

"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION"



SATURDAY	JANUARY 21
4:00 PM	Sgt. Carmel J. Phelan
SUNDAY	JANUARY 22
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Jane Ferrigine
9:30 AM	Raphaella Fasano
11:00 AM	Charles Buttiglieri
12:30 PM	Paul Bella
MONDAY	JANUARY 23
7:30 AM	Fran Blyskal
TUESDAY	JANUARY 24
7:30 AM	Anthony Martone
8:15 AM	James Blumensteel
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 25
7:30 AM	Donna Gelcius
8:15 AM	James McLarnon & Gregorio Lumanglas
THURSDAY	JANUARY 26
7:30 AM	Joseph Gladitsch
8:15 AM	Mary & Thomas Ahearn
FRIDAY	JANUARY 27
7:30 AM	Irene & Ed Pfennig
SATURDAY	JANUARY 28
8:15 AM	Emma & Andrew Kovatch
4:00 PM	Francis "Skip" Dockery
SUNDAY	JANUARY 29
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Elsie Semirara
9:30 AM	Lucille Amato
11:00 AM	Alexander Banoff
12:30 PM	Chris Lane

SUNDAY	JANUARY 22
Masses	Church
Community Sunday	After all masses Parish Hall
Youth Group Meeting	1:30 PM Parish Hall
MONDAY	JANUARY 23
Rosary for Life	1:30 PM Chapel
CCD Classes	4:40 PM Rooms A, B, C
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
Adult Confirmation Registration	7:00 PM Chapel
TUESDAY	JANUARY 24
Bingo	11:00 AM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Room C
Children's Choir	6:00 PM Church
Alanon	7:00 PM Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 25
Community Luncheon	12:00 PM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
Event Development Meeting	6:00 PM Room B
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
Evening Bible Study	6:45 PM Chapel
Youth Choir Practice	7:00 PM Church
THURSDAY	JANUARY 26
Bible Study	9:45 AM Parish Hall
St. Vincent DePaul	1:00 PM Room B
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms A, B, & C
Adult Choir	7:15 PM Church
High School Confirmation Class	7:15 PM Room C
AA	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	JANUARY 27
Parents Baptismal Formation	7:00 PM
Children of Light Prayer Group	7:00PM Parish Hall
SATURDAY	JANUARY 28
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	8:00 AM Parish Hall
First Reconciliation	1:00 PM Church
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM Church
RCIA	5:00 PM Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

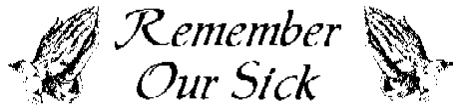
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps
 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a,
 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk
 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-
 41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-
 31; Mt 5:1-12a

For the Week of January 22, 2017



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



II. Jacob Basilotto
III. Patricia Feeney

“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: Gloria Losi

HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?



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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of January 15, 2017

Regular	\$10,713.76
On Line	659.00
Total	\$11,372.76

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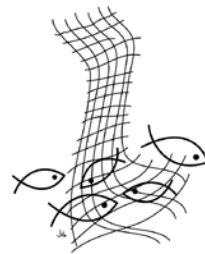
REMINDER & COMMUNITY SUNDAY



is this Sunday, January 22 after all Masses. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship with new and old friends.

Reflections for

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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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 DIOCEAN ASSESSMENT IN THE SECOND BASKET.



Faith to Move Mountains update: I write this letter to you with a spirit of gratitude and genuine excitement. I am thankful to the many families of our parish who have supported the diocesan *Faith to Move Mountains* endowment campaign. This has been a tremendous source of inspiration and encouragement for me. Our mustard seed of faith is growing!

You may recall that every parish was asked to participate in the diocesan-wide campaign. Visitation's goal is to raise \$775,000 towards providing funds for parishes, clergy, religious education, evangelization, and social services. Over the past several months, many of our parish family have answered the call to participate in the *Faith to Move Mountains* campaign and 159 families have helped us to achieve \$428,346. I continue to thank God for the prayerful generosity of our parish community! I also want to express my humble thanks for the great team that did so much selfless work, spending hours on the telephone and in home visits, in the early stages of this campaign.

As I mentioned during the Parish Commitment Weekend, I hope for a 100% response. Some will respond through their prayers for our parish and I am grateful for such a response. If you have not made a gift or pledge yet, I hope that you will prayerfully choose to take part in this campaign to sustain our future by making a sacrificial gift to support and strengthen both our parish and our entire diocesan family. To that end, those who have not yet responded will soon receive a reminder letter. *Every pledge, regardless of the amount*, is important. This effort calls each one of us to make an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift and only you can determine the amount that is right for you. Please know of my continued prayers for your intentions. Thank you for your generosity to the *Faith to Move Mountains Campaign* and your efforts to endow the future of our Church!

