

Church of the Visitation

*Glory to GOD in
the highest, and
on earth peace to
those on whom
his favor rests.*

Luke 2-14

FILL US ALL WITH

Peace



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 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY 4:00 PM	DECEMBER 9 Lucy & Malachi Towey
SUNDAY 6:45 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	DECEMBER 10 People of the Parish Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society Frank Flake Kathleen Pfaeffle McCoy James Kilkenny
MONDAY 7:30 AM	DECEMBER 11 Denise Kemal
TUESDAY 7:30 AM 8:15 AM	DECEMBER 12 Rose Custode Wesley Mulrean
WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 8:15 AM	DECEMBER 13 Frances Dudash Giuliana Leotta
THURSDAY 7:30 AM 8:15 AM	DECEMBER 14 James Barracella God's blessings on Tom Leahy
FRIDAY 7:30 AM	DECEMBER 15 John McDonnell Sr.
SATURDAY 8:15 AM 4:00 PM	DECEMBER 16 Sister Sylvia Haas Arthur Dempsey
SUNDAY 6:45 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	DECEMBER 17 Dolores Lusko People of the Parish Angela Hibbard-Duddy Leslie Pucci Angelo & Giuliana Leotta

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Christmas Pageant</i>	2:00 PM	Church
<i>Youth Group</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
MONDAY	DECEMBER 11	
<i>Rosary for Life</i>	1:30 PM	Chapel
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rm. A, B & C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:00 PM	Parish Hall
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 12	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>Penance Service</i>	2:00 PM	Church
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 pm	Rm. A & C
<i>Living Rosary</i>	4:30 PM	Church
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:00 PM	Church
<i>OL of Guadalupe Celebration</i>	6:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Rm. A
<i>Penance Service</i>	7:00 PM	Church
<i>Holy Name Society</i>	7:30 PM	Rm. B
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 13	
<i>Newark Retired Priest</i>	10:00 AM	Chapel
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM	Rm. A, B & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Advent Series</i>	7:00 PM	Chapel
<i>Youth Choir</i>	8:00 PM	Church
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 14	
<i>CCD</i>	4:00 PM	Rm. C
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM	Rm. A
<i>Finance Council Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM	Rm. B
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 15	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Rm. C
<i>Parents Baptismal Formation Class</i>	7:00 PM	Chapel
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16	
<i>Knights of Columbus Christmas Party</i>	1:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM	Rm. A, B & C

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

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

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

For the Week of December 10, 2017



Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Anna Marie Blumensteel

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Henry Karpinski

“LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS, AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.”

Welcome into God's Family

Nolan Robert Raymundo Hernandez



“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; *Josephine Fischer*

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

CHRISTMAS GIFTS WITH A CHRISTIAN THEME

When: December 17th, Community Sunday.

8:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

The Teaching Crèche will display: - infant, toddler, youth and adult wear- original photography linked to Sacred Scripture and much more! Get a coupon for \$5 off a purchase of \$25 at the card racks located by the church doors and in the narthex. 20% of all sales will be donated to The St Vincent De Paul Ministry.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of December 3, 2017

Regular	\$10,376.53
On Line	\$1,161.64
Total	\$11,538.17

Some of the expenses for January included:

Electric	\$1,857.59
Natural Gas	\$577.51
Heating Oil	\$291.49
Communications Services	\$553.13
Landscaping	\$1,495.00
Property Taxes	\$6,162.21
Total	\$10,936.93

Reflections for Second Sunday of Advent



On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. *Loyola Press*



I don't know about you, but I find society's message for this time of year very confusing. If we listen and try to follow what we hear from the media and see in the shopping malls, it almost seems as if we're commanded to "be joyful in the holiday spirit". This implies that there's something wrong with us if we are anything less than deliriously joyful while we're plunking down our plastic at the cash register, or driving ourselves crazy isolated in the "comfort" of our homes while on-line, for that latest "must have" gift.

Of course, this would be an effort for anyone even under the best of circumstances, but it can be especially difficult – if not impossible – for those grieving the recent (or maybe not so recent) loss of a loved one. To help maintain a hopeful, Christ-centered perspective on this holiday season (which for Catholics and many other Christians is called "Advent"; the Christmas season doesn't begin until December 25th) I would like to offer ten tips from the National Catholic Ministry for the Bereaved to remember during those times when your heart is heavy and grief seems overpowering:

- Try to remember. Don't try to forget
- Give yourself the gift of healing tears
- Be realistic in your expectations
- Tell people what you need. Ask for their help
- Don't lose the holidays completely
- Keep some traditions. Choose those that bring you comfort
- Visit a special place that brings you warm memories
- Listen to your body. Take time to rest, refresh and renew
- Don't wait for others to bring you happiness
- Light a special candle in celebration of the love you still share.

