

# Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723



PEACE



*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.*

LUKE 2:14

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## Welcome!

*The entire parish community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners*

**Rectory Office Phone:** 732-477-0028  
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**Rectory Address:** 730 Lynnwood Ave. Brick, NJ  
**Website:** www.visitationchurch.com

**REV. ALBERT RICCIARDELLI, PASTOR, EXT. 201**  
**REV. JAMES O'NEILL, PAROCHIAL VICAR, EXT. 220**

### Assisting Priests

Rev. James Sauchelli  
Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Gonzalez  
Msgr. Philip Franceschini  
Rev. Bernard Mohan  
Rev. Msgr. Vincent Doyle  
Rev. Richard Carlson

### Deacons

**Salvatore Vicari, Ext. 218**  
**Richard Johnston, Ext. 221**  
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### Staff

**Denise Patetta, Ext. 201**  
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**Natalie Bencivenga, Ext. 217**  
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**Marie Bottazzi, Ext. 105**  
Youth Ministry Leader  
**Christie Winters, 732-746-3456**  
Director of Visitation Relief Center

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday thru Friday:** 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
**Saturday and Sunday:** 8:30 AM 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 and 5:30 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)  
**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.

*Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower*

**“LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS; AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION”**



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| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 6</b>   |
| 4:00 PM          | Malachi T. Towey/req. Wife & Family                             |
| 5:30 PM          | Jeanne Penn/req. Daughter, Linda                                |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 7</b>   |
| 6:45 AM          | Josephine “Josie” Gelesky/req. Nancy Grodberg                   |
| 8:00 AM          | Living & Dec'd. Members of the Rosary Altar Society             |
| 9:30 AM          | Faust Canino/req. Daughter, Rita                                |
| 11:00 AM         | James Kilkenny/req. Wife & Family                               |
| 12:30 PM         | People of the Parish  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 8 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)</b>                      |
| 7:00 AM          | People of the Parish  |
| 8:15 AM          | “God’s Blessings” on Dean, Brielle, Chelsea Buttacovli/req. Mom |
| 5:00 PM          | John Dryburgh/req. E.M.’s & Lectors                             |
| 7:00 PM          | Alfred “Joe” Togneri/req. Wife & Family                         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>DECEMBER 9</b>   |
| 7:30 AM          | Dr. Robert Zampieri/req. Mary Trieste                           |
| 8:15 AM          | Michael Tedeschi/req. Bob & Claire Gerne                        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 10</b>  |
| 7:30 AM          | “God’s Blessing” on Angie & Family/req. Angie                   |
| 8:15 AM          | Andrew Roberts/req. Love, Nonna                                 |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 11</b>  |
| 7:30 AM          | Barbara Ward/req. Carol Landrigan                               |
| 8:15 AM          | Joseph Luongo/req. Marion Dellanno                              |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 12</b>  |
| 7:30 AM          | Brenda Anne Caligaris/req. Edward & Claire Farrell              |
| 8:15 AM          | Grace Markel/req. The Mulcahy Family                            |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 13</b>  |
| 7:30 AM          | Norma Pyn/req. James & Alice Kelly                              |
| 8:15 AM          | Margo Zapka/req. Dawn & Friends                                 |
| 4:00 PM          | Robert Lutkiewicz/req. Family                                   |
| 5:30 PM          | John Paul/req. Joe & Pat Modica                                 |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 14</b>  |
| 6:45 AM          | People of the Parish  |
| 8:00 AM          | Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society                |
| 9:30 AM          | John Ruppi/req. Ginni Ruppi                                     |
| 11:00 AM         | Kathleen McCoy-Pfaffle/req. The McCoy Family                    |
| 12:30 PM         | Charles McConnell/req. Mary, Andy, Chas                         |

