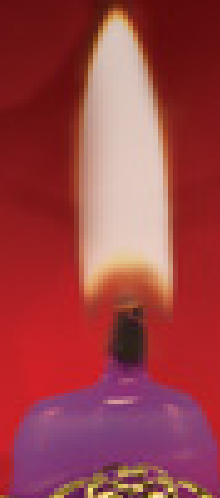


# Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723



# HOPE

*It is good that a man should both hope and  
quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.*

LAMENTATIONS 3:26

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## Welcome!

*The entire parish community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners*

**Rectory Office Phone:** 732-477-0028  
**Religious Education:** 732-477-5217  
**Rectory Fax:** 732-477-1274  
**Rectory Address:** 730 Lynnwood Ave. Brick, NJ  
**Website:** www.visitationchurch.com

**REV. ALBERT RICCIARDELLI, PASTOR, EXT. 201**  
**REV. JAMES O'NEILL, PAROCHIAL VICAR, EXT. 220**

### Assisting Priests

Rev. James Sauchelli      Rev. Bernard Mohan  
Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Gonzalez      Rev. Msgr. Vincent Doyle  
Msgr. Philip Franceschini      Rev. Richard Carlson

### Deacons

**Salvatore Vicari, Ext. 218**      **Nicola Stranieri, Ext. 102**  
**Richard Johnston, Ext. 221**      **Edward Fischer**

### Staff

**Denise Patetta, Ext. 201**      **Nancy Grodberg Ext. 219**  
Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor      Coordinator of Religious  
**Vicki Cottrell, Ext. 216**      Education  
Pastoral/Business Admin      **Dee DeTuro, Ext 219**  
**Natalie Bencivenga, Ext. 217**      Religious Education Asst.  
Music Director/Organist      **Dale Zanetti, Ext.214**  
**Marie Bottazzi, Ext. 105**      Coordinator of Adult Faith  
Youth Ministry Leader      Formation  
**Christie Winters, 732-746-3456**  
Director of Visitation Relief Center

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday thru Friday:** 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
**Saturday and Sunday:** 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

### 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 and 5:30 PM  
**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.

*Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower*

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>
4:00 PM	Frank Ammerata/req. Family
5:30 PM	Helen & Edward Price/req. Granddaughter, Linda
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	James Kilkenny/req. Wife & Family
9:30 AM	Marie Amato/req. Son, John
11:00 AM	Leslie Pucci/req. Family
12:30 PM	Angela & Nat Licandro/req. Joe & Camille Licandro
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>
7:30 AM	Kerwin Ynaya/req. Parents
8:15 AM	Albert Schirano/req. Wife, Joan
7:30 PM	Richard Murtague/req. Frank & Kathleen Bottazzi
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2</b>
7:30 AM	Frank Posluszny/req. Wife
8:15 AM	Cecelia & Joseph Uhl/req. Joanne Laniewski
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3</b>
7:30 AM	Daniel Ryan Mc Ginn/req. Grandfather, Don
8:15 AM	Frank & Albina Rebar, Sr./req. The Rebar Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4</b>
7:30 AM	Ruth Kutzner/req. John Petit
8:15 AM	Raymond Foley/req. Audrey Foley
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5</b>
7:30 AM	Grace Merkel/req. The Snowden Family
8:15 AM	Orsola Di Carlo Gervasio/req. Fr. Al & Staff
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6</b>
7:30 AM	Dec'd Members of the Adlon Family/req. Joan Fraraccio
8:15 AM	Barbara T. Talarico/req. Christine De Turo & John Jensen
4:00 PM	Malachi T. Towey/req. Wife & Family
5:30 PM	Jeanne Penn/req. Daughter, Linda
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>
6:45 AM	Josephine "Josie" Gelesky/req. Nancy Grodberg
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Faust Canino/req. Daughter, Rita
11:00 AM	James Kilkenny/req. Wife & Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

	<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
<i>C.C.D. Classes</i>	9:15 AM	Lake Riviera MS
<i>High School Confirmation</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>	
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:15 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2</b>	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Event Development Meeting</i>	6:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3</b>	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>AFF Meeting</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room C
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4</b>	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Youth Choir</i>	5:00 PM	Church
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5</b>	
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6</b>	
<i>Advent Retreat</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:30 PM	Auditorium