Fr. Ed

Parishes from across the Diocese of Trenton are sponsoring buses to transport the faithful to the 2017 March for Life on Jan. 27 in Washington, D.C. The buses will depart from Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties at various times in the morning and will return by about 10 p.m. Information on the buses going from Ocean County, can be found at:

<http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/respectlifeministry/marchforlife2017/>

RALLY FOR LIFE

St. Joseph Church, Toms River, is arranging for a bus to the Rally for Life in Trenton on Monday, January 23. For more information contact Ed DiMarco at 732-341-9029.

PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



Sunday, January 22, 2017 is a Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn. We are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. There is a wealth of information on the U.S. Bishops website (USCCB.org). Please check it out. The following is a prayer that can be said:

We praise and thank God for his goodness in creation, especially for the gift of life. We know that each life is precious and created in His image. We ask for protection for each sacred human life that he creates. Amen



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults 18 and older who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, sessions are now forming. Orientation and registration will be on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel.

There are 10 instruction weeks, 1 Retreat, 1 practice session and Confirmation Day. We begin on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Confirmation will be on Saturday, April 16, 2017 at the Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm. The sessions are conducted at the Saturday. 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word and continue in the Parish Hall until 6:30. Registration forms are available on the website at visitationrcchurch.org, or call Dale Zanetti, in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dzanetti@visitationRCchurch.org



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be resuming practice on Tuesday evenings in the church. Contact Natalya for more information.

732-477-7059 x 217 or Natalya@nbencivenga@visitationRCchurch.org

GREETER MINISTRY FORMING

Wanted: Warm and Friendly Faces at our doors! People with outgoing personalities and those wanting to make new friends as they welcome parishioners and visitors on weekends and holy days Masses in our newly-forming *Greeter Ministry*. Join us on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 10:00 am in the church. Ushers are urged to attend. Please contact the Rectory at 732-477-0028 x4 for more information.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Visitation Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce the formation of our youth group. We invite all youth from 8th grade to high school to join us every other Sunday, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. The next meeting will be January 22nd. Meetings will take place in the Parish Hall.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org.

R.C.I.A.



On January 28, 2017 at the 4:00 PM Mass Visitation will celebrate the Rite of Welcome with Sergio and Osboldo Cortez. They have been attending our RCIA sessions and have been inquiring about Jesus and

about how they can more fully follow him. They have seen Christ's power at work in their lives and in us, and have been influenced by His love. Christ's grace led them to this day, where we as a parish gave them the support and encouragement they will need on the journey. We welcome Sergio Cortez and Osboldo Cortez here at Visitation.

BIBLE STUDY



A six week Bible Study program studying the Universal Letters – James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John and Jude will be presented at two different times to allow more

opportunities to attend. Lectio Divinia will be included in the live presentations. The **evening** sessions will run from Wednesday, January 18 to February 22, 2017 from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm in the Daily Chapel. **Morning** sessions will start Thursday, January 26, 2017 and run until March 2, 2017 from 9:45 am to 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Pre-registration would be appreciated-call Dale Zanetti, Adult Faith Formation Minister, at 732-477-7059 Ext. 214 or email dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org. I look forward to welcoming any newcomers and sharing with all our regulars. "Draw near to God and he will draw near to us."

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

All between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism are welcome to join our local Catholic young adults community. Meetings every other Tuesday. The next meeting is January 31st at 7:00 pm in the Daily Chapel.

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JANUARY 22, 2017

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

In Loving Memory of Francoise M. Rose

Husband, Kenneth

In Loving Memory of Ron Hallock

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*In Loving Memory of Robert J. Udet II & Frank &
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In Thanksgiving for successful surgery

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In Loving Memory of Those we have Loved

Mr. & Mrs. G. Thomsen

In Loving Memory of Patrick Kelleher

In Thanksgiving for Good Health

Mary Kelleher

*In Thanksgiving for our Wonderful Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren*

Grandparents

In Thanksgiving for all Blessings

Geraldine Pellegrino

*In Loving Memory of William J. Petryk, Edith Fanelli,
& Leonard & Sophie Fanelli*

