

The image features three lit purple candles of varying heights, arranged on a green, textured base. The candles are lit, with bright yellow flames. In the foreground, there are several purple ornaments, including a large, five-pointed star with a gold border and a smaller, round one. The background is dark, making the candles and ornaments stand out.

*3<sup>rd</sup>* Sunday  
OF ADVENT

*Church of the Visitation*



# Church of the Visitation

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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Director of Visitation Relief Center

### 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*

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 PM</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM</p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> 7:30 AM 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 AM 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30 AM 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30 AM 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> 7:30 AM 8:15 AM 4:00 PM</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 10</b> Pietro &amp; Conchetta Malaspina</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 11</b> Michael Zarzecki Living &amp; Dec'd. Members of The Holy Name Society Frank Flake Henry Karpinski People of the Parish</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 12</b> Eileen Sachs Angelo Leotta</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 13</b> Carole Velluzzi Margaret LaRusso</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 14</b> Dr. Joseph Pizzurro Thomas Halleran</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 15</b> John McDonnell Sr. Patrick Soltis</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 16</b> Aldo Venditto Sarah Jane Furnner</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 17</b> Rose Fernandes John Ruppi</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 18</b> Marco Capasso Maria Iosue Naimo Nicola &amp; Catalda Corallo Leslie Pucci People of the Parish</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b> Masses Christmas Concert</p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> Rosary For Life CCD Classes Cub Scouts Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Bingo Advent Penance Service CCD Classes Children's Choir Advent Penance Service Alanon Holy Name Mtg.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Community Luncheon CCD Classes H.S. Confirmation Class Boy Scouts Youth Choir Practice Advent Small Group Sharing</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Bible Study St. Vincent de Paul Mtg CCD Class Adult Choir AA Royal Hearts Prayer Group</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Children of Light Prayer Group Parents Baptismal Session</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> Christmas Pageant Practice Vigil Mass RCIA</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 11</b> 3:00 PM</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 12</b> 1:30 PM 4:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 13</b> 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 4:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 14</b> 12:00 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 AM</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 15</b> 9:45 AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 7:15 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 16</b> 6:00PM 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>DECEMBER 17</b> 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Church Church</p> <p>Daily Chapel Rooms A, B &amp; C Parish Hall Church</p> <p>Parish Hall Church Rooms C Church Church Parish Hall Room A</p> <p>Parish Hall Rooms A &amp; C Room A Parish Hall Church Room B</p> <p>Parish Hall Room B Rooms A, B &amp; C Church Auditorium Room A</p> <p>Parish Hall Daily Chapel</p> <p>Church Church Parish Hall</p>
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## For the Week of December 11, 2016



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Msgr. Frank Ferraioli  
**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Louis Solernor  
**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Lucy & Malachi Towey  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Raphaela Fasona

**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:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

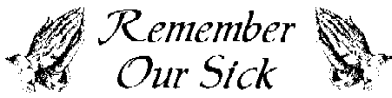
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

# "LORD, COME AND SAVE US"



"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.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



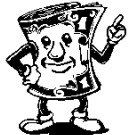
Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 PM in the Church. Please join us in the beautiful and inspiring Holiday Celebration. Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me". This experience will be happily received by Him.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Offering for the Week of December 4, 2016

Regular	\$9,103.38
On Line	\$912.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,015.38</b>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR NOVEMBER 50/50



Josphine Pavone was the winner of \$639. Her winning ticket was a gift. The next drawing will be December 18, in the church auditorium after the 12:30 PM mass.

## *Reflections for The Third Sunday of Advent*



This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. *Loyola Press*

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THEY MAKE OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE.**

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

**SILVERTON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME**

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

**DECEMBER 11, 2016**

*From the Pastor's Desk*



To all of the good people of Visitation,

**FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS:** This weekend, we are asking every family to join us in participating in the Diocese's *Faith to Move Mountains* campaign. I am asking each of you to consider pledging a small amount each month over a three-to-five-year period. Pledging allows 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. These suggested giving plans are an example of how a pledge can have a profound impact on our parish and provide the Diocese with the endowments needed to permanently strengthen our parishes and schools; support our seminarians, retired priests, and deacons; grow our educational offerings; and enhance our social services:

Suggested Gift Plans over 5 years:

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

**\$200 per month given over 60 months equals \$12,000!!!**

**\$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!!!**

As a reminder from my previous letters, our parish also benefits from this campaign through our "Church Covering" project (repairs and replacement of our parking lot and carpeting): we receive 30% of all contributions up to our goal of \$775,000 and, upon reaching that goal, we will receive 70% of over-goal donations towards these needed repairs.

I want to thank all who have already made a sacrificial commitment. If you have not already done so, I would ask for your prayerful consideration – your gift to the *Faith to Move Mountains* campaign is greatly appreciated. All of you continue to be in my prayers; may God continue to send His blessings upon each of you today and every day of the year!

God Bless,

Father Ed



**DINE TO DONATE**



**Authentic Cuban & Classic Spanish Cuisine  
399 Mantoloking Road, Brick 732-701-3861**

**Every Thursday in December (15,22,29)**

**10% of your purchase (excluding tax, gratuities & Sunset Menu) 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)

**DECEMBER 11, 2016**



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



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

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

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

Completed forms must be returned by December 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 [vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org).

