

Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723



LOVE

*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:
continue ye in my love.*

JOHN 15:9

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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
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

"FOREVER I WILL SING THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD"



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 20
4:00 PM	James Wolfersberger, Jr/req. Barbara Godbold
5:30 PM	Jerard Petillo/req. Sister, Patricia
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 21
6:45 AM	Josephine Gelesky/req. Pat & Al Tanko
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Vincent Simone/req. Marce & John Keane
11:00 AM	Leslie Pucci/req. Family
12:30 PM	Helen Sorrentino/req. The Mozart & Family
MONDAY	DECEMBER 22
7:30 AM	Carol Shutter/req. Tim & Lori McCaffery
8:15 AM	Anthony Furino/req. Tom & Mary Lyden
7:30 PM	Richard Murtagh/req. Pete & Marie Bottazzi
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 23
7:30 AM	Elder & Meehan Families/req. Claire Elder
8:15 AM	Mark A. Gerardi/req. Nappo Family & Friends
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 24
7:30 AM	Joseph Buttacovoli/req. Wife, Connie
8:15 AM	Anthony & Mary Bulwicz/req. Ray Bulwicz
4:00 PM	Frank & Eleanor Barlowski/req. Family
4:15 PM	John & Eleanor Powers/req. Family
7:00 PM	Benedykta Jurkiewicz/req. Paula Bruno
12:00 AM	Harold Ulrich/req. Sharon, Erin & Stephanie
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 25
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Amato Family, Son John
11:00 AM	Mario Altomare & Thomas Rygiel/req. Family
12:30 PM	Jewers & Mozart Families/req. The Mozzart Family
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 26
7:30 AM	Ryan Faella/req. The Ryan Family
8:15 AM	Geraldine Ashby/req. Nappo Family & Friends
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 27
7:30 AM	Regina Marie Johnson/req. The Leahy Family
8:15 AM	Grace Marie Walsh/req. James J. Walsh
4:00 PM	Luigi & Conchetta Malaspina/req. Charlotte & Louis Malaspina
5:30 PM	Daniel Narciso/req. Jim & Helen McTernan
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 28
6:45 AM	Stephanie Lusko/req. Dee & Tom Lusko
8:00 AM	John Spugani/req. Family
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Henry Leszczak/req. Caputo Family
12:30 PM	Kathleen DeTuro/req. Family

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 21	LOCATION
<i>Sunday Masses</i>		Church
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After All Masses	Auditorium
<i>High School CCD</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	3:30	Auditorium
<i>Christmas Concert</i>	3:00 PM	Church
MONDAY	DECEMBER 22	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:15 PM	Church
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 23	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Children of the Light Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Parish Room B
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 24	

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY	DECEMBER 25
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CHRISTMAS DAY

<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 26	
<i>DRP Meeting</i>	1:00 PM	Parish Room B
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Parents Baptismal Session</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 27	

For the Week of December 21, 2014



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Arcuri & Perri Families/req. Connie Perri & Children
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Victor & Estelle Cranmer/req Doug & Vicki Cottrell
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Lucy Rynkiewicz/req. Daughter Chris
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mario Altomare & Thomas Rygiel/req. Terri, Toni and family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 (1-5, 9-14)
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

"FOREVER I WILL SING THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD"



- II. Rita Napolitano
- III. 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.



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 EVE PRELUDE MUSIC

Prelude music will begin 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

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.

*Reflections for
Fourth Sunday of Advent*



This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. We reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. We pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us.Loyola Press

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DECEMBER 21, 2014

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

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.

RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED



The rectory office will be closed December 24 through December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. We will open, Saturday, December 27 at 8:30 AM and be closed Sunday, December 28, and reopen Monday, December 29 at 8:30 am.



RCIA CORNER

Anticipation and preparedness are the watchwords for this Sunday of Advent. Anticipation of the celebration of the birth of our Lord some 2000 years ago and the festivities, gifts, parties and family get-togethers which accompany that celebration. Preparedness because we are reminded that Jesus will come at the end of the world (the parousia) and all will be judged – not just on whether they believed or not, but how they have lived out their belief. Are the end times near? No one knows but the Father. We must always be ready because our personal parousia can come at any time.

This Thursday we will celebrate Christmas. The beautiful hope of the world. All this penance has brought us much joy as we celebrate Christmas “Today in Bethlehem is born the Savior of the World”.

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

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSS

As you approach this Holiday Season, you may be fearful of a painful reminder of loss rather than the celebration it once was. Holidays touch us on a deep and emotional level. It's not unusual that for the first or second holiday following a loss, you might be lacking enthusiasm or you might be feeling numb- dreading the event and wishing you can skip it completely.

Here are some tips that may be helpful for you in the upcoming weeks.

Prepare for episodes of grief. Alter activities that may seem too painful.

Be assured that these reactions are normal and that the pain fades as the years pass – although it may never go away completely.

Look for healing opportunities. In many cases, the anticipation can be worse than the reality.

Reminisce about the relationship you had with the person who died. Try to focus on the good things about the relationship and the time you had together rather than the loss.

Start a new tradition in your loved one's memory.

Connect with others. Draw family members and friends close to you, rather than avoiding them. Find someone who encourages you to talk about your loss. Stay connected to your usual support systems.

Allow yourself to feel sadness and a sense of loss. But also allow yourself to experience joy and happiness also. You may find yourself laughing and crying at the same time!

Create a Day of Rest and Relaxation. Tune out the holiday hustle and bustle and focus on your needs. Nurture yourself emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Provide care and comfort for yourself. Take a walk, get a massage, light a candle, read a book or go to a movie. Start a journal.

