

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 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 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)
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.

We now offer Low-Gluten Host for those suffering from celiac sprue disease
Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	JULY 30
4:00 PM	Victoria Fazio
SUNDAY	JULY 31
6:45 AM	Raymond Zdanis
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Jean Ammerata
11:00 AM	Roy Barrett
12:30 PM	Neal Crilley
MONDAY	AUGUST 1
7:30 AM	Richard Bulwicz
8:15 AM	William "Bill" Gow
TUESDAY	AUGUST 2
7:30 AM	Rose Hrysovsty
8:15 AM	Thelma Milich
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 3
7:30 AM	Frances Mannarino
8:15 AM	Helen & Phil Ball
THURSDAY	AUGUST 4
7:30 AM	Karol Laskowski
8:15 AM	Kathleen LaTaille
FRIDAY	AUGUST 5
7:30 AM	Joseph Curiazza
8:15 AM	Robert Feeney
SATURDAY	AUGUST 6
7:30 AM	John Fuchs
8:15 AM	Edna DeChristofaro
4:00 PM	Philip LaManna
SUNDAY	AUGUST 7
6:45 AM	Vincent Schoppy
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Athanas Family
12:30 PM	Angelo Trapasso

SUNDAY	JULY 31
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	7:00 AM VRC Parking Lot
MONDAY	AUGUST 1
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A, C
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	AUGUST 2
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Liturgy Team Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM Room B
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 3
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
THURSDAY	AUGUST 4
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>Event Development Mtg.</i>	6:30 PM Room B
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	AUGUST 5
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	6:30 PM VRC
<i>Holy Hour</i>	7:00 PM Church
SATURDAY	AUGUST 6
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church

Daily Masses will once again be held in the Church to allow our Summer CCD Student to begin their day with Mass

For the Week of July 31, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing" on Grace & Rudy Zadie

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stephen E. Zaleski

Sacred Heart Candle is "Special Intentions"

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

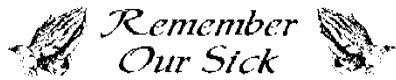
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22;

Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

"IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART"

Welcome into God's Family

Ethan William Bembischew,
Grace Garoline Burkhart,
Gregory William Tirondola
Thomas John Zdanowicz



I. Joseph McCoy

"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; *James Blumensteel, James Altobello, James Parsons*

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 July 24, 2016

Regular	\$10,413.72
On Line	\$783.00
Total	\$11,196.72

**CHURCH OF THE VISITATION
A WELCOMING PARISH**

*Jesus calls us to love so all may come to Him!
Let Us Put On A Happy Face And Welcome
All Who Pass Through Our Doors.
Be courteous, loving and smile;
Yes, even in the parking lot!*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR
JULY 50/50**

Vincent Piazza was the winner of \$602. The winning ticket was a gift subscription. The next drawing will be August 28, in the church auditorium after the 12:30 PM mass.

*Reflections for
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Loyola Press

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE BASKET.

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SPANISH POTATO GRILL**

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During the summer months it is hard to ignore that traffic – both in its volume and in its audacity – have increased dramatically in our area. In response, the Vatican Pontifical Council for Migrants and Itinerant People issued *People on the Move: Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road* (http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/migrants/pom2007_104-suppl/rc_pc_migrants_pom104-suppl_orientamenti-en.html) which, among discussing the benefits and responsibilities of driving, listed ten “commandments” for drivers. When it was released, the press seemed to treat the document with some bemusement and critics immediately blasted the Vatican for failing to concentrate on more important issues facing the Church such as abortion and the overall moral decline of civilization.

I think that to dismiss this document as a humorous “side note” of the Church would be to overlook a very important point that the Vatican was trying to make. Certainly the publication of such a letter recognizes the problem of “road rage” and its attendant issues, but it also tries to make the faithful more aware of the source of such problems, the very same source of the far bigger issues which critics want the Church to address.

The most fundamental principle of moral theology is that human beings are creatures with freedom to make moral choices: that is, we have the ability to discern right from wrong and to choose in accordance with our nature as decreed by God or to choose against that nature. When we choose a moral good (defined objectively and not simply because it “feels good”) we exercise a virtue and when we choose a moral evil we exercise a vice (which in turn leads to a sinful act.) We are presented with hundreds of moral choices a day and a great number of them happen while we are driving a vehicle: what better place to develop and exercise our “moral muscles?”

