

The image features two lit purple candles in a wicker basket, surrounded by evergreen branches and berries. The background is a dark green gradient. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

2nd *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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 3
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
MONDAY	DECEMBER 5
7:30 AM	Pat Soltis
8:15 AM	Raymond Foley
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 6
7:30 AM	Marilyn Codd
8:15 AM	Anne McQuade
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 7
7:30 AM	Dorothy McDonough
8:15 AM	James Kilkenny
7:00 PM	Malachi & Lucy Towey, Sr (Mass in Church)
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 8 (Masses in Church)
7:30 AM	Michael Perna
9:00 AM	Joseph Motard
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 9
7:30 AM	Francis Brusotti
8:15 AM	Opal Bova
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 10
7:30 AM	Denise Lohnes
8:15 AM	Denise Kemal
4:00 PM	Pietro & Conchetta Malaspina
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 11
6:45 AM	Michael Zarzecki
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Frank Flake
11:00 AM	Henry Karpinski
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 4
Masses	Church
Baptism	1:45 PM Church
MONDAY	DECEMBER 5
Rosary For Life	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms A, B & C
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
Knight of Columbus Mtg.	7:30 PM Room A
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 6
Bingo	11:00 AM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms C
Children's Choir	6:30 PM Church
Alanon	7:00 PM Parish Hall
Liturgy Team	7:15 PM Room B
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 7
Community Luncheon	12:00 PM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
H.S. Confirmation Class	6:00 PM Room A
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
Holy Day Vigil Mass	7:00 PM Church
Advent Small Group Sharing	7:15 AM Room B
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 8
	(Immaculate Conception)
	RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
Mass	9:00 AM Church
BIP Class	3:00 PM Parish Hall
CCD Class	4:30 PM Rooms A & B
Mass	5:00 PM Church
Adult Choir	7:15 PM Church
AA	7:30 PM Auditorium
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 9
Children of Light Prayer Group	7:00PM Parish Hall
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 10
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM Church
RCIA	5:00 PM Parish Hall

For the Week of December 4, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Thomas Walsh

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Msgr. Frank Ferraioli

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Victoria Swity

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Jerry Gray

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 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38


Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



III. Reverend Richard Carlson
"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; *Josephine D'Ambrosio, Richard DeVeneva, Christine Brutto, Marion Hickman*

CONFIRMATION CLASS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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.

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of November 27, 2016

Regular	\$9,703.02
On Line	\$693.00
Total	\$10,396.02

*Reflections for
The Second Sunday of Advent*



In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

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TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR
REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE
FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR THE
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT IN THE SECOND BASKET**

DECEMBER 4, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. Jim O'Scill

SOCIETIES

On November 19th, Poland's bishops, people and president formally declared Jesus Christ to be King of Poland. Cardinal Dziwisz was the principal celebrant at the Divine Mercy shrine in Krakow. This declaration corresponded to the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and the 1,050th anniversary of Polish Christianity. Fifty years ago, Cardinal Dziwisz's predecessor and former boss, Archbishop Wojtyła, led Poland in the 1,000th anniversary while under the harsh rule of Soviet Communism. Twelve years later, Cardinal Wojtyła was elected pontiff and chose the name, John Paul II. When he visited Poland in 1979, he enflamed the Solidarity movement which led to the fairly peaceful downfall of communism in Eastern Europe.

On November 25th, Black Friday, the most capitalistic day of the year, Fidel Castro died. Did he repent of the great evil he did in the sight of the Lord? May God have mercy on his soul and all he harmed. Could the timing be God's way of communicating to the world that both communism and extreme capitalism are wrong? We must be mindful of people in our economies. God loves Cuba which used to be a thriving, religious country until the Castro family seized power. Could Cuba gain her freedom as Poland did in 1989?

In light of recent events in our own country, it is becoming clearer that we too need to recognize Jesus Christ as our King lest we go down the destructive path of Cuba. How can we follow where Poland is now, where families, the government, and the Church agree that Jesus Christ is our King?

Let's start by recognizing that we all belong to a variety of societies, including sports teams, schools, jobs, the Rosary Altar Society, the Holy Name Society, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Each society has its own purpose, structure, rules, and customs.

The three most fundamental societies are family, the state, and the Church. A family has a father, mother, and children and is connected to their extended family. The state works for the common good of civil society. The Church consists of followers of Christ who proclaim the Good News to the world. Each of these societies has its own proper role and ought to help the other societies. The Church is not competent to tell the state how to structure itself. Yet, the Church can declare that communism and extreme capitalism are wrong. The Church can also tell families God's divine plan for human love, but it is up to the father and mother to decide how to educate their children. The Church and the state ought to help families. And families are the basic building blocks of the state and the Church.

Our own country has chosen to be a democratic republic. It relies on churches to teach citizens how to be virtuous. When the state acts in opposition to churches, families suffer. For our country to emerge from its current difficulties, we need the Church to proclaim the Good News and sacrifice for the common good. We need families to embrace Christ as King. With a stronger Church in America and healthier and holier families, we will help the state to remember itself and once again fulfill its responsibility for promoting the common good.

Poland's example can give us hope. During Advent, may God increase supernatural hope in us so that we may more eagerly run to meet Christ, our King.



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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 15, 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.

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**Tickets ordered after that December 15th can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.
A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 27, 2017**



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

You're invited to join the Celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast on December 12 at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Usted está invitado a unirse a la celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Feast el 12 de diciembre a 19:00 en la iglesia

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.



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 THE CHURCH.

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.

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.

SHOP TO SUPPORT

Five Below



Stop by for seasonal items & Stocking Stuffers December 12-18

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).

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).

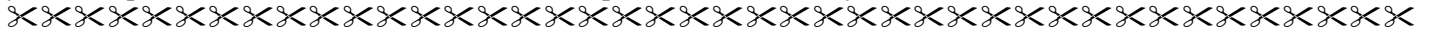
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FLOWERS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

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.



To all of the good people of Visitation,

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

During all Masses next weekend, we will invite all parishioners to join us in participating in the *Faith to Move Mountains* Campaign. We ask you to consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign – one that is right for you.

The response from our parishioners to date has been tremendous and humbling. However, it is only through the participation and support of *every family* that we can truly be successful. Bishop O’Connell has asked each of us to consider a small amount each month over a three-to-five year period. Pledging allows each of us the opportunity to make a sacrificial gift that will help to shape the Church we leave for future generations of Catholic families in our community.

Suggested Gift Plans over 60 months:

\$250 per month given over 60 months equals \$15,000!!!

\$167 per month given over 60 months equals \$10,000!!!

\$100 per month given over 60 months equals \$6,000!!!

\$50 per month given over 60 months equals \$3,000!!!

Thank you to all who have given to make our campaign a success. Your gift to the *Faith to Move Mountains* campaign is greatly appreciated!

God Bless,
Father Ed

DECEMBER 4, 2016

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 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@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 Straneri or straneri.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*