## Readings for the Week

**NOV. 30 SUN. First Sunday of Advent**  
 Isaiah 63:16-17, 19 First Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

**DEC. 1 MON. Advent**  
 Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11

**DEC. 2 TUES. Advent**  
 Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24

**DEC. 3 WED. Saint Francis Xavier, priest**  
 Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37

**DEC. 4 THUR. Saint John Damascene, priest and doctor**  
 Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**DEC 5 FRI. Advent**  
 Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31

**DEC. 6 SAT. Saint Nicholas, bishop**  
 Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35--10:1, 6-8

### For the Week of November 30, 2014



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Edward Deresz/req. Ray

**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Patsy Angarano/req. Family

**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Jorge Hurtado Molfino/req. Family

**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Victoria Swity/req. Family



*Remember  
Our Sick*

**II. Teresa Knight, James Walsh, Al & Joan Fraraccio**

"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; *Frank Monsell*



**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.

**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 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 and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration **WE WILL NOT BE HAVING HOLY HOUR OR BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DECEMBER 5, 2014 OR JANUARY 2, 2015. HOLY HOUR WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:00 PM.**



*Reflections for  
The First Sunday of Advent*



We begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

We are reminded today that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. *Loyola Press*

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

**MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY**



Just as with your own homes as the buildings on our church campus age, it becomes more and more necessary and costly to maintain the integrity of the structures and keep everyone safe. A few weeks ago it was noticed that the bricks were pulling away from the chimney creating an unsafe condition and causing water to leak into the sacristy. This was not something that could wait for repair. Even with a significant discount from a parishioner who did the work, this was a costly repair – over \$16,000. We are very grateful to all who participate in our fundraisers – especially the gift auction and the monthly 50/50. Combined with monthly contributions to our maintenance and repair fund, we were able to pay for the repair, but we know there is much more to be done.

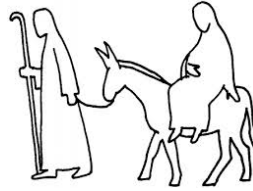
**ALL MASSES DURING ADVENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN THE DAILY CHAPEL.**

**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).

**ADVENT PROGRAM**



**Saturday, December 6, 2014 - 12:30 To 3:30 pm.** \_This year

we will be introducing a live presentation in our Advent Program. An afternoon of "Heart" prayer will be presented by Dr. J. Dennis Cadigan who attended Monmouth University, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from there. He went on to Penn State where he earned his Phd in Clinical Psychology. Dr. J. became a Christian oriented psychologist after he had an encounter with God. He has presented many retreats for varying parishes and is currently certified as a Spiritual Director in the Trenton Diocese. For thirty one years in the fields of psychology and spirituality he has been helping others, now he comes to Visitation to offer this afternoon of prayer in this second week of the Advent season. Dr. J. will talk to us about how to pray for our friends, families and loved ones and show us how to enter into prayer at any notice. Lite lunch will be served. The event is free however we ask you to bring a dessert for the sharing table. Pre-registration is required so that we can supply ample food and supplies. To register please call 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email [dale@visitationchurch.com](mailto:dale@visitationchurch.com)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**



When mailing or giving out Christmas cards, as Catholic Christians we should use Religious cards. Christmas is the birth of Christ (i.e.) Emmanuel – God with us. It really is not a celebration of snowmen or reindeer or a winter scene. Christmas should be the rejoicing on the Birth of the Christ Child. This is what this Season of Christmas is all about.

***JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON***

**ROSARY ALTAR MEETING**

The Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, December 8 at 11:30 am for the Rosary in the Church and 12:00 noon for the meeting. This will be our Christmas Luncheon. Cost is \$15.pp pp. Registration is required. Call 732-477-5217.

**NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50  
Annual Subscriptions Available for 2015**

**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 2015.

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

Completed forms must be returned by December 12, 2014, to assure delivery by Christmas. Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or **place in the collection basket**. **A certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vicki@visitationchurch.com.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* If different than ticket mailing address \*\*Credit Card Receipt will be e-mailed to this address

**Tickets ordered after that December 14<sup>th</sup> can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.  
A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 23, 2015**



# ***NOVEMBER 30, 2014***

## **HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM**

For those who are grieving this holiday season a program will be held at O'Brien Funeral Home located at 505 Burnt Tavern Road, Brick, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. This special program includes the dedication of our Tree and a Candle Lighting Service. There is no fee, however, please bring a new and unwrapped toy to be donated in memory of your loved one. Seating is limited. Call 732-899-8600 for additional information and to reserve a seat.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalie Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 3:00

PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our Music Ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 14, 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.



Our Thursday morning Bible Study will be taking a break for Thanksgiving. We will not be meeting December 4, 2014. We will resume on December 11, at 9:45 A.M.. We are studying the Sunday readings each week. We hope to see you there!

## **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**



The VRC will once again be selling Christmas Trees this year. All trees will be sold by pre order **ONLY**. If interested, please call 732-746-3456.

Proceeds will help the families of Superstorm Sandy.

Don't wait too long!!! Get your order in!!



Boy Scout Troop 38, sponsored by Holy Name Society of Visitation Church is hosting a Pancake breakfast on December 7, 2014 in the basement of the Church, from 7:00 am to 12 noon. Breakfast

includes, pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and tea. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7.00 or in advance for \$6.00. If you would like to purchase in advance please contact Matt Powell, 973-216-4242.



**MONDAY DECEMBER 8 IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE: MONDAY 7:00, 8:15 AM & 5:00 & 7:00 PM. ALL MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH.**

## **ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREATS**

**December 3, 2014 Desert day – A day in solitude**  
This day is aimed at providing you time in solitude during the Advent season and the busyness of Christmas. After morning praise, you are invited to spend the day in quiet with your God. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:30 a.m. Departure: 3:00 p.m. Staff Cost: \$45

**December 5-7 Advent silent weekend**  
In December stillness, this weekend provides time away from our daily cares to listen to Isaiah's dream, awaiting the birth of God's Anointed One. This retreat offers time for reflection and Eucharist. Arrival: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Departure: 1:00 p.m. Staff Cost: \$200. Please call 732-892-8494 for additional information or to register for either of these retreats.



# ***NOVEMBER 30, 2014***

## **MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Liturgical Ministries**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** see Youth Ministry

**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 Vicki@visitationchurch.com*

**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 vicki@visitationchurch.com*

**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. 732-477-9672, ext. 201 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

**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 natalie@visitationchurch.com*

**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 dale@visitationchurch.com*

### **Education and Evangelization Ministries**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

**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. No meeting during July & August. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

**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 dale@visitationchurch.com*

**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 nancy@visitationchurch.com*

### **Prayer Groups**

**CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets every Friday at 7:00 PM in Parish Room C 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 – Mary Casella or mnick123@aol.com*

**PRAYER CHAIN** is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. 732-604-1499.

### **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*

### **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. 848-333-2671- *Eleanor Troiano ~ 732-477-7059* ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari*

**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*

# ***NOVEMBER 30, 2014***

## **Social Ministries/Activities**

**BINGO** is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 7:30 PM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*; Friday - *Anna Tortoriello*

**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-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

## **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 area. 732-477-9672, ext. 160. Thrift Shop hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

**VISITATION FOOD BANK** accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location. These donations assist the hungry of our community. 732-746-3456 - *Visitation Relief Center*

## **Youth Ministries/Activities**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. The choir sings monthly at the 12:30 PM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 - *Jim Daniels*

**CYO BASKETBALL TEAM** practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 732-581-0987 – *Coach Mike Fattibene or fattibene@kean.edu*

**VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM** provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all 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 – *Marie Bottazzi or youthministry@visitationchurch.com*

## **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. 732-477-0028 – *Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com*

**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-vicki@visitationchurch.com*

## **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 & Old Church & Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Old Church. 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. 732-477-8456 – *Paul Hegadorn or paulhegadorn@verizon.net*

**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 deed@visitationchurch.com*

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