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>                       | <b>DECEMBER 7</b>  | <b>LOCATION</b>        |
| <i>Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast</i>  | 8:00 AM            | Auditorium             |
| <i>C.C.D. Classes</i>               | 9:15 AM            | Lake Riviera MS        |
| <i>High School Confirmation</i>     | 11:00 AM           | Parish Room C          |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                       | <b>DECEMBER 8</b>  |                        |
| <i>Mass</i>                         | 7:00 & 8:15 AM     | Church                 |
| <i>Rosary Altar Meeting</i>         | 12:00 PM           | Auditorium             |
| <i>Rosary For Life</i>              | 1:30 PM            | Daily Chapel           |
| <i>CCD Classes</i>                  | 4:30 & 6:30 PM     | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| <i>Mass</i>                         | 5:00 & 7:00 PM     | Church                 |
| <i>Children’s Choir</i>             | 6:15 PM            | Church                 |
| <i>Cub Scouts</i>                   | 6:30 PM            | Auditorium             |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                      | <b>DECEMBER 9</b>  |                        |
| <i>Bingo</i>                        | 11:00 AM           | Auditorium             |
| <i>CCD Classes</i>                  | 4:30 & 6:30 PM     | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| <i>Boy Scouts</i>                   | 6:30 PM            | Auditorium             |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                    | <b>DECEMBER 10</b> |                        |
| <i>Community Lunch</i>              | 12:00 PM           | Auditorium             |
| <i>CCD Classes</i>                  | 4:30 & 6:30 PM     | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                     | <b>DECEMBER 11</b> |                        |
| <i>Bible Study</i>                  | 9:45 AM            | Auditorium             |
| <i>CCD Classes</i>                  | 4:30 & 6:30 PM     | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| <i>Adult Choir</i>                  | 7:15 PM            | Church                 |
| <i>AA</i>                           | 7:30 PM            | Auditorium             |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                       | <b>DECEMBER 12</b> |                        |
| <i>The Living Rosary</i>            | 4:30 PM            | Church                 |
| <i>Children of the Light Prayer</i> | 7:00 PM            | Parish Room A          |
| <i>Bingo</i>                        | 7:30 PM            | Auditorium             |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                     | <b>DECEMBER 13</b> |                        |
| <i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>            | 4:30 PM            | Auditorium             |

**ALL MASSES DURING ADVENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN THE DAILY CHAPEL.**

*For the Week of December 7, 2014*



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is “In Loving Memory” of Marie Turly/req. Family  
**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is “In Loving Memory” of Lucy Towey/req. Family  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is “In Loving Memory” of Michael Perna/req. Wife, Hedy & Family  
**Blessed Mother Candle** is “In Thanksgiving”/req. The Bange Family

*Readings for the Week*

**Dec. 7 SUN. Second Sunday of Advent**  
 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Second Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8  
**DEC. 8 MON. Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**  
 Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38  
**DEC. 9 TUES. Blessed Juan Diego**  
 Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14  
**DEC. 10 WED. Advent**  
 Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30  
**DEC. 11 THUR. Saint Damasus I, pope**  
 Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15  
**DEC 12 FRI. Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious**  
 Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19  
**DEC. 13 SAT. Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr**  
 Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:10-13



- I. Joseph Gigante
- II. Teresa Knight, James Walsh, Al & Joan Fraraccio

"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.

*Reflections for  
The Second Sunday in Advent*



On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

Like John, we too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. We are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. *Loyola Press*

*In Your Charity* please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors especially; *Thomas Foligno, Lorraine Foglio, Virginia Mardini*



*Foglio, Virginia Mardini*

**HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?**



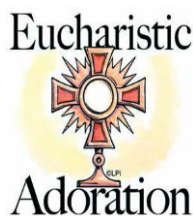
Please consider "Creating a Legacy" that will last for generations to come. When you remember Church of the Visitation in your will, you will help to provide for the many organizations and ministries after you are gone. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR NOVEMBER 50/50**  
Margaret Ricciuti was the winner of \$682. The next drawing will be held on Sunday, December 28, 2014.

**BINGO**

Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.



**WE WILL NOT BE HAVING HOLY HOUR OR BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT JANUARY 2, 2015. HOLY HOUR WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:00 PM.**

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**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

**TIMOTHY RYAN HOME FOR FUNERALS**

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

**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**

**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).

**ROSARY ALTAR MEETING**

The Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, December 8 at 11:30 am for the Rosary in the Church and 12:00 noon for the meeting. This will be our Christmas Luncheon. Cost is \$15.pp pp. Registration is required. Call 732-477-5217.

**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***

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalie Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2014 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 14, 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.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE: MONDAY 7:00, 8:15 AM & 5:00 & 7:00 PM. ALL MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH.**

## ***DECEMBER 7, 2014***

### **MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY**



Just as with your own homes as the buildings on our church campus age, it becomes more and more necessary and costly to maintain the integrity of the structures and keep everyone safe. A few weeks ago it was noticed that the bricks were pulling away from the chimney creating an unsafe condition and causing water to leak into the sacristy. This was not something that could wait for repair. Even with a significant discount from a parishioner who did the work, this was a costly repair – over \$16,000. We are very grateful to all who participate in our fundraisers – especially the gift auction and the monthly 50/50. Combined with monthly contributions to our maintenance and repair fund, we were able to pay for the repair, but we know there is much more to be done.



Our Thursday morning Bible Study will be taking a break for Thanksgiving. We will not be meeting December 4, 2014. We will resume on December 11, at 9:45 A.M.. We are studying the Sunday readings each week. We hope to see you there!

