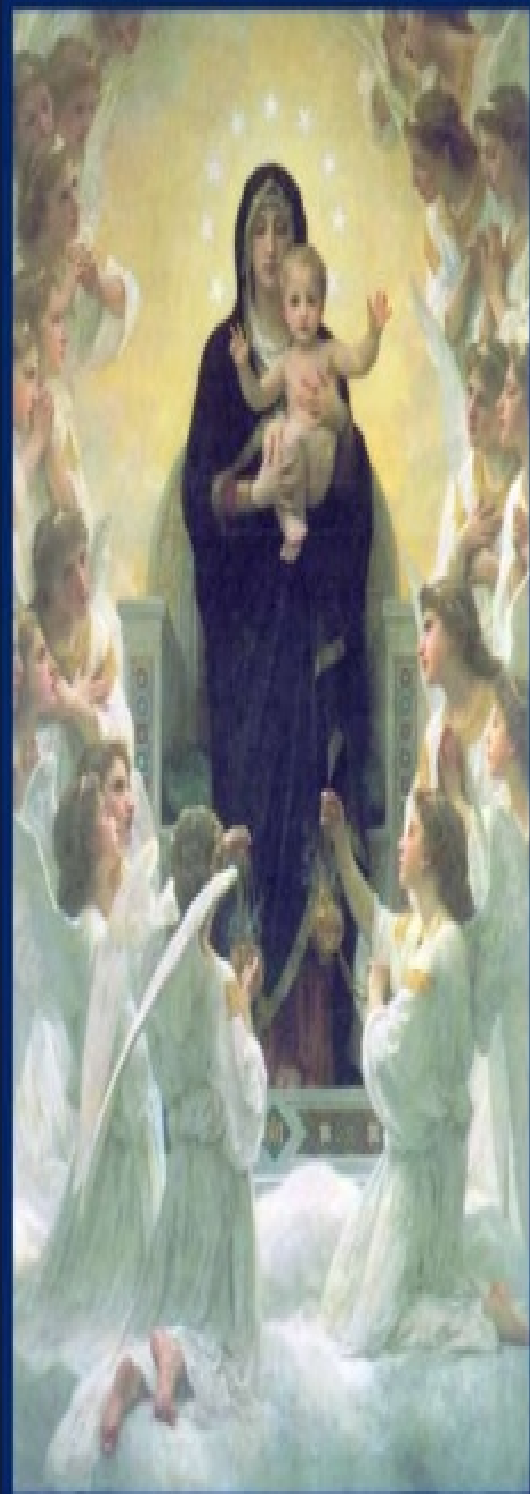


Church of the Visitation Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Pray for us,
Oh Holy Mother of
God!

May we be made
worthy
Of the promises of
Christ.



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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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 – Friday 7:30 (Daily Chapel)
Tues., Wed., Thur., Sat. - 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)
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 an 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 are held 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

“SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD”



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 31
4:00 PM	James & Ann McTernan
SUNDAY	JANUARY 1
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Stephen E. Zaleski
11:00 AM	Gordon Mills
12:30 PM	Elsie Semirara
MONDAY	JANUARY 2
7:30 AM	Kenny Whitonis
TUESDAY	JANUARY 3
7:30 AM	Chris Rucci
8:15 AM	James Blumensteel
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 4
7:30 AM	John Wall
8:15 AM	Ryan Beard
THURSDAY	JANUARY 5
7:30 AM	Keith Eston Poindexter
8:15 AM	Joseph Ilaria
FRIDAY	JANUARY 6
7:30 AM	McGinley Family
SATURDAY	JANUARY 7
8:15 AM	Peggy Greene
4:00 PM	Rosa Fernandes
SUNDAY	JANUARY 8
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Names Society
9:30 AM	Maria Sasso
11:00 AM	Ramon Mutt
12:30 PM	Maureen Loffredo

SUNDAY	JANUARY 1	
Masses		Church
MONDAY	JANUARY 2	
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY		
NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK		
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
TUESDAY	JANUARY 3	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 4	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Event Development</i>	7:00 PM	Room B
THURSDAY	JANUARY 5	
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	JANUARY 6	
<i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>	7:00PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	JANUARY 7	
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 (23, 31-34, 36, 38)
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

REMINDER: THERE WILL NO LONGER BE 8:15 AM MASS ON MONDAYS & FRIDAY AND NO 7:30 AM MASS ON SATURDAYS.

For the Week of January 1, 2017



Blessed Mother Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Stephen E. Zaleski
Sacred Heart Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Deceased Members of Deegan & Mesgleski Families

REMINDER: 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.

GREETER MINISTRY



Greeters are Ministers of Hospitality who welcome parishioners and guests to our church. Members are at the church entrances so that anyone who comes to worship is greeted with a warm smile and a friendly word. Greeters also serve at church events (such as parish concerts and missions) and with our ushers assist in handling special situations. For more information, contact the Rectory Office ext. 217.

