

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*"Let the one among you who is without
sin be the first to throw a stone"*

John 8:7



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 – 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 the Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 PM 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

“WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION”



SATURDAY	APRIL 1
4:00 PM	Zachary Kane
SUNDAY	APRIL 2
6:45 AM	Dolores Lusko
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Lynn Nutley.
11:00 AM	Ana Michels
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	APRIL 3
7:30 AM	Eleftherios Stavakis
TUESDAY	APRIL 4
7:30 AM	Alejardro Lemus
8:15 AM	Josephine D'Ambrosio
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 5
7:30 AM	Jerrilyn Becker
8:15 AM	Tilly Perna
THURSDAY	APRIL 6
7:30 AM	Angelo LaRusso
8:15 AM	Lore Knuppertz
FRIDAY	APRIL 7
7:30 AM	Linda Craolici
SATURDAY	APRIL 8
8:15 AM	Ted House
4:00 PM	Richard McParland
SUNDAY	APRIL 9
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	William J. Mack, Jr.
11:00 AM	Alexander Banoff
12:30 PM	Thomas Smith

SUNDAY	APRIL 2
Masses	Church
Baptism	1:45 PM Church
Rise Against Hunger	2:00 PM Old Church
Youth Group Mtg.	7:00 PM Parish Hall
MONDAY	APRIL 3
Rosary Altar Mtg.	12:00 PM Parish Hall
Breast Health Lecture	12:45 PM Parish Hall
Rosary for Life	1:30 PM Chapel
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rm A,B,C
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
First Communion Practice	7:00 PM Church
Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:30 PM Room A
TUESDAY	APRIL 4
Bereavement	10:30 AM Chapel
Bingo	11:00 AM Parish Hall
Lenten Penance Service	2:00 PM Church
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rm C
Children's Choir	6:00 PM Church
Alanon	7:00 PM Parish Hall
Lenten Penance Service	7:00 PM Church
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 5
Community Luncheon	12:00 PM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rm A & C
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
Contemporary Stations	7:00 PM Chapel
Youth Choir Practice	7:00 PM Church
THURSDAY	APRIL 6
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rm A,B,C
Adult Choir	7:15 PM Church
H.S. Confirmation Class	7:15 PM Rm C
AA	7:30 PM Parish Hall
Lenten Group Sharing	7:30 PM Room B
FRIDAY	APRIL 7
Traditional Stations of the Cross	4:00 PM Church
Holy Hour	7:00 PM Church
Children of Light	8:00 PM Church
SATURDAY	APRIL 8
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM Church
RCIA	4:30 PM Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

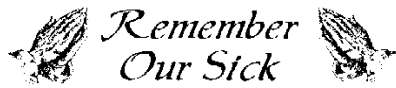
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 (27:11-54)

For the Week of March 26, 2017



Blessed Mother Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Emily & Natale Amato
 Sacred Heart Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Ann & James Underwood

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



III. Rosemary Russell

"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 VISITATION'S 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, *Wanda Andrews, Thomas Iannicco*



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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of March 26, 2017

Regular	\$9,554.54
On Line	\$820.00
Total	\$10,374.54

YOUTH GROUP

Visitation Roman Catholic Church has formed a youth group. We invite all youth from 8th grade to high school to join us every other Sunday, in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 2 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSION IN THE SECOND BASKET.

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Reflections for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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APRIL 2, 2017

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Jim O'Neill

OCEAN OF MERCY

Before I became a priest, I watched *Ocean of Mercy*. It is available to our parish via Formed.org. Look in the “Video” section under “Documentaries.” Fr. Ed will explain how to access Formed within a few weeks. *Ocean of Mercy* portrays the stories of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II. They are modern day “Apostles of Mercy.” I offer this recommendation for three reasons.

First, Pope St. John Paul II was called home to the Father’s house twelve years ago on 2 April 2005. When the world experiences great evil, God raises up great saints. It is fitting that He has chosen to convey His mercy to the world via three Polish saints. From Poland, the heart of Europe, we see God revealing His merciful heart.

