



1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

Church of the Visitation



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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 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch

Parish Registration

The Church of the Visitation is obliged to serve and minister to all baptized Catholics living in our local area. **PLEASE REGISTER** – it assists the staff in knowing you as a parishioner, providing for your needs, informing you of parish programs and activities, and utilizing your gifts and talents in service of the Church and one another. Envelopes for weekly contributions are available to you once you are registered. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. 1. Be at least 16 years of age. 2. Have completed the Sacraments of the Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) 3. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.

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)
Monday Evenings: 7:30 PM
Holy Days: See Current Bulletin
Holy Hour: First Fri. of the month 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Church)

Baptism

Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to register 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism. Parents and Guardians are required and sponsors are encouraged to attend the Baptismal Formation Session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following the 12:30 Mass at 1:45 PM. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Marriages

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires sessions with a priest or deacon, Focus review and attendance at a Marriage Preparation Programs such as Pre Cana. Therefore couples should make arrangements with the Church at least 1 year before the planned wedding date and finalizing any social plans. Couples must also verify freedom to marry before dates and arrangements can be made. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45PM in the Church or anytime by appointment. A Penance Service is held during Advent and Lent.

Religious Education (CCD)

Our Religious Education and sacramental preparation for our children meets on Sunday from 9:15~10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. Please call Dale Zanetti at ext. 214 for more information.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 26
4:00 PM	The McGregor Family
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 27
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Frank Ammerata
9:30 AM	Thomas Rygiel
11:00 AM	Leslie Pucci
12:30 PM	Klisiewicz Family
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 28
7:30 AM	Barbara Weber
8:15 AM	Joan & Al Fraraccio
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 29
7:30 AM	Carol M. Nenna
8:15 AM	Marie Amato
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 30
7:30 AM	Kerwin Ynaya
8:15 AM	James Kilkenny
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 1
7:30 AM	Eugene Iwaniszyn
8:15 AM	Carol M. Nenna
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 2
7:30 AM	Anthony Traina
8:15 AM	Angelo Leotta
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 3
7:30 AM	Frank Posluszny
8:15 AM	Jorge Hurtado Molfino
4:00 PM	Lena, Peter & Nicolas Corallo
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 4
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Jeanne Penn
11:00 AM	Henry Stansfield
12:30 PM	James Kilkenny

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 27
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After Masses Parish Hall
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 28
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Room B
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 29
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:30 PM Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Adult Faith Formation</i>	7:15 PM Room B
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 30
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Youth Choir</i>	7:00 PM Church
<i>Advent Small Group Sharing</i>	7:15 PM Room B
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 1
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>BIP Class</i>	3:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Auditorium
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 2
<i>Holy Hour</i>	7:00 PM Church
<i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>	8:00 PM Parish Hall
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 3
<i>Advent Retreat</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

For the Week of November 27, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Blessed Mother Candle is "Special Intentions"

Sacred Heart Candle is "Special Intentions"

THE 2017 CANDLE BOOK IS NOW OPEN. WE WILL NO LONGER BE TAKING INTENTIONS FOR THE SANCTUARY CANDLES, ONLY THE BLESSED MOTHER AND SACRED HEART. THE DONATION FOR THESE IS \$12.00.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

“LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”

Welcome into God's Family

Christian Thomas Flugrath



III. *Reverend Richard Carlson*

III. *Vincent Tavernite*

“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; *Pasquale Silletti*

SUPPER WITH THE SAINTS

For those who are hungry or in need of friendship, the last Tuesday (November 29) of each month join All Saints Church at 500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head for food and fellowship. Serving from 4:00~6:00 PM. For additional information call 732-892-5198.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

As we begin our Advent journey, guide us, dear God of Love.

Help us to recognize the great gift You have given us in Jesus,

and may we prepare well for His rebirth in our hearts.

On each day of this journey, may we move closer to Jesus,

the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World.

Shine the light of Your grace upon us that we may follow Him faithfully.

In all our preparations for Christmas, may we always remember that

Jesus is the reason for this blessed season.

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

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

Amen

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS NOT AVAILBLE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Reflections for

The First Sunday of Advent



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. *Loyola Press*

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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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



I would like to provide an update on the Visitation Relief Center (VRC). As I have mentioned, our initial concern and focus was addressing the code violations. A good deal of work has been done towards this and we continue to work with Brick Township on code and inspection issues. We are also praying and working towards a good outcome on any possible fine that may have resulted as this regrettable situation developed.

After researching and obtaining quotes on the project, full repairs to the VRC building will require more than the parish could financially bear at this time. We have located a temporary location nearby, applied for and are working towards obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy for the site. This process will take a few weeks. In that time, while working to prepare the premises, we are also discerning and moving towards the “re-invention” of the VRC that I discussed in my letter a few weeks ago. This includes evaluating which processes are mission-critical for the community, assuring the Center’s financial stability for its relief work and operational costs (now including a monthly rent for the building) and ensuring that the volunteer and professional talents to provide these services as well as the on-going evaluation of the Center’s work are in place.

Looking forward, I am hoping to use this opportunity to further the good of *both* the VRC and Visitation Parish. I know that, in addition to the “Church Covering Project” that is the direct parish beneficiary of the upcoming *Faith to Move Mountains* diocesan endowment campaign, there is great need for a parish Faith Formation center. Thanks be to God, the capital raised years ago for this project through the parish *Faith in the Future* campaign are still secure and gaining interest and should provide for start-up costs when this begins. I and the parish Finance Council are working with diocesan officials to see what we can do so that, God willing, when the VRC returns home it will be part of a true faith in action project, building and sustaining our witness as disciples of Jesus to the community for years to come.

Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in our parish. A blessed and holy Thanksgiving weekend to our parish family from the clergy and staff at the Church of the Visitation!

Fr. Ed



DINE TO DONATE



Authentic Cuban & Spanish Food

399 Mantoloking Road, Brick 732-701-3861

Every Thursday in December (1,8,15,22,29)

**10% of your purchase (excluding tax) will be donated to the Church of the Visitation
Covering Fund (parking lot and carpet replacement).**

MUST BRING FLYER

(available at the doors of the church or print from our website)

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**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50
Annual Subscriptions Available for 2017**



**Annual subscriptions make a great Christmas stocking stuffer or gift for yourself, family, friends, and others (i.e. hairdresser, teacher, paper carrier, etc.).
It's a gift they'll remember all year long.**

The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects.
A \$20 annual subscription gives you one ticket in each monthly drawing throughout 2017.

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

Completed forms must be returned by December 9, 2016, to assure delivery by Christmas. Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or **place in the collection basket.** **A certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vicki@visitationchurch.com.

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

Purchaser:

Name: _____ Phone _____
Street: _____ City/St/Zip _____

Each subscription has 12 chances to win –1 for each monthly drawing. Use a separate piece of paper for additional gifts.

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* If different than ticket mailing address **Credit Card Receipt will be e-mailed to this address

**Tickets ordered after that December 11th can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.
A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 27, 2017**



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and they are in High School please call Nancy Grodberg at 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com. Classes will begin on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



When mailing or giving out Christmas cards, as Catholic Christians we should use Religious cards. Christmas is the birth of Christ (i.e.) Emmanuel – God with us. It really is not a celebration of snowmen or reindeer or a winter scene. Christmas should be the rejoicing on the Birth of the Christ Child. This is what this Season of Christmas is all about.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

“I am the Alpha and the Omega”, says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”
Revelation 1:5-8

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS

Beginning next weekend at all the entrances of the church you will find our annual Advent Daily reflection books. These books prepare us spiritually for the coming of Christ through prayer and scripture in a provoking lasting way. Please take a copy for yourselves and another to share with a friend

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalya Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3:00 PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our Music Ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217.

ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS PARTY

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Sunday, December 4, 2016 1:00 to 5:00 PM

IL Boccone

1643 Route 88, Brick, NJ

Luncheon and Entertainment

Donation: \$30.00

Call Terry 732-233-3501 or Marilyn 732-687-3593

Eucharistic



Adoration
December 2, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction

FIRST FRIDAY

December 2, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.



THE CHURCH.

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 PM in the Church.

Please join us in the beautiful and inspiring Holiday Celebration. Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me". This experience will be happily received by Him.

SHOP TO SUPPORT

Five Below



November 21-27 AND December 12-18. Get ready to start your Christmas shopping and pick up all your Stocking Stuffers

10% of your purchase (excluding tax) will be donated to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund (parking lot and carpet replacement).

MUST BRING FLYER

(available at the doors of the church or print from our website).

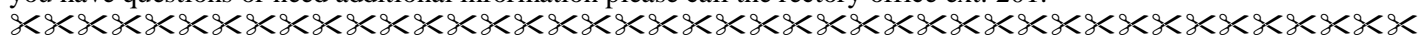
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FLOWERS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Christmas Season begins to unfold, much of our thoughts are of others. Let us remember those who have touched our lives in some way. Parishioners and guests at Church of the Visitation will have the opportunity to honor family or friends by making a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful Christmas flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church or use the form provided below. Please complete all information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

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



CHRISTMAS FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Christmas Season

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE

GIVEN IN LOVE BY: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please drop in collection basket or return to parish office.

ADVENT MOVIE



Saturday, December 3, 2016-12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. It is that time of year again...Advent. We are entering a holy and beautiful season of the Church-a season of longing for Christ's appearance. We should be taking some special steps to prepare for his coming at Christmas. In the past we have presented Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (do you remember the St. Joseph table?-legendary!) This year we will be focusing on how a wealthy physician sells all his worldly goods and sets out to find the infant Jesus. We will watch, pray and discuss. There will also be a lite lunch that we will share together and a wonderful "dessert" table. Come on out and join with us as we begin our Advent process. We have an elevator for easy access. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Please contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation Office-732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org by December 2, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION



We are requesting that everyone bring a non-perishable food item to the Mass that they attend every Sunday of Advent. There will be a basket in the Narthex and baskets by the doors. You can place your food item either before or after Mass. Each week during Advent a basket containing a food item will be brought up in our procession of gifts by a member of the parish family. These gifts will be given to our Food Pantry to assist the poor and afflicted

THE JESSE GIVING TREE



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

The Jesse Giving Tree has been placed in our Church Narthex. Each "Gold Star" will represent a gift for some needy child in a family that the St. Vincent de Paul Society serves throughout the year. When you take a "Gold Star" from our tree, the front will tell you if the child is a boy or girl and their age. The back of the star might give you a suggestion regarding something special that girl or boy would like for Christmas.

The "Gold Star" needs to be attached to the wrapped gift and placed under our Jesse Tree by December 19th or earlier. (Our elves need a few days to deliver the gifts to our needy families).

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STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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Liturgical Ministries

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. 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 Church Auditorium. 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 Grodborg or ngrodborg@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 *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*

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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-vcottrell@visitationrchurch.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*

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 practice's Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:00 PM and sings once a 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@visitationrchurch.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 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 cwinters@visitationrchurch.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@visitationrchurch.org*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.

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 the Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrchurch.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. 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 ddeturo@visitationrchurch.org*