My prayers that you have a blessed Advent season and all hopes for holy joy as we prepare for the true Christmas miracle of the Incarnation – the Word taking flesh and dwelling among us!

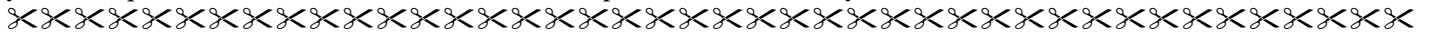
Fr. Ed

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.

SHOP TO SUPPORT
Five Below



Stop by for seasonal items & Stocking
Stuffers December 10-16
10% of your purchase (excluding tax)
will be donated to the
Church of the Visitation
Covering Fund (parking lot).
MUST BRING FLYER

(available at the doors of the church or print from
our website).

DECEMBER DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

Quaker Steak & Lube, Brick Every Tuesday in
December (12, 19, 26) All day
**NO COUPON NEEDED... BRING FLYER,
SHOW ON PHONE, OR TELL SERVER**

10% of your bill excluding tax, gratuity & alcohol
will be donated to the Church of the Visitation
Covering Fund (parking lot replacement).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT (NOTE TIME)



Our Christmas will be held on Sunday,
December 17, 2017 at 3:00 PM at Church
of the Visitation. Admission is free for
everyone. There will be a free will
offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our
Music Ministr. For more information please contact
our Music Director, Natalya at 732-477-7059 ext.
217.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



All are invited to participate in our
celebration in honor of the Virgin of
Guadalupe on 12 December at 4:30. A
rosary for the unborn will be prayed in
the church followed by a mass
accompanied by mariachi music. We will continue
the celebration in the church hall at 6 o'clock. We
hope to see everyone there!

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Les invitamos a todos a participar en nuestra
celebración en honor de Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre. Después de rezar el
rosario para los no nacidos a las 4:30 en la iglesia,
se celebrará la Santa Misa a las 5:00 acompañado
de música de mariachi. Continuamos a festejarla a
las 6:00 en el sótano De la Iglesia. Esperamos verles
a todos!



ADVENT MISSION SERIES

"Be Born Among Us" - December
is always a busy time of buying
gifts, attending social and work
gatherings and making sure
everything is ready for Christmas. Advent is the
Liturgical Season of anticipation and preparation for
the birth of Christ. In the Advent Season we
remember how God took on flesh and became man
in the person of Christ our Savior. Set time apart
this Advent Season for a three-week mission
presented by Fr. Joseph Jakub to prepare us well for
the birth of Christ once again in our lives this
Christmas. Join us for the following sessions in
order to have a fuller experience of Christ's birth at
Christmas:

Wednesday, December 13 - 7pm: Christ is born
among us in the present

Wednesday, December 20 - 7pm: Christ will come
again in the future

All events will take place in the Church Worship
Space. In the midst of this hectic time of year don't
forget to set sometime aside to grow in your
spiritual journey. Join us and be encouraged and
renewed!

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 18th or earlier. (Our elves need a few
days to deliver the gifts to our needy families).



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
PENANCE SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS
WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24-

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00, 10:00, and 12:00 PM

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

The Prelude Music for Christmas Eve as follows:

3:30 PM for the 4:00 PM Mass

11:30 PM for the Midnight Mass

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

is next Sunday, December 17 (beginning after the 8:00 AM mass) and will be hosted by Bingo, Youth & Young Adult Groups, & Knights of Columbus. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.

If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, please stop by or call the rectory office (ext. 201) and speak with Denise Patetta. You can subsidize a month with a donation of \$100 or more or you can sponsor a month for a donation of \$300. You can honor either a living or deceased loved one.



**THIS MONTH'S
COMMUNITY SUNDAY
(DECEMBER 17)
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COLUMBUS COUNCIL
836**

DECEMBER 10, 2017

**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50
Annual Subscriptions Available for 2018**



**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 2018.

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

Completed forms must be returned by December 10, 2017, 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 vottrell@visitationRCchurch.org.

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

Purchaser:

Name: _____ Phone _____
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.

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Below For Credit Card Orders Only:

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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 December 10th can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.
A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 26, 2018**

DECEMBER 10, 2017

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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 Baptism@visitationRCchurch.org*

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. 732-477-5217 – *Nancy Grodberg*.

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 Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM 732-475-0589– *Cathy or Bingo@visitationRCchurch.org*.

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*

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 732-477-7059 ext. 221 – *Fr.*

Jakub or frjakub@visitationRCchurch.org

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, 609-703-4493 - *Jason Worth or jworth127@gmail.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 609-234-4437 – *Richard Bencivenga or visitation.holyname@gmail.com*

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 andrekelly3@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.