



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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY **OCTOBER 8**
4:00 PM Bryan Owen

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 9**
6:45 AM God's blessing on Dee Lusko
8:00 AM Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Henry Karpinski
12:30 PM Anita M. Sapnar

MONDAY **OCTOBER 10**
7:30 AM Sean Figner
8:15 AM Jack Deegan

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 11**
7:30 AM Alice & Francis Flaherty
8:15 AM Geraldine Salerno

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 12**
7:30 AM Anna Nalywajko
8:15 AM Dorothy Clark

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 13**
7:30 AM Michelle Russomanno
8:15 AM Matilda Hulse

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 14**
7:30 AM Hugh Riley Rone
8:15 AM Giavianna Rubloino

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 15**
7:30 AM Romolo Lechic
8:15 AM Harry Grodberg
4:00 PM Will & Mary Zabigna

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 16**
6:45 AM Thomas Pilovsky
8:00 AM Sinnott Family
9:30 AM Tara Rosado
11:00 AM People of the Parish
12:30 PM Gayton Jannicelli

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 9**
Masses Church
Baptism 1:45 PM Church

MONDAY **OCTOBER 10**

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 11**
Bereavement 10:30 AM Dailey Chapel
Bingo 11:00 AM Parish Hall
Children's Choir Practice 5:30 PM Church
Alanon 7:00 PM Parish Hall
Holy Name Mtg. 7:15 PM Room A

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 12**
Newark Retired Priest 10:00 AM Daily Chapel
Community Lunch 12:00 PM Parish Hall
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Parish Hall
Youth Choir. 7:30 PM Church

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 13**
Bible Study 9:45 AM Parish Hall
Brick Ministerian Mtg. 12:00 PM Room C
Adult Choir 7:15 PM Church
AA 7:30 PM Parish Hall

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 14**
Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:15 PM Parish Hall

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 15**
Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Church
Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 PM Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

For the Week of October 9, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Barbara Altobello

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Salvatore Casale

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Nancy Spinelli

Sacred Heart Candle is "Special Intentions"

“THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER”



- II. Bill Bradshaw
- IV. Dolores Lusko

“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; *Barbara Altobello, Salvatore Casale*

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 September 4, 2016

Regular	\$10,595.69
On Line	\$957.00
Total	\$11,552.69

Some of the expenses included:

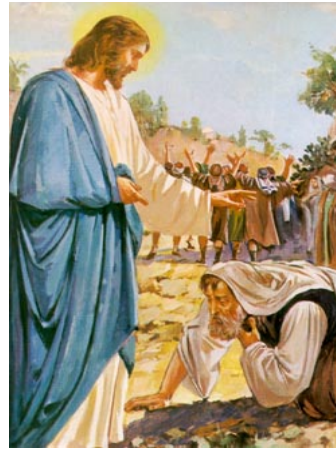
Electric	\$3,268.96
Natural Gas	\$262.26
Communications Services	\$629.67
Building Maintenance	\$412
Landscaping	\$818.00
Total	\$5,390.89



COLUMBUS DAY

The rectory office will be closed for regular business Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day. We will reopen Tuesday, October 11 at 8:30 a.m.

*Reflections for
The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



In today's Gospel we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places.

Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Loyola Press

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

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS.
ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
MANHATTAN BAGEL**

For bulletin advertising information, please call John Patrick Publishing Company 800-333-3166.

OCTOBER 9, 2016



Last weekend we had the “Rite of Enrollment” for our 8th Grade CCD students preparing for Confirmation. During it, they promised to fulfil the obligations of sacramental preparation (going to scheduled classes, completing service hours, etc.) as well as continue to meet the obligations common to all Catholics: to learn about, to defend their faith and to make weekly attendance at Mass.

As I listened to our young people publicly make these commitments as part of entering their proximate phase (not quite final, but getting close) of preparation to receiving the last sacrament of initiation (you *do* know the other two, I’m sure), I was reminded how important it was for all present – myself included – to always keep these obligations in mind. How often do we forget the importance of our commitments as Catholics? Do we realize that they build upon each other as part of a life-long journey, that faith, worship and learning must develop together or they will wither separately, or do we seek short cuts; rationalizing to ourselves how one or more of them aren’t really that important anyway?

If we can ever hope for our young people to resist the ever-increasing pressure to deny their Catholic faith, it will have to come through the good example that we set for them. Having listened to so many whose children have left the faith, I am convinced that we need to return to that challenge with renewed enthusiasm and energy. Each of us, through virtue of our Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Eucharist (the three Sacraments of Initiation, in case you needed that refresher) have received and continue to receive the graces necessary to do exactly that. It’s not too late. We certainly have our work cut out for us, but “What then can we say about all of this? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).

Fr. Ed

OCTOBER DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

Quaker Steak & Lube, Brick

Every Tuesday in October (4, 11, 18, 25) All day

NO COUPON NEEDED... BRING FLYER, SHOW ON PHONE, OR TELL SERVER

10% of your bill excluding tax, gratuity & alcohol will be donated to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund (parking lot and carpet replacement).