It seems like years since I’ve heard anyone use the term “defensive driving,” but it’s actually a re-statement of the rule given to us by Jesus: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Road rage stems from our feeling a loss of control, but even this results from something more fundamental: the shift from being concerned for others to centering solely on ourselves (which, if you think about it, is also where other moral evils such as abortion and the loss of human dignity come from.) If we can re-learn how to direct our attention from only ourselves and to think of others in such small ways as acts of kindness and respect on the road, who knows where such choices of moral good can lead us?

Fr. Ed

SILENT DIRECTED/PRIVATE RETREAT

Maris Stella Retreat Center 7201 Long Beach Blvd Harvey Cedars NJ

Private: This is for those who wish to pursue their private retreat time with no formal program.

Directed: This is for those who wish time in quiet prayer and reflection and to meet each day with a spiritual director. Date: Monday, August 15 - Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Spiritual Director: Eileen McGovern, SSJ, was the administrator of Mount Carmel Retreat House in Mahwah, NJ for 7 years. Presently she is a full time Spiritual Director and conducts retreats in the tri-state area. For more information contact Sr Pat: [609-494-2917](tel:609-494-2917) or pdotzauer@comcast.net. Registration Due: August 5th, 2016 - There is limited space for this retreat.

AUGUST DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

Bubbakoo’s Burritos, 515 Brick Blvd. Brick 732-477-6200

Monday – Sunday 11 am – 9 pm

Burritos, Bowls, Tacos, Taco Salads, Quesadillas, Nachos, and featuring “The Chiwawa”.

There are Vegetarian offerings, a dessert menu, and more!



ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST

Monday, August 1

**** COUPON ****

Wednesday, August 31

Present this coupon at Bubbakoo’s Burritos and 15% of your total purchase will be donated to the Visitation Church Covering Fund!

JULY 31, 2016

AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 5, 2016, and we're looking for your help.



Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

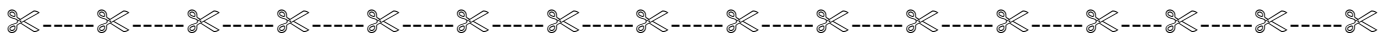
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to benefit the Church Covering Fund (Parking Lot and Rug Replacement). This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about donating a gift and/or helping us prepare for the event, call Betty Kilkenny 732-475-0048 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

***GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY OR
THE RECTORY OFFICE BY OCTOBER 16, 2016***



- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 5, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening

THE SISTERS OF MERCY 22ND ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC will take place on Tuesday, October 18th, at the beautiful Spring Lake Golf Club. "**Fore**" all the details on this event, which benefits our retired Sisters, please call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994 ext. 4006 or Email lcavallo@mercymidatlantic.org.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
HEALING MASS

Many people are not aware that the anointing of the sick is NOT just for those about to die. This powerful Sacrament benefits most of us for various ailments such as those suffering from grief, addiction, mental illness, anxiety, disease, and upcoming surgery, taking care of someone aging or sick, a child with special needs, a difficult pregnancy, etc. We all need some form of healing whether that is physical, emotional or spiritual and although every mass is a healing mass ending with the anointing of the sick is powerful. Don't believe me? Come and check it out for yourself.

Please join us on Saturday, August 13th at 8:30 am and bring a friend. Refreshments will follow in the hall at Sacred Heart Church 752 Main Ave Bay Head. For info contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or the parish office at 732-899-1398.



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your

spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins on the weekend of August 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. This is the Last Weekend in 2016. For more info or to register go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1800- 470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential

UPDATES NEEDED!

Please make sure you have updated your family's information with the Parish office. If you have moved away, married or have additional family members please be sure to contact us so we can have the most updated information. Also if you have an email address that you would like to have on file please email dpatetta@visitationRCchurch.org with this information. If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please contact Denise Patetta at the Parish Office at 732-477-0028 ext. 201.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS



We are still in need of Second Grade CCD Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217.

