

Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723



JOY



*When they saw the star, they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy.*

MATTHEW 2:10

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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 Cannon 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.

Welcome!

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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 13
4:00 PM	Robert Lutkiewicz/req. Family
5:30 PM	John Paul/req. Joe & Pat Modica
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 14
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Faust Canino/req. Daughter, Rita
11:00 AM	Kathleen McCoy-Pfaffle/req. The McCoy Family
12:30 PM	Charles McConnell/req. Mary, Andy, Chas
MONDAY	DECEMBER 15
7:30 AM	Nat Schirone/req. Mary Jane & John Malone
8:15 AM	John Mc Donnell, Jr./req. The Mc Donnell
7:30 PM	Diana Connelly/req. Family
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 16
7:30 AM	Helen & Harry Plante/req. Daughter, Vivian
8:15 AM	Leonard Laniewski/req. Wife, Joanne
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 17
7:30 AM	James Elder/req. Wife, Claire
8:15 AM	Sabrina S. Knight/req. Love Nonna
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 18
7:30 AM	Peter Richetti/req. Arvelo & Fox Family
8:15 AM	Nancy Rose Palomba/req. Rita, Linda & Roseanne
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 19
7:30 AM	Teddy Santaguida/req. Faulsto & Mary Falsetta
8:15 AM	Frank Zoldak/req. Daughter Marilyn
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 20
7:30 AM	James Wolfersberger, Jr/req.. Barbara Godbold
8:15 AM	Jerard Petillo/req. Sister, Patricia
4:00 PM	Lena, Peter & Nicholas Corallo/req. Charlotte & Louis Malaspina
5:30 PM	Thomas Smith/req. Wife, Linda
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 21
6:45 AM	Josephine "Josie" Gelesky/req. Pat & Al Tanko
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Vincent Simone/req. Marce & Jim Keane
11:00 AM	Leslie Pucci/req. Family
12:30 PM	Helen Sorrentino/req. Bev & John Mozart

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 14	LOCATION
<i>C.C.D. Classes</i>	9:15 AM	Lake Riviera MS
<i>High School Confirmation</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
MONDAY	DECEMBER 15	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Community Lunch Planning</i>	9:00 AM	Auditorium
<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 & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 16	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Penance Services</i>	2:00 & 6:00 PM	Church
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
<i>Holy Name Meeting</i>	7:15 PM	Auditorium Aux
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 17	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 18	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<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
<i>Royal Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room A
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 19	
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 20	
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:00 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

For the Week of December 14, 2014



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Arcuri & Perri Families/req. Connie Perri & Children
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "Blessings of Health" for Rev. James O'Neill
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Rafaella Fasano/req. Emma Lambusta & Maria Falcone

Blessed Mother Candle is God's Blessing on Mary, Rose & Angie/req. Angie

"MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD"

Welcome into God's Family

Grace Bernadette Zdanowicz



*Remember
Our Sick*

I. Rita Napolitano, Rev. James O'Neill

II. Joseph Gigante

III. 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; *Valentina Vena*

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.

**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 24th OR 31st**

BINGO



THERE WILL BE NO BINGO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 THRU FRIDAY JANUARY 2, FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK. BINGO WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015 AT 11:00 AM.

**CHURCH OF THE VISITATION TUESDAY & FRIDAY BINGO WORKERS THANK ALL WHO PATRONIZED BINGO THIS PAST YEAR AND WISH ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
SEE YOU IN 2015**

*Reflections for
Third Sunday in Advent*



The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. *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 THE ASSESSMENT IN THE SECOND BASKET.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

As we begin our Advent journey, guide us, dear God of Love.

Help us to recognize the great gift You have given us in Jesus, and may we prepare well for His rebirth in our hearts.

On each day of this journey, may we move closer to Jesus,

the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. Shine the light of Your grace upon us that we may follow Him faithfully.

In all our preparations for Christmas, may we always remember that

Jesus is the reason for this blessed season.

Thank You, loving God, For this time of joy and expectation.

Walk with us and show us the way today and every day of Advent.

Amen

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).



Join us for Bible Study at 9:45 A.M. Thursday mornings in the Church Auditorium. We are studying the Sunday readings each week. We hope to see you there!

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

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.



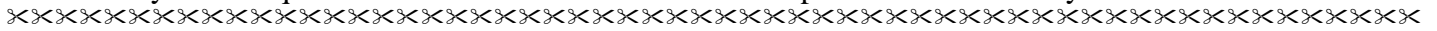
WE WILL NOT BE HAVING HOLY HOUR OR BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT JANUARY 2, 2015. HOLY HOUR WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:00 PM.

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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.

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!



RCIA CORNER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For the past two weeks we have heard of the Lord’s coming as judge of all at the end of time. The readings help us to realize that we must be turning to God and not participate in acts of darkness (sin). On this 3rd Sunday of Advent the priest wears rose or mauve. This Sunday is called “Gaudete” Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) “Rejoice”, taken from Philippians 4:4-5. And the color is one of joy. We should still be feeling penitence as we compare our hopes and dreams with those of reality.

What keeps us from fulfillment in this moment? What hinders us from seeking the freedom that God offers us? Our fear of the unknown and our anxiety about taking risks often keeps us enslaved in our old ways and prevents us from reaching out for new ones. Our greed and possessiveness keep us from letting go of what we have so that we can seek the next step in life. God will free us from our enslavement to fear, injustice, poverty, negation, and disease if we simply let go and let him guide us.

Gaudete Sunday is regarded as a day of particular joy with Advent half over and Christmas soon to follow.

If you know of anyone who has not been baptized, or has not entered into full communion with the Catholic Church please have them contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email dale@visitationchurch.com

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**PENANCE SERVICE:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
2:00-3:00 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24-**

4:00 PM, (4:15 PM in the church auditorium),
7:00 PM & 12:00 AM (Midnight)

**CHRISTMAS DAY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

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

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

The Prelude Music for Christmas Eve as follows:

- 3:15 PM for the 4:00 PM Mass**
- 6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM Mass
(Children's Choir)**
- 11:15 PM for the Midnight Mass**



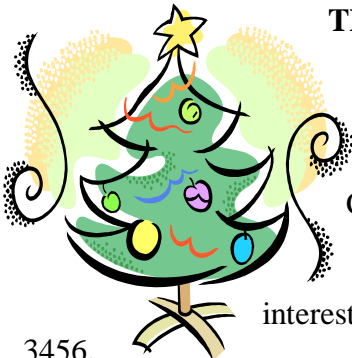
We would like to thank all who helped change the Missalette's in the church for the new church year or labeled newsletters for several mailings throughout

the year. Many thanks for your Time and Talent. This is a sure sign of stewardship at work.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

**THERE IS STILL TIME
TO GET YOUR
CHRISTMAS TREE.**

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!!

COMMUNITY SUNDAY is next Sunday, December 21, after all Masses and will be hosted by the Tuesday & Friday Bingo Workers, Futures Team & 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
WILL BE SPONSORED BY
THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 836
ASSEMBLY 658
BRICK, NJ**



St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all who helped with our annual Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy. Your assistance helped make it the great success it was. Thank you to the

Visitation parishioners, Cub Pack 38 and the Brick High Interact Club, who collected and donated canned and non-perishable items, and to the CCD students and the VRC who helped on Saturday and Sunday with set-up, collection and distribution. A very special thanks to the Vincentian's; may God bless you for your love and generosity throughout the year.

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

PLEASE SHARE APPLICATION WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY & CO-WORKERS!

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.

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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Signature _____

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

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

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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*

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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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