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come and allow Jesus Christ to establish, restore, and deepen that relationship with you. This seminar offers the presentation of the Gospel and the basic teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to Him. Speaking at Mass, Pope Francis said: “The Holy Spirit, opens the doors and invites us to bear witness to Jesus.” Let us make that a reality.

Please join us for six **Fridays**-beginning **October 14, 2016** and continuing for the next 5 Fridays from 7:15 to 9:00 pm in the Visitation Parish Hall. Are you thirsting for an ever deeper relationship with God? Wanting to better understand the Holy Spirit and his role in your life? Longing to be more alive in your faith? You are invited to join us for music, prayer, live presentations and discussions on living life with the power of the Holy Spirit. We have an elevator for ease of access. Contact Paul Rollis at 732-255-2728 or email Dale Zanetti, Adult Faith Formation at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.com.

OCTOBER 9, 2016

AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION

SOLD OUT

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction that will be held on November 5, 2016, and we're looking for your help. Teams are now forming to prepare the gifts. If you would like to become part of this energetic team please contact Betty Kilkenny at 732-475-0048, or e-mail EventTeam@visitationRCchurch.org or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket. Let the fun begin!



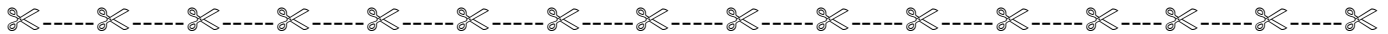
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.

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.

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.



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



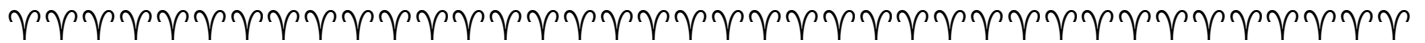
- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 5, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening



PROMISE TO PROTECT-PLEDGE TO HEAL



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. 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 you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan

ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-800-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.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 local law enforcement authorities.

OCTOBER 9, 2016

**INSPIRING HARMONY
LAUGH, LEARN, CREATE, INSPIRE!**

Now coming to our Visitation R.C. Church!

Superhero Creation Lab!!

PreK & K Session:

Begins Tuesdays November 8th- December 13th
4:30pm-5:30pm

1st & 2nd Grade Session:

Begins Saturdays November 5th - December 10th
9:00am-10:00am



Drama Workshop!

3rd & 4th Grade Session:

Begins Thursdays November 3rd-
December 15th
6:00pm-7:00pm

5th & 6th Grade Session:

Begins Saturdays November 5th -
December 10th
10:30am-11:30

Superhero Creation Lab: In this program your child will create and become their own superhero by using a variety of games and learning activities which emphasize being a hero everyday life through acts of kindness and being a good citizen. Sample activities include the Hero Naming Game, obstacle courses, cape and mask creation, cognitive challenges, rewarded for good deeds they accomplish weekly and their very own superhero ID card! The class will nurture their self-confidence, teamwork skills and their creativity. While having so much fun they will never know they are learning!

Drama Workshops: In the drama workshops the students will be introduced to the tools of an actor and the skills of improvisation, which broadens creative thinking and problem solving. Through game based learning techniques, students will begin to learn and practice theatrical vocabulary along with the rules of performing. They will increase public speaking and effective story telling skills. This includes scene and character creation and development. Every learning element is presented as a game or creative play to institute a fun and exciting learning environment. The class is designed to build self-esteem while having lots of good goofy fun! There will be a small production at the end of the workshop for ALL the students to show off their skills.

All of the programs will support and interlace our Catholic faith. They will gain an understanding of the importance of everyday faith, involvement as a member of the Church and how Jesus and the saints shows us what it takes to be a true hero. They will be reminded how these heroes worked as friends and followers of Jesus to make our world a better place.

All classes are run by two very involved members of Visitation Church. Joanne is a cantor with our church, CCD teacher, led VBS and is involved with many other church projects. Marni is a CCD teacher and volunteer at VBS.

To register go to www.inspiringharmony.net or you can reach out to us at enspiritedjm@gmail.com or call 723-451-4884.

Flyers and registration forms will be sent home with CCD student



To all of the good people of Visitation,

As many of you may have heard, a major endowment campaign is currently underway throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week, we will be sharing answers to questions that we have been hearing from our parishioners:

How do I know that my pledge to this campaign will go to the needs outlined in the case for support?

Charitable trusts will be established and managed by a Board of Trustees to segregate the funds and ensure that the earnings from the trusts are only used for the purposes outlined in the Diocesan case for support. The Boards, composed of clergy and lay leaders, will also oversee the professional fund management firm charged with investing these funds. Each trust will be subject to an annual audit, and the investment strategy will be in conformance with guidelines recommended by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

When do I need to start paying my pledge?