### **HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM**

For those who are grieving this holiday season a program will be held at O'Brien Funeral Home located at 505 Burnt Tavern Road, Brick, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. This special program includes the dedication of our Tree and a Candle Lighting Service. There is no fee, however, please bring a new and unwrapped toy to be donated in memory of your loved one. Seating is limited. Call 732-899-8600 for additional information and to reserve a seat.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

#### **THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE.**



The VRC will once again be selling Christmas Trees this year. All trees will be sold by pre order **ONLY**. If interested, please call 732-746-3456.

Proceeds will help the families of Superstorm Sandy. Don't wait too long!!! Get your order in!!

### **FIVE STEPS TO KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!**

**One** – Buy Christmas cards that share the Christmas story. Do not choose cards that depict Santa or reindeer or generic winter landscape pictures. Look for nativity scenes, words that explain who Jesus is and why He came.

**Two** – Get a fender magnet for your auto that references the reason behind the season. Magnets will be able to be reused and do not leave glue on your vehicle when removed. There are several on the market which talk of Jesus or mention the need to Keep Christ in Christmas.

**Three** – Get in the habit of saying “Merry Christmas” to everybody you meet. When someone says Happy Holidays, reply right back with and a Merry Christmas to you, too! (Make sure you do it with a big smile.)

**Four** – Put up a Christmas display outside your home or business. Look for one with Jesus, Mary and Joseph or the Star of Bethlehem. Such displays are powerful reminders of the message of Christmas.

**Five** – Use your Facebook or Twitter social networking Internet accounts to wish folk Merry Christmas, post a link to your church's Christmas Eve services or share a line or two from scripture making reference to Jesus birth. Add a Merry Christmas tagline to your e-mail signature.

Those are just 5 easy steps. But think about the effect they would have if thousands of people commenced taking them this vacation season, telling others the Christmas story and making sure that they Keep Christ in Christmas.

Of course, Jesus is the reason for the season. Let us not be embarrassed to tell the world the better news of Jesus! Let's keep Christ in Christmas this year and every year.



**DECEMBER 7, 2014**

**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50  
Annual Subscriptions Available for 2015**

**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 2015.

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

Completed forms must be returned by December 12, 2014, 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.

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

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E-mail Address \*\* \_\_\_\_\_  American Express

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Tickets ordered after that December 14<sup>th</sup> can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.  
A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 23, 2015**



# ***DECEMBER 7, 2014***

## **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. 732-477-9672, ext. 201 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

**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 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. No meeting during July & August. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

**EVANGELIZATION TEAM** promotes and fosters evangelization in all ministries by reaching out and encouraging all to live life as active Catholics. 732-477-9672, ext. 218 - *Deacon Salvatore Vicari or ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)** meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School and weekdays in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-5217- *Nancy Grodberg or nancy@visitationchurch.com*

### **Prayer Groups**

**CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets every Friday at 7:00 PM in Parish Room C to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

**ROYAL HEART OF JESUS & MARY CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP** meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Room A. All are welcome. 732-742-2600 – *Joellen Arrabito – 732-262-3938 – Mary Casella or mnick123@aol.com*

**PRAYER CHAIN** is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. 732-604-1499.

### **Pastoral Care Ministries**

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM** provides support and meets Spring and Fall. 732-477-9672, ext. 221- *Deacon Richard Johnston.*

On-going support to grieving families is available- *Linda Conroy 908-902-2741 or lconroy58@verizon.net*

**FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY** helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-367-5329 – *Rosemary Russell.*

**VISITATION CAREGIVERS** provide supportive services to the frail elderly and homebound in our community such as friendly visits, food shopping, transportation to medical appointments and respite care for families. 732-505-2273 ext. 211- *Mary Malagiere or marym@caregivervolunteers.org*

### **Services**

**ANNULMENT TEAMS** are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life. 848-333-2671- *Eleanor Troiano ~ 732-477-7059* ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari*

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** is offered to anyone in the community who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. 732-477-9672, ext.221 *Deacon Richard Johnston*

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## **Social Ministries/Activities**

**BINGO** is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 7:30 PM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*; Friday - *Anna Tortoriello*

**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 area. 732-477-9672, ext. 160. Thrift Shop hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

**VISITATION FOOD BANK** accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location. 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. 732-581-0987 – *Coach Mike Fattibene or fattibene@kean.edu*

**VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM** provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all 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 – *Marie Bottazzi 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. 732-477-0028 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

**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.

**CUB SCOUT PACK #38**, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium & Old Church & Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Old Church. 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. 732-477-8456 – *Paul Hegadorn or paulhegadorn@verizon.net*

**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*

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