

Church of the Visitation

744 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723

*...The star, which they saw in
the east, went before them...*

Matthew 2:9



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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 Cannon 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.

Welcome!

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

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



| | | SUNDAY | | JANUARY 4 | | LOCATION | |
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| SATURDAY | JANUARY 3 | | | | | | |
| 4:00 PM | John Addabbo/req. Visitation Ushers | | <i>C.C.D. Classes</i> | 9:15 AM | | | Lake Riviera MS |
| 5:30 PM | Aurora Robson/req. Mike & Sandy Dusza | | | | | | |
| SUNDAY | JANUARY 4 | MONDAY | | JANUARY 5 | | | |
| 6:45 AM | People of the Parish | <i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i> | | 8:15 AM | | | Daily Chapel |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Dec'd. Members of the Rosary Altar Society | <i>Altar Rosary Meeting</i> | | 12:00 PM | | | Auditorium |
| 9:30 AM | Marie DeGregorio/req. The Hage Family | <i>Rosary For Life</i> | | 1:30 PM | | | Daily Chapel |
| 11:00 AM | Ann Margaret Heinis/req. Friend | <i>CCD Classes</i> | | 4:30 & 6:30 PM | | | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| 12:30 PM | Joan Barry/req. The Sheridan Family | <i>Children's Choir</i> | | 6:15 PM | | | Church |
| MONDAY | JANUARY 5 | <i>Cub Scouts</i> | | 6:30 PM | | | Auditorium |
| 7:30 AM | Edward Dowling/req. Mary Jane Malone | <i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i> | | | | | Daily Chapel |
| 8:15 AM | Eileen Mary Buchanan/req. Mike & Sandy Dusza | TUESDAY | | JANUARY 6 | | | |
| 7:30 PM | Timothy Callahan/req. Lillian & William Albert | <i>Bingo</i> | | 11:00 AM | | | Auditorium |
| TUESDAY | JANUARY 6 | <i>CCD Classes</i> | | 4:30 & 6:30 PM | | | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| 7:30 AM | The Mc Ginley Family/req. The Mc Donnell Family | <i>Boy Scouts</i> | | 6:30 PM | | | Old Church |
| 8:15 AM | Dianne Hoepfel/req. Carol Landrigan | WEDNESDAY | | JANUARY 7 | | | |
| WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 7 | <i>Community Lunch</i> | | 12:00 PM | | | Auditorium |
| 7:30 AM | Jane Ghiringhelli/req. Michele Schubert | <i>CCD Classes</i> | | 4:30 & 6:30 PM | | | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| 8:15 AM | Ray Watson/req. Ray Bulwicz | THURSDAY | | JANUARY 8 | | | |
| THURSDAY | JANUARY 8 | <i>Bible Study</i> | | 9:45 AM | | | Auditorium |
| 7:30 AM | Carmella Robert/req. Bill & Lillian Mc Evoy | <i>CCD Classes</i> | | 4:30 & 6:30 PM | | | Parish Rooms. A, B & C |
| 8:15 AM | Patrick Barry/req. Mary Jane Malone | <i>Adult Choir</i> | | 7:15 PM | | | Church |
| FRIDAY | JANUARY 9 | <i>AFF Meeting</i> | | 7:15 PM | | | Parish Room C |
| 7:30 AM | Maureen Loffredo/req. Family | <i>AA</i> | | 7:30 PM | | | Auditorium |
| 8:15 AM | Barbara Toscano/ req. Michele Schubert | FRIDAY | | JANUARY 9 | | | |
| SATURDAY | JANUARY 10 | <i>DRP Meeting</i> | | 1:00 PM | | | Parish Room B |
| 7:30 AM | James Aitken/req. Bill Bradshaw & Family | <i>Children of the Light Prayer</i> | | 7:00 PM | | | Parish Room C |
| 8:15 AM | Gregory Frankowski/req. The Glandor Family | <i>Bingo</i> | | 7:30 PM | | | Auditorium |
| 4:00 PM | Joan Barry/req. Evelyn & Carlos | SATURDAY | | JANUARY 10 | | | |
| 5:30 PM | Fred & Katherine Geyer/req. Love, Catherine Zack & Family | <i>6TH Grade Penitential Service</i> | | 10:00 AM | | | Church |
| SUNDAY | JANUARY 11 | <i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i> | | 4:00 PM | | | Auditorium |
| 6:45 AM | People of the Parish | | | | | | |
| 8:00 AM | Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society | | | | | | |
| 9:30 AM | Frank Flake/req. Mom & Dad | | | | | | |
| 11:00 AM | Ray Cosgrove/req. Carmen, Cathy & Quentin | | | | | | |
| 12:30 PM | Maureen Sabieszczyk/req. Maryann & Dan Murphy | | | | | | |