Be loving to yourself and listen to your inner self.

DECEMBER 21, 2014

THE KING IS COMING!

The King is coming! The King is coming! This is a cry we heard during the season of Advent. Yes, the King did come, not as a person of worldly power and might, but as a helpless child. Isn't it interesting that Christ's coming was the result of a choice? Mary, His Mother, was given a choice. Will she or will she not agree to accept Jesus as her child and bring him into the world? We too are given a similar choice. Each of us has to decide to accept or reject Jesus as our Lord and Savior, not only at Christmas, but each moment of our lives. Choosing Jesus is an ongoing decision, not one just for the Christmas season. We are continually faced with choices on how we wish to live our lives. Do we live them as followers of the teachings and examples of Jesus Christ, or as followers of the allurements of the world? These choices are not always easy. Temptations are not meant to be. But, they are there for us to demonstrate our love for God.

What does it mean to choose Jesus Christ? It simply means we are to live as Jesus did--we are to love others as He loved us. And, according to Christ, even to those who don't like us. That's real hard to do, but we have to do it and we can by asking for help to love those people that we know are hard to love. We are to forgive everyone, just as God forgave each of us through the sacrifice of His Son. Jesus was born through Mary and she shared Him with the world. Jesus is also to be born in us and we are to share Him with the world. One way we can do this is to share the message of hope through Jesus Christ. That should have been our Christmas message. As the angels that first night proclaimed and gave glory to Christ—we are to go forth and do the same--bringing the message of hope to those that we know are hurting. Tell them to bring Jesus into their lives. It doesn't mean their troubles will go away--that their cancer will disappear or their jobs will be restored, although that can happen--but through Christ they will receive an enduring grace of comfort, a peace not possible from any other source.

Jesus gave us not only examples and teachings that we can follow but He also gave us the graces that we need to choose the Jesus life-style. Every time we receive the Eucharist we are celebrating Christmas—the coming of the Christ Child into our hearts and souls. St. Francis and the Saints of our Church were well aware of this. That is why they dedicated their lives to choosing Jesus Christ. They really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (see Luke 9:1-3). Each, according to their capabilities, accepted this message almost as if it was there mantra. Their primary motivation was to become one with Jesus and to be as Jesus in their relationship with others. Rather than expecting to receive, as so many do during the Christmas season, their goal was to give of themselves to others as they felt Jesus would do.

Four weeks of Advent were scarcely enough to "prepare the way of the Lord". Christ's coming must be considered as a reality, which can be accomplished in how we live our lives, not a commercial experience or a pastoral scene. As we move beyond the Christmas season, let us ask ourselves how we can be a present to others through our presence in their lives every day of the year.



WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE MENNONITES. FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THEY LEFT THEIR HOMES IN PENNSYLVANIA TO COME HERE AND ASSIST THE MANY PEOPLE IN OUR AREA STILL AFFECTED BY SUPERSTORM SANDY.

WHILE THEY WERE HERE, IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING AND INTO THE DARK HOURS OF THE EVENING, (BEFORE AND AFTER WORK) THEY REPLACE THE ROOF ON THE OLD CHURCH WHICH WAS VERY MUCH IN NEED OF REPLACING. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES DURING THIS HOLY SEASON.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DECEMBER 25-DECEMBER 28. THE STORE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY DECEMBER 29 AT 8:30 AM. THE MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHRISTMAS MEALS TO GO

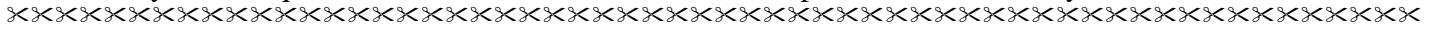
The Knights of Columbus council #7926 will cook and box up complete Christmas meals for pick-up or delivery on the morning of Christmas Eve (11am – 1pm). In order to receive a meal, please call St. Martha's parish office at (732) 295-3630.

DECEMBER 21, 2014

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.



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I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Christmas Season

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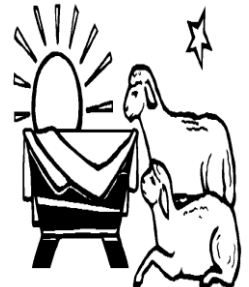


SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS (DAWN) DECEMBER 25

This Mass is sometimes called the "Shepherd's Mass." In ancient times, pilgrims to Bethlehem celebrated Midnight Mass at the site of the Nativity, at the Church built over the cave where Jesus was born. They then returned to Jerusalem. They arrived at dawn and celebrated another Mass at the Church of St. Anastasia (In Greek, "Anastasia" means "resurrection"). The dawn reminded them of the resurrection as well as the dawning of the Son of God. Our Responsorial Psalm refrain is "A light will shine on us this day; the Lord is born for us." Christ's light comes to us ("appears") through baptism (2nd reading). We need to ponder the glorious message, as Mary did after the shepherds left.



*Fr. Al and Staff
Wish all our parishioners
A very Merry Christmas
and
A Happy and Healthy New year
~~~To all our volunteers~~~  
Where would we be if not for your dedication, loyalty  
and all your efforts to make  
Visitation the wonderful Parish that it is.  
We thank you for all your stewardship of  
Time and Talent.  
We wish you and your family a very  
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.*



**DECEMBER 21, 2014**

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# ***DECEMBER 21, 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*

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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. 201-522-3679 – *Coach Doug Roman or droman@fedway.com*

**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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