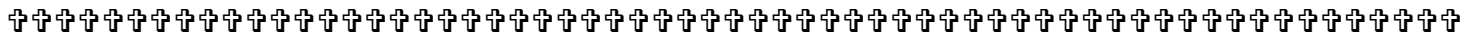
Whenever you would like! We are asking for pledges that can be made over 3-5 years and you can choose any start date that you would like to begin fulfilling your pledge during that time. All gifts to the campaign are tax-deductible and can be made through a credit card, debit card, automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account, or through stock and other non-cash gifts. Please also remember that *a pledge card is not a legally binding document!*

Who will be asked to support the campaign?

Everyone! I am meeting with as many families as I can through face-to-face visits to personally explain the campaign and ask for a sacrificial offering. Volunteers have been assisting me by meeting with fellow parishioners and inviting them to support this great undertaking as well. I cannot thank enough our volunteers and those who have given for their effort and support of this campaign.

Everyone will be invited to participate in the ***Faith to Move Mountains*** Campaign. It is my hope that during this time, our entire community will join together and support this blessed effort for our Diocese and our parishes. I encourage those who have been contacted or met with to prayerfully reflect over your commitment and allow the Spirit to guide you. As we continue our efforts, I ask all of you to pray for our success and participate to what your means allow for the future of our Church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

*Grace, peace, and blessings to you,
Father Ed*



GENNESARET RETREAT



The Gennesaret Retreat Gennesaret, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of Oct 14, 15, 16 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information contact: Marie Merritt 732-670-5980, Linda Capobianco 732-608-7277, Hilare Reinold 732-566- 7237, Linda Capoliano 732-608-7277

DONOVAN CATHOLIC

Open House Thursday, October 20, 2016 7-9PM

It's never too late to experience a college environment while enjoying the total high school experience. Financial Aid & Tuition Assistance available. Find out how affordable a Donovan Catholic education can be. *It will be the best investment you will ever make!* Call 732-349-8001 x2429. Spend the day with us & shadow a student
DONOVAN CATHOLIC It Makes A Difference



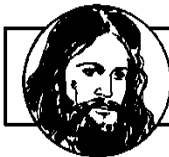
Boy Scout Troop #38 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

The cost is \$8.00 in advance or \$8.50 at the door. For additional information or to purchase tickets contact Faith at 732-966-4616.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for October will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, October 23 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

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



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:15 PM in Rectory Room A. All men of the parish are welcome.

HEALING MASS

ALL ARE WELCOME, on Saturday, October 29th at Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head for a healing mass at 8:30 am. Many of us are in need of extra prayers for illness, upcoming surgery, addiction, mental illness, caregiving, etc. The Anointing of the sick and special prayers will be administered at the end of mass. Please come and invite a friend light refreshments to follow in the hall. For further infocontact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or call 732-899-1398.

RESPECT LIFE



October is Respect Life month. Pope Francis' command to "open your hearts to life" doesn't simply speak about the attitude we should have on the serious issues of abortion and euthanasia. Rather, to open our

hearts to life is to approach every person we meet with an attitude of gratitude. Every person exists because God loves them.

So whether by simply smiling at the person you walk past on the street or stopping to spend time with a loved one who perhaps has no one to care for them, you are asked by God to see the goodness of those around you and to love them by everything you do.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY TRIP

Play: Samson **Place:** Sight & Sound

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Bus departs Visitation Parking Lot 8:30 AM and returns approximately 8:45 PM

Cost: \$117.00

For additional information or tickets contact, Terry at 732-903-7527 or Marilyn at 732-920-9763

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH



The Respect Life Ministry along with St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and blankets for the needy through the month of October. Men's coats are especially in need. These items may be brought to St. Vincent de

Paul Monday-Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 15, 2016, you are invited to join the 10th annual Public Square Rosary Crusade which will take place at 12:00 noon, local time all across America. Here at Visitation we will gather at the statue of our Blessed Mother in front of the Old Church as we have done in previous years. Praying the rosary will begin promptly at noon. You may bring a chair for your comfort.

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MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and Senior Housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 7:00 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 nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

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

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 Parish Hall. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 ngrodberg@visitationrcchurch.org*

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 6:30 PM at the VRC 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*

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 lconroy2741@gmail.com*

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 Parish Hall 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-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN) provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community in the Parish Hall. 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 practice's Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:00 PM and sings the 4th Sunday of the month at the 11:00 AM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*
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 cwinters@visitationrcchurch.org*

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-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
ALANON MEETINGS are held Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall
CUB SCOUT PACK #38, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. No meeting during July & August. 732-451-0252 *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*
BOY SCOUT TROOP #38, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Old Church. 732-262-8977 - *Matt Powell or matthewapowell@verizon.net*
HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 8:00 AM Mass the second Sunday of the month and meet the Tuesday following the second Sunday at 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrcchurch.org*
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 and meet the Monday following the first Sunday at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary, followed by the meeting at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrcchurch.org*

Bulletin Deadline

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