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

**Purchaser:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Gift Recipient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Below For Credit Card Orders Only:**

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  Discover  
Billing Address \* \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  
City, St., Zip \* \_\_\_\_\_  Master Card  
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 15<sup>th</sup> can be picked up at the rectory or Community Sunday for Christmas delivery.**

**A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 27, 2017**



**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**  
**PENANCE SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS**  
**WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH TUESDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24-**

4:00 PM, (4:15 PM in the Daily Chapel),  
7:00 PM & 12:00 AM (Midnight)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

**CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC**

The Prelude Music for Christmas Eve as follows:

**3:30 PM for the 4:00 PM Mass**

**6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM Mass**  
**(Children's Choir)**

**11:30 PM for the Midnight Mass**

**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

**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).

**TEN STEPS TO RECONCILIATION**

- 1. Admit and express your feelings.** Write them in a journal; talk them out with an impartial friend. Be honest. Say what you want to say. Get it all out.
- 2. Decide & pray.** Forgiveness is not a matter of feeling, but of decision. The decision to forgive will not automatically change your feelings, but it's a start. Pray for the desire to forgive. Pray that the Lord will change both hearts. Forgiveness is a process; it takes time. Be generous with your time and your heart.
- 3. Confess and repent.** Focus on your sins, not the other persons'. What did I do to contribute to the situation? No one is ever totally innocent. "It takes two..." Rid yourself of resentment; it does no good.
- 4. Let go of fear and anger.** Out of fear, our hearts can harden to protect us from further hurt. We delay reconciliation because of fear of rejection. The longer one waits to reconcile, the more anger and resentment grows. What are you waiting for? Start the process. (Read and reflect on Psalm 51).
- 5. Gain a fair perspective.** When hurt, our imagination has "a field day." Exaggeration blossoms. Get grounded. Place yourself in the other person's shoes. Try to understand.
- 6. Imagine the meeting.** Use your imagination in a positive way. Reflect on what you will say and do. Practice smiling. Imagine that Jesus is in the room with both of you. What is He asking of you?
- 7. Meet with the other person.** Reach out. Take a risk. What have you got to lose? Choose a time when neither will feel rushed. Have a positive attitude. Begin the meeting with prayer. Each speak about the experience from your own perspective. Be open to another interpretation. There are always three perspectives: yours, the other person's, and the truth.
- 8. Give thanks to God.** If successful, offer thanks to God. If not, give thanks for the opportunity to put Gospel teachings into practice. Remember, we learn from our failures as well as our successes. Most of the time, there will be a tomorrow.
- 9. Deepen the reconciliation.** The process continues. This initial act of forgiveness will need to be ratified by other acts of kindness. Make plans for the next get-together: dinner, shopping; some activity that will allow for communication.
- 10. Be patient.** Few friendships are established in one setting; they develop over time. Reconciliation takes time, too. Be good to yourself and your friend. Let reconciliation grow and develop. You're both worth it.

**DECEMBER 11, 2016**

**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.



**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).



**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS HERE!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store volunteers have been busy filling our shelves with items for the Christmas season; angels, snowmen, tree ornaments, and Christmas serving dishes. There is so much more to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Don't forget our daily bag sale for \$10.00 has been reduced for the month of December to \$5.00 a bag. The sale features all men's, women's, and children's clothing. Coats, jackets, housewares, and linens are NOT included in the bag sale, but will be sold at greatly reduced prices. We are also having several "buy one get one free" deals.

Stop in and look around. Always remember, every dollar spent in our Thrift Store, will continue to make you a partner in our efforts to assist the needy families in our Parish and the surrounding community. Please note, we now have a BIN at our store entrance, to place your donations in, when the store is closed.

To those who have donated to the Thrift Store all year, we THANK YOU! Please continue to donate. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.



## **DECEMBER 11, 2016**

### **STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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**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. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrchurch.org*  
**CYO BASKETBALL TEAM** practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 201-522-3679 – *Coach or doug\_roman4@yahoo.com*  
**VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM** provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all adults and boys and girls third grade and higher who have received their Holy Communion. 732-458-1492 - *Sue Stranieri or stranieri.sue@gmail.com*  
**VISITATION TEEN MINISTRY** provides a safe place for high school teenagers to come together, meet new people, and have fun while serving God and the community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – *Christie or cwinters@visitationrchurch.org*

### **Temporal Welfare**

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM** works to improve and enhance the appearance and safety of the existing church, former church, rectory building, and the associated grounds. The goal of this team is to adhere to all current safety and building codes and ensure that the house of God is maintained in an appropriate manner. - *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201  
**FINANCE COUNCIL** oversees the financial aspects of the parish 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Karen Smith*  
**FUTURES TEAM** assesses and implements the needs of the parish to ensure that we are prepared for the future. The various teams coordinate all activities pertaining to the development of the Faith Formation Center. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - *Vicki Cottrell-vcottrell@visitationrchurch.org*

### **Organizations**

**AA MEETINGS** are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.  
**CUB SCOUT PACK #38**, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. No meeting during July & August. 732-451-0252 *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*  
**BOY SCOUT TROOP #38**, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the old church. 732-262-8977 - *Matt Powell or matthewapowell@verizon.net*  
**HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY** promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 8:00 AM Mass the second Sunday of the month and meet the Tuesday following the second Sunday at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrchurch.org*  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836** work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Council Home on the corner of Cedarbridge Avenue and Route 70 East.  
**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** honors the Blessed Virgin Mary to secure her patronage through the daily recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of the parish community. Members attend the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month. The Monday following the first Sunday of the month they meet at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary. The meeting will follow at 12:00 noon in the Church Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrchurch.org*