"If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well". Romans 12:7

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

For more than 40 years, the bishop of the Diocese of Trenton has been celebrating the gift of sacramental marriage with anniversary couples. This year Bishop O'Connell will extend his Episcopal blessing to couples from all four counties married for one, 25, and 50 years or more at a special Eucharistic liturgy (Mass) and blessing celebration at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Freehold. We invite married couples celebrating these milestone anniversaries to participate in this beautiful event. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register. The deadline for registration is September 15, 2016.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for June will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, August 28 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

JULY 31, 2016

Family Picnic

When: Sunday, August 21, 2016

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 PM

**Where: VFW picnic grounds
373 Adamston Road, Brick**

Cost: \$ 5.00 per person \$ 10.00 per household

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

ALL INCLUSIVE

FUN ~ FOOD ~

ACTIVITIES ~ CONTESTS ~ GAMES

There will be plenty for everyone to do and eat at our Fifth Annual Family Picnic Day. Join in the fun and games, cheer on contestants in the balloon and egg tosses and other games or just sit and relax! Play horseshoes or bocce. Bring your bat, ball, and glove for an informal softball game. This is an opportunity to spend some time with your family and fellow parishioners. There are plenty of shaded picnic tables or feel free to bring your own chairs.

Our past events have been a great success due to the efforts of our volunteers. We are looking for people to help in a number of areas. Assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis, so submit your request now!

CCD Student High School Adult

Please check the area(s) you would be willing to volunteer:

DJ Activities Food Check-in/Tickets
 Parking Set-up Clean-up

Hours (time) available _____

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening

I would like to aid in sponsoring a deserving family attend the Picnic

Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

Please accept my donation for \$ _____ to help defray Picnic expenses.

If you can help please fill out the form above and place in the collection basket **or** return to the rectory at 730 Lynnwood Ave., Brick, NJ 08723 **or** e-mail eventteam@visitationRCchurch.org

JULY 31, 2016

ALL CASH RAFFLE

Church of the Visitation Holy Name Society

to benefit Church Covering Fund (Parking Lot and Rug Replacement)

First Prize 30% of Gross Proceed

Second Prize 15% of Gross Proceeds

Third Prize 5% of Gross Proceeds

Drawing to be held **SUNDAY, August 21, 2016—4:30 PM**

At the ANNUAL PICNIC VFW, 373 Adamston Rd., Brick, NJ 08723

Donation: \$20.00 or 6/\$100

*No substitution of the offered prize may be made (Winner need not be present to win)
Tickets will be available for purchase in the rectory office during normal business hours
and in the Narthex of the Church after Masses*

**400th Anniversary of the Ministry of
St. Vincent De Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius and St. Monica Churches is planning to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the ministry in a big way!

We hope you will join us for a buffet dinner and dancing to 50's and 60's music.

on Saturday, September 17; 6-10pm

Gonzaga Hall, Saint Aloysius Church

Dinner catered by Jacques & Music by the Nostalgix

Tickets: \$50 per person/BYOB

For tickets or additional information, please call Maryann 732-740-9433, Elaine 732-534-7244 or Arlene 732-928-1986

SHOP TO SUPPORT



Get ready for back to school and fall sports while benefiting the Church Covering Fund (parking Lot and worship space carpeting) at the same time. Shop at Modell's Sporting Goods anytime from August 4 thru September 1, 2016 to receive 15% off your purchase. Visitation will also receive 5% back from your purchases made during this "Team Weeks" shopping period. Coupons are available at the doors of the church.

RUMMAGE SALE/GARDEN ART SHOW

Join us after mass on Sunday July 31, 2016 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm for a rummage sale and Garden Art Show at Visitation Relief Center, 755 Mantoloking Rd. Brick. For more information call 732-746-3456 or visit visitationreliefcenter.org or [facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter](https://www.facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter)



PRAY

Start each week of your summer of mercy by praying together as a family Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees

him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan women: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen

JULY 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 6:30 PM in The Visitation Relief Center at 725 Mantoloking Road, Brick 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 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari* 732-477-7059 ext. 103 *Arnold Vicidomini*

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.