Virginia Petryk

*In Loving Memory of Deceased Chieco & Pandolfi
Families*

John Chieco

In Loving Memory of Mazzara & Barrett Families

Carol Mazzara

In Loving Memory of Pinkos & Lodato Families

Carolyn Lodato

In Loving Memory of Michael Perna

Hedy Perna & Family

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

Charles & June Cwierko

In Loving Memory of Louise Woodroffe

Louise & John Mallon

In Loving Memory of Frank J. Flake

Mom & Dad

In Thanksgiving for Our Family

Laura Jacquin

In Loving Memory of Carmel & Mary G. Phelan

Daughter, Mary K. Phelan-Hammel

In Loving Memory of Joseph Jacob Hammel

Wife, Mary K. Phelan-Hammel

In Loving Memory of Vincent & Ermina Augello

Thomas & Louise Dwyer

In Loving Memory of Donald Freeman

Wife, Joan

In Loving Memory of Mark Domogauer

Domogauer Family

In Loving Memory of Eugene Capozzi

Wife, Ann

In Loving Memory of Conheaney & O'Dell Families

Bill & Madeline O'Dell

In Loving Memory of Edward & Rita Hazlin

Richard & Linda Morrill

In Loving Memory of Andrew R. Kovatch

Wife, Mary

In Loving Memory of Christopher Kuser

Na Na Mary Kovatch

In Loving Memory of Arcuri & Perri Families

Connie Perri

In Loving Memory of Merrill Families

Thomas & Barbara Merrill

In Loving Memory of Lucy & Malachi Towey, Sr.

The Towey Family

In Loving Memory of our son, Tom

Elizabeth & Thomas Hussennetter

*In Loving Memory of Paul & Laura Pepe, Paula
Pepe, & Joseph Ceglie*

Michael Pepe

In Loving Memory of Lech, Vitale & Pecora Families

Dennis & Veronica

In Loving Memory of Frederick D'Ambola

Wife, Angela

In Loving Memory of Albina Aquilino & Jake Arnold

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In Loving Memory of Julian Calamari
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In Loving Memory of Emily Marzigliano & Gary DiLiberto
Marie Sylvester
In Loving Memory of Warren Baluha
Ginnie Baluha
In Loving Memory of Charles Corby
In Honor of the Blessed Mother
In Thanksgiving for Everything
Eileen Corby
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In Loving Memory of the Hoff & Lyszezek Families
Mr. & Mrs. M. Lyszezek
In Loving Memory of Peggy Albert & Rose Simone
Arthur & Joan Simone
In Loving Memory of the Petillo Family
Pat Whyte
In Loving Memory of Leopold Niziolek and Gerald Niziolek
Stephanie Niziolek
In Loving Memory of Anna & Joseph Leitner, Anna & Francis Wegele, Anne & John Litwinka, Jenny & Joseph Statuto, Gertrude & John Wegele & Peggy Frazee
Carol & Angelo Statuto
In Loving Memory of "Uncle Mario"
Lexi Romano
In Loving Memory of Anthony Carofola & Clara Roth
Irene Carofola

In Loving Memory of Pasquale Silletti
His Wife & Children
In Loving Memory of Raffaella Silletti
Daughter-in-law & Grandkids
In Loving Memory of Mario Altomare, Thomas Rygiel, Anne Smith, Barbara & Jimmy Altobello, Angela, Nicky, Dolly & Jerry Caci
Rygiel & Altomare Families
In Loving Memory of Maria Sasso
In Honor of Lynn Nutley
Cathy Powell and Family
In Loving Memory of Walter Pyciak, Gma & Gpa Griffiths, Aunt Dot & Uncle Sam
The Plath Family
Walter Pyciak & My Loved Ones
Fank & Kathi Gray
In Loving Memory of Charles & Clara Donaruma
Loving Daughter, Andi
In Loving Memory of Virginia "Ginger" Reid
Loving Sister, Andi
In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of Jewers & Mozart Families
John & Bev Mozart
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W. S. Bandurski
In Loving Memory of Sal & Frances Garafano
Rob Garafano
In Loving Memory of Mary Fucci
Her Loving Daughter
In Loving Memory of the Laniewski, Uhl & Marateo Families
Joanne Laniewski
In Loving Memory of Cehelsky & Zegley Families
John & Lucie Cehelsky
In Loving Memory of My Family and Friends
LaVerne Creange
In Loving Memory of Stephen R. Fetish
Angela Fetish
In Honor of the Gopaul & Barker Families
Family
In Loving Memory of Parents: Joseph & Lucy Russotto
Carolyn R. Kowalski
In Loving Memory of Lilla, Emanuele and Charles Vitabile
Antoinette
In Loving Memory of Anthony Mancini
Your Loving Wife
In Loving Memory of Jack Stampfle
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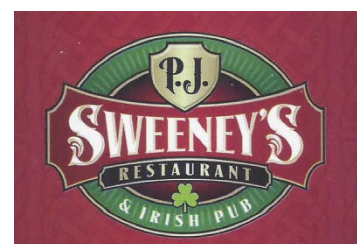
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Liturgical Ministries

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 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 *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@caregiversvolunteers.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 – *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*

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. 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 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@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. 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@visitationrcchurch.org*