Second, we are fast approaching the Easter Triduum. This is a wonderful time to receive God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have two Lenten penance services this Tuesday, April 4th, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Fr. Ed and I are also hearing confessions at the normal time on Saturdays at 3 p.m. We’ll skip Holy Saturday in order to give all of us a better chance to wait quietly for Easter. Fr. Ed and I are also available to hear confessions at other times. Just give us a call. Most of us feel shame and sorrow approaching confession. Yet, when we hear the words of absolution, we know we’re forgiven. We can leave confession jubilant, filled with God’s merciful love.

Third, if we are worried about the future, being reminded of God’s mercy can help. I especially recommend learning more about Pope St. John Paul II and what he taught by word and example. He was a key figure in peacefully bringing down Communism in Eastern Europe. His efforts began even before he became a priest when he was involved in a clandestine theater group. He worked for and promoted a transformation of culture. The word “culture” is related to “cult.” How we worship God impacts how we live in our culture. If you think that our society is in terrible trouble, that we need God, then we need to worship Him more faithfully. Next, He will work through us for a transformation of our culture. Applying bandages to our hemorrhaging society won’t work. We need a thorough transformation in how we love God and love neighbor. We were surprised that it happened in Eastern Europe. We can pray to be pleasantly surprised for such a transformation in these United States. God is merciful. He invites us to receive His mercy and be merciful to our neighbor.

HELP THE HOMELESS

For the month of April, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear (men’s, women’s & children’s) for the homeless. Please drop off your donation to the thrift shop during regular business hours (8:30 am – 12:30 pm Monday – Saturday) or if after hours to the rectory office Monday-Friday 1:30 – 4:30.

THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN

Church of St. Martha, Sunday, April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday) from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the All Purpose Room. Join in for a spiritual presentation on the Holy Shroud, believed by many to be the true burial cloth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This unique event touches both the mind and the heart, providing a wonderful beginning for the journey of Holy Week. Note: No visual or voice recordings will be permitted; still photography only!

BAKE SALE SUCCESS



Thanks to the many parishioners that helped The Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale to be the great success it was. We raised \$1,244.75. The proceeds from this sale have been earmarked for new carpeting in the Church Worship Space. A heartfelt thank you to all the Rosary Altar Society ladies and parishioners that came and gave up their time to help bake.

DECORATING HELP NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping to decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 15 at 8:30 AM. Please call Vicki at 732-477-7059 ext. 216 for additional information.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT VISITATION

Lent is not only about sacrifice. It is a time that provides us with opportunities to strengthen our prayer life and our commitment to be faithful servants of God. Here at Visitation, in addition to the year round devotions available, many activities are available at various times to meet a variety of schedules. Make this Lent a meaningful one. Here are just a few:

Traditional Stations of the Cross are available every Friday at 4:00 m in the Church.

Contemporary Stations of the Cross are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent in the quiet of the Daily Chapel. They provide time for meditation as well as a dialog between Christ and each one of us. As we follow the stations, each meditation is an authentic application of Jesus' suffering to our personal lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the presence of God and experience the depth of the Lenten Season. The prayers used in this encounter help us connect Christ's last steps on this earth to our own daily lives.

Living Stations of the Cross will be held at 11:00 am on Good Friday.

Holy Hour is available every first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Church. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction on April 7th to add meaning to your Lent.

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

On Good Friday, at 11:00 AM, Our 7th Graders will follow the road Jesus took from the time He was condemned to where He died. "The Way of The Cross" is our way of remembering the incredible sorrow, pain and love that Jesus took to His death. Please join us. Weather permitting, we will begin in the Narthex of the church then outside and around the entire church to the Cross in the front. For additional information, please call, Nancy Grodberg in the Religious Education Department at 732-477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.