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

For the Week of January 4, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Deceased Members of Visitation Parish
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing" on the People of Visitation Parish
Sacred Heart Candle is "God's Bless" on Reverend Frederick Jackiewicz/req. Fr. Al & Staff
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Anthony & Lorraine Capone/req. Daughter, Susan & Family

"LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU"



*Reflections for
The Epiphany of the Lord*

I. Joseph Gigante, Joyce Honecker, Andrea Romano

II. Teresa Knight, James Walsh, Al & Joan Fraraccio

III. Rita Napolitano

"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.



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of

Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. *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: *Judith Ling, Anthony Busby, and Katherine McMahon.*



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.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"The Church of the Visitation is a Roman Catholic Community. We are committed to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the needs of people, through prayer, service, friendship and love. Our commitment is expressed in Sacramental and Gospel interaction. Through Ministry and Stewardship we give greater glory to God."

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call Denise Patetta at the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to dee@visitationchurch.com If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 30, 2015.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS
THEY MAKE OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE**

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

DEGRAFF HOME FOR FUNERALS

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL ONE COLLECTION

JANUARY 4, 2015

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

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

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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.

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

A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 23, 2015

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.

WHY USE ENVELOPES?

God calls us to be good stewards. In the spirit of good stewardship we are reminded to be generous in offering our time, talent and treasure. Our treasure, no matter how great or how small is donated each week through the regular use of the Sunday envelopes. The faithful use of these envelopes makes us conscious of your presence at worship with our Parish Family.

Knowing you are a practicing Catholic is very important in decisions that are made to enter into marriage in the Church or to have your baby baptized. It is extremely important for us to know this when you request a letter of recommendation for sponsorship, either as a godparent at Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation. The Catholic Church, not just Visitation Parish, requires that signs of good faith commitment be present when people request to be sponsors. As a sponsor, you are being asked to give witness to your Catholic faith; to be a model for the person you sponsor.

In addition to sponsorship, using the envelopes the Parish provides confirms the fact that you are a practicing Catholic, participating at Mass, and contributing to the support of the Church. These components are necessary in order to enroll your child in our religious education or sacramental programs and to obtain a favorable tuition rate at a Catholic School.

Joining our Parish Family on Sunday at Mass and using your envelopes enables us to thank you and to provide you with a record of your contributions for tax purposes. If you don't have envelopes, but would like to have them, or if you think you may not be registered in the Parish, please call the Parish Office at 732-477-0028 Ext. 201.

BINGO



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR DECEMBER 50/50



Rosemarie Scelfo was the winner of \$697. Next drawing will be held January 25, 2015.

MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT

Once again, our Music Ministry Christmas Concert, under the direction of Natalya Bencivenga was a huge success. This very talented group of people never disappoints us. Thank you for a beautiful afternoon of music. We sing praise to you!!!

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on January 5th at noon. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



RCIA CORNER

St. Leo the Great preached:

“The loving providence of God...decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ...this was the promise given to Abraham and all his descendants and fulfilled when Jesus became man. It is the promise of salvation that we live today as followers of Christ.”

This Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany; when the three Kings came to honor Jesus. That they were kings was first commented upon by the ancient writer, Tertullian. There is no number given of how many “kings” appeared at the birth of Jesus, however, tradition tells us that the number was three. To the Jews the number three meant completeness and stability, (3 Patriarchs. 3 pilgrimage festivals--Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkoth Kings, etc. The kings were of different ethnicity – one old, one young, and one middle age; each looking different.

The significance of the Feast of the Epiphany is that the kings bowed down to Jesus the King of Kings and they were not Jews, but gentiles who Jesus the Christ also came to save. We see in this feast that God’s kingdom reaches beyond the borders of Jerusalem and embraces the whole earth. We are happy because we are called.

