrenton.org.

COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT

St. Joseph's by the Sea, 400 Route 35 N. South Mantoloking, NJ 08738
February 5-7

Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring alone time with God. This retreat offers time for reflection and Eucharist. Arrival: 6:30-7:00 PM Friday, Departure: 1:00 PM. Sunday. Cost: \$210 Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER

3455 West Bangs Avenue, Neptune, NJ 07753
office@theupper-room.org www.theupper-room.org
Six-Day Directed Retreat A directed retreat invites us to be especially attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit within an atmosphere of solitude and silence. Regular meetings with an experienced director provide opportunities for talking about one's prayer in order to discern how to listen carefully to what God is saying in one's life. Scripture and life experience provide the primary material for prayer. This retreat is offered in the spirit of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignas of Loyola. Date: Fri., May 20– Fri., May 27 Time: 7:00 PM-10:30 AM Fee: \$500 (seven nights).

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!



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FEAST OF ST. BLAISE



The feast of St. Blaise is February 3, 2016. Throats will be blessed at all weekend masses this weekend (January 30 & 31) as well the Masses on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to info@visitationrcchurch.org. If you have received a statement in the past, or requested one recently your statement has been prepared and mailed.



RCIA CORNER

INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT

This is an extremely important category today. There are so many people who are confused by what the Church teaches and about what is and what is not sin. They want to know what constitutes a real marriage; what birth control methods are approved or disapproved; what is the church teaching on Euthanasia and so forth. We should make certain that we are informed so that when asked we can offer a true explanation. There are many sources where we can enlighten ourselves. There are many Catholic books, including the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Matthew Kelly – Discovering Catholicism/Discovering Jesus, etc. as well as websites such as Catholic.com, Catholicnet.com, USCCB.org, Beliefnet.com and such. Or there is always the method of asking someone who should know like our Priests and Deacons. Especially in this year of Mercy we need to make certain we know the truth about what the church teaches and to profess that truth in the marketplace. People are being led astray by what the world is teaching them. We need to gently, quietly call them back to the truth.

RCIA

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.

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

St. Dominic's will be hosting an open house on January 31, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. & February 2 & 3, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. For more information, call (732) 840-1412 or visit us at www.stdomschool.org

RELIGIOUS GIFTS



We have received numerous phone calls inquiring about our religious counter in the Narthex of the Church. Items may be purchased during any weekend mass by seeing one of the ushers. If you don't see

what you're looking for at our counter, there is a new Religious Gift Shop called ***For Heaven Sake***, at Rt. 71 and 608 Brighton, Spring Lake Heights. They are open Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Come see a wide assortment of religious items, jewelry, wreaths, music, books, cards, statues, and much more. Call 732-449-7253 for details.

ALL ARE WELCOME

As part of the Visitation family, we know this is very true here. But, do newcomers feel welcomed? As stewards of our faith, it is our responsibility to ensure that all who enter feel at home. How can we be sure this is happening? How can we encourage those who enter our doors for the first time to come back and to become parishioners?

We are forming a new ministry whose purpose will be to greet, not only newcomers, but all parishioners, with a warm and friendly smile. Sometimes, your smile will be the first and only that someone will receive that day. And, smiles are contagious!

If you would like to share your smile, please consider joining the "Greeting Ministry". Your mission would be to arrive about twenty minutes before the Mass you usually attend begins, stand at one of the entrances, and say hello to all those who enter.

For more information, or to say-- "Yes, I would like to participate!"—please send an e-mail to lindapesce@hotmail.com or call the Rectory and leave a message at extension 156. Our hope is that many will join so that together we will make a difference in the lives of all who enter the Church of the Visitation.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

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

is this Sunday, January 31 after all Masses. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.

VISITATION CAREGIVERS

In addition to many other ministries, our Parish has an active ministry and commitment to the frail elderly. Together, in partnership with over 60 congregations in Ocean County, our Visitation parishioners volunteer for, and many parishioners receive services from Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ). The Visitation volunteers perform Corporal Works of Mercy to neighbors living among us, who are homebound, socially isolated, living with chronic illness, Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Our Visitation Volunteers perform these Works of Mercy a few minutes a week or a few hours a month. But they need help. They need your help to try to meet the needs of our growing and aging population, right here in Brick Township.

Visitation CVCJ Volunteers will be in the vestibule of the church both Saturday and Sunday, and downstairs at our Community Sunday gathering on January 31st. They are here to answer your questions about how YOU can help, and prayerfully ask for your support.

JANUARY 31, 2016

**It's not too late to get your
Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2016**



Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects including upgrades to the parking lot. A \$20 annual subscription gives you 12 tickets for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2016.

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

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 vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org.

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

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JANUARY 31, 2016

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. 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 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 7:00 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.