EASTER MEALS TO GO

St. Martha's Knights of Columbus council #7926 will cook and box up complete Easter meals for either pick up or delivery on the morning of Saturday, April 15 (11:00 AM-12:30 PM). Anyone who would like a free dinner for Easter Day please call St. Martha parish office at 732-295-3630 and leave; your name and phone number, whether you want delivery or pick-up, your address for delivery, how many meals you need, and if you want pasta or ham as a main course.



**PENANCE SERVICE, TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH
2:00 & 7:00 PM**

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.

APRIL 2, 2017

**BEREAVEMENT
MINISTRY**



Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Daily Chapel on: April 4, 11, 18, 25 & May 2, 9, & 16. Please call Joan Schirano at 732-364-2483 if you're planning on attending or for additional information.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society is April 3, 2017. We will begin with the rosary at 11:30 am in the church followed by the meeting at 12:00 in the church auditorium. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Terry Harrison, RN will Lecture on Breast Health. Tickets will be on sale for the Area Wide Mass and Luncheon. It will be held at St. Martha's Church on Oct. 4, 2017 at 11:00 am and the Luncheon will be at the White Sands in Pt. Pleasant Beach. The cost of the tickets is \$40.00. If you wish additional information or would like to become a member, please call Dee DeTuro at 732-232-7132.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR
MARCH 50/50**



Steve Sokol was the winner of \$518. The next drawing will be April 23 in the Parish Hall after the 12:30 PM mass.

WHOA

April 5, 2017

**St. Joseph by the Sea, 400 Rt. 35, North
South Mantoloking, NJ**

Does your life feel like a runaway horse? Escape for a day with Jesus simply to STOP and BREATHE. Come for prayer, music, meditation, a walk on the beach and BREATHE. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:30 a.m. Departure: 2:30 p.m. Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD Cost: \$45 To register or for additional information please call 732-892-8494



HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT ~ April 7
7:00 to 8:00 PM

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are needed for the 12:30 PM mass on Sundays. If interested, please contact Kathy Cifelli at 732-262-4186.

EVERY WOMAN COUNTS



Early detection is critical to successfully managing our health. Meridian Health provides free breast health lectures to groups of woman as a result from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This educational series aims to decrease the occurrence of breast cancer. Additionally, the grant provides woman with free mammograms & diagnostics services as well as transportation to and from their scheduled screening. Every woman with any financial barriers will be provided with support as needed. Please join us for this Breast Health Lecture presented by Terry Harrison on Monday, April 2, 2017 at 12:45 PM in the Parish Hall.

ENVELOPE ETIQUETTE

Please do not tape or staple your donation envelopes. When trying to open them, we run the risk of ripping the check or cash inside. The envelope glue is sufficient to keep your envelope closed.

Thank you!



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins the weekend of April 21st at the Family Life Center in Malvern, P.A.. For more information, or to register visit our website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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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. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

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 and evening sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. 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 weekly to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

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 is in the process of reforming. Contact Fr. Ed at the rectory or info@visitationRCchurch.org.

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 – *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@visitationrcchurch.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*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH 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 weekly 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 less fortunate in our parish and the surrounding community. Donations of nonperishable food are accepted at the doors of the Church to assist the hungry of the community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

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@visitationrcchurch.org*

CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. *Artie* 732-965-4802 or *ahhvacr@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 YOUTH 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@visitationrcchurch.org*

VISITATION YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY provides an opportunity for all between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism to join our local Catholic young adults community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – *Christie or cwinters@visitationrcchurch.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*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.

ALANON MEETINGS are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

CUB SCOUT PACK #38 is sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*

BOY SCOUT TROOP #38 is sponsored by the Holy Name Society. 908-839-8538– *Anthony Botts or b38scout@msn.com*

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 and meet monthly 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrcchurch.org*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. 732-600-1029 – *Andrew Kelly or andrekkelly3@me.com*

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 and meet monthly. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrcchurch.org*

Consult the Parish Events Calendar on our parish website (www.visitationRCchurch.org) for the most current schedule of meeting dates, times, and locations. Information in the Calendar of Events section of the bulletin is current as of bulletin publication.