LITURGY NEWS

Is an upcoming Sunday Mass being offered for your departed loved one? If so, it would be especially meaningful for your family to present the gifts during the Offertory Procession of that Mass. Arrive early for Mass on that date; please identify yourself to the Greeters and tell them you would like to bring up the gifts. They will assist you with the necessary instructions.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP
PLEASE GET YOUR SEATS EARLY SO WE ARE
NOT IN JEPORDY OF CANCELLING AGAIN



The next bus trip sponsored by The Holy Name Society will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:00 AM and return approximately 5:30 PM. For additional

information and reservations call Eric at 732-255-1825 or 732-551-8308. All tickets must be paid for in advance to guarantee a seat. Seats are on a first pay basis.

APPLAUSE DURING THE MASS

The role of the music is to enrich the liturgy. The musicians are not performing a recital or concert they are praising the Lord, so please refrain from applauding after the prelude song (before the mass), the meditation song (after the communion) or the recessional song as there are members of the congregation still praying. Please say “Amen” or pray and meditate in silence after the musical pieces. Our music ministry is truly doing a wonderful job, we are asking everyone to sing with us as **the congregation singing is the part of the liturgy.**

Please keep singing and praising the Lord!

REMINDER

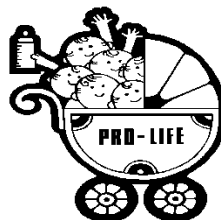
ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

Visit <http://visitationchurch.com> or call Vicki at ext. 216

HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish to have a blessing of your home, please contact the rectory office 732-477-0028 ext.201 to schedule a time for a Priest or Deacon to visit.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION



Visitation will be having a Spiritual Adoption. Parishioners will be asked to “adopt” an unborn baby, to name him or her, and to pray for that baby every day for nine months. Then in we will hold a

“baby shower” for all those who have “adopted” a baby. The gifts brought to the shower will be donated to Birthright in Toms River. Stay tuned for dates in future bulletins.

“LORD GIVE ME PATIENCE. NOW”

Followers of Jesus are called to treat everyone with love. Yet many of us find that it is hard to be patient with others, but patience is a key ingredient necessary to showing love. To acquire it, practice makes patience.

Exercise.

Patience is like a muscle. We need to exercise it every day, but in a society of instant everything, we are losing opportunities. Find ways to practice such as reading a book all the way through without skipping to the end. Plant a seed and care for it until it blooms. Cook from scratch. Then patience will be available when you need it.

Learn your warning signs.

Take note of events that make your heart race, your palms sweat, or your breath quicken so that you can identify and anticipate challenges to your patience before they happen.

Flip it around.

Impatience with others often comes from imposing our ideas on them. What if you were expected to live or act according to someone else’s ideas or opinions? You probably wouldn’t like it. Try practicing acceptance of others instead.

Step out of it.

Often we get annoyed because we assume what others do is meant to offend. In fact, it is likely that others’ actions are intended to be personal. Give people the benefit of the doubt from the first.

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BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY



The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year +C+M+B+ the last two numbers of the year. (20+C+M+B+15) Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean “Christus mansionem benedicat” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.” It’s appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means “door” and the first month is the door to the New Year. After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

God of Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan’s leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us
into your family.

You wed us and embrace us
as your beloved.

May we fill this place
with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care
for every stranger.

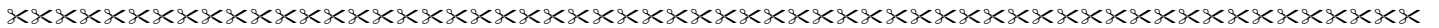
By the gentle light of a star,
guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love.

Then we will join the angels in
proclaiming your praise:

Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and forever. Amen.



Then sing a Christmas carol.



RCIA

Have you just returned to the Catholic Church? Welcome! We are so glad to have you back. We have sorely missed you. Your presence makes the Church much more complete. Would you like someone to contact you? Do you have questions about the Church/Faith/Changes? If you would like someone to get in touch with you please complete the following and place in the collection basket:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

For additional information please call Adult Faith Formation Office at 732 477-7059 ex 214

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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 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. 201-522-3679 – *Coach Doug Roman or droman@fedway.com*

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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