“MAY GOD BLESS US IN HIS MERCY”



“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 Edward Perri and Stephanie Battaglini.

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 contact the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to info@visitationRCchurch.org. If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 27, 2017.

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2016

Reflections for The Solemnity



Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith
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JANUARY 1, 2017

FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. Jim O'Neill

MOTHER OF GOD

At the Visitation, St. Elizabeth addresses her cousin Mary as "mother of my Lord." She also says that Mary is blessed for believing what "the Lord" said to her. When referring to one's king, one says, "my Lord." When referring to God, we say, "the Lord." Just days after Mary consented to the Incarnation, she is already recognized as the mother of the King. She is the Queen mother. Back in the Ancient Near East, the queen was not the wife of the king but rather the king's mother. Just like any good Queen, Mary is already interceding for people. She helps Elizabeth, John the Baptist, and Zechariah. She brings Jesus, the King, to them. John leaps for joy. The women rejoice. Zechariah will praise the Lord at the naming of his newborn son, John.

Some people criticize us for honoring Mary too much. Yet, it is fitting for us to honor the Queen of Heaven, the Mother of God. We are commanded to honor our parents. How wonderful for us to honor the mother of Jesus. Some may say that spending so much attention on Mary distracts us from keeping our focus on Jesus. However, do you think that Leonardo da Vinci would be offended by our attention on his masterpiece, the Mona Lisa? Similarly, Jesus is delighted when we venerate His mother, His spiritual masterpiece.

Consider the Hail Mary. When we address the Blessed Mother in the Hail Mary, we're actually praying a rather Christocentric prayer. The name of Jesus, for example, is at the center of the prayer. The first line is the proclamation of Heaven by the Archangel Gabriel. The second line is the praise of Earth via Elizabeth. All Heaven and Earth are praising God for becoming Incarnate in the womb of Mary. With Jesus recognized as our King, we then ask His mother, the Queen, to "pray for us now and at the hour of our death." When we pay attention to Mary, we find that she leads us to her Son.

During this new year 2017, with all our resolutions, hopes, and fears, we can ask our Queen Mother to intercede for us. What will she do? She'll bring our petitions to her Son, the King of all kings. She'll be with us as we approach the throne of grace. Who will we find? We'll find Jesus delighting in us and His mother.

May 13th will mark the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. She asked us to pray the Rosary which is full of Hail Marys. Praying the rosary, saying all those Hail Marys just a little bit slower will help us draw closer to our Queen who brings us to our King.

Join our E-Community to receive important parish information!

Visit our Website at www.visitationRCchurch.org or text **VisitationBrick** to 84576 and join us.

*Don't worry - we respect your privacy and we promise **not** to overwhelm you with messages!*

You can unsubscribe at any time.

Youth Group Announcement

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

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

Young Adult Group Announcement

Visitation Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce the formation of our local Catholic young adults community. Our parish will host meetings every other Tuesday starting January 17th at 7pm in the Daily Chapel. All between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism are welcome.

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

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

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON will return on Wednesday, January 11. It will be open every Wednesday from 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.

BINGO



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR DECEMBER 50/50

Tina D’Ambola was the winner of \$502. Tina’s ticket was an annual subscription gift. Next drawing will be held January 22, 2017 at our Community Sunday gathering.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on January 9th at noon. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults 18 and older who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, sessions are now forming. Orientation and registration will be on Friday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel. There are 10 instruction weeks, 1 Retreat, 1 practice session and Confirmation Day. We begin on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Confirmation will be on Saturday, April 16, 2017 at the Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm. The sessions are conducted at the Saturday. 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word and continue in the Parish Hall until 6:30. Registration forms are available on the website at visitationrcchurch.org, or call Dale Zanetti, in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org.

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.

REMINDER

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE



One time or recurring donations can be made through our secure on-line partner using direct debit from bank account or credit cards.

You can designate the fund that you wish to donate to and there is a comment field to indicate any special instructions. You can modify your donation at any time.

Visit <http://visitationRCchurch.org> or call Vicki at ext. 216

JANUARY 1, 2017



HOLY HOUR

Join us in Church for
Holy Hour and Benediction.

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT

January 6, 2017

7:00 – 8:00 PM

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.

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!

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.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The rectory office will be closed January 2 for the New Year’s Holiday. We will open, Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 AM.



“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.

DINE TO DONATE AND SHOP TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our programs throughout 2016 by participating in our fundraisers. Please continue to support the merchants that participated and stay tuned for our lineup for 2017.

Dine to Donate

Crab Shack ~ Buffalo Wild Wings
Jack and Mike’s Brick House
Boardwalk Hot Dogs Cafe
Skillet’s Fresh Grill ~ Bubbakoos Burritos
Come 2 Mamas ~ Quaker Steak and Lube
Smashburger ~ Spanish Olive

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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. 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*