

The Most Holy Family

“The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; A mother’s authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for his sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother”

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14



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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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUE, MARY AND JOSEPH



SATURDAY
4:00 PM Luigi & Conchetta Malaspina/req. Charlotte & Louis Malaspina
5:30 PM Daniel Narciso/req. Jim & Helen McTernan

SUNDAY
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. The Caputo Family
12:30 PM Kathleen DeTuro/req. Family

MONDAY
7:30 AM Stephanie Lusko/req. Dee & Tom Lusko
8:15 AM Paul Lucas/req. The Ryan Family
7:30 PM Richard Murtagh/req. Frank Bottazzi

TUESDAY
7:30 AM Regina Marie Johnson The Rathvon Family
8:15 AM Fran Livera/req. Bernice Crimaldi

WEDNESDAY
7:30 AM Maria Moria/req. Ruth Huff
8:15 AM Harry Huff/req. Ruth Huff
4:00 PM Pray for Peace in the World
5:30 PM Joseph Maguire/req. Wife, Cindy

THURSDAY
7:00 AM People of the Parish
8:15 AM Vincent De Pinto/req. Nicolette & John Minervini
9:30 AM Tekla Zatorski/req. Family

FRIDAY
7:30 AM Joan Barry/req. Nancy Reinsmith
8:15 AM Anthony Cardino/req. Jim Capozio & Kurt

SATURDAY
7:30 AM Anthony Citro/req. Anthony & Angelo Di Taranto
8:15 AM Eileen Mary Dolan/req. The Esteves Family
4:00 PM John Addabbo/req. Visitation Ushers
5:30 PM Aurora Robson/req. Mike & Sandy Dusza

SUNDAY
6:45 AM People of the Parish
8:00 AM Living & Dec'd. Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM Marie De Gregorio/req. The Hage Family
11:00 AM Ann Margaret Heinis/req. Friend
12:30 PM Joan Barry/req. The Sheridan Family

**NO CCD CLASSES
OR BINGO THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 28	LOCATION
<i>Sunday Masses</i>		Church
MONDAY	DECEMBER 29	
<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 30	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 31	
<i>Masses</i>	4:00 & 5:30 PM	Church
THURSDAY	JANUARY 1	
	<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>	
<i>Masses</i>	7:00, 8:15 & 9:30 AM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	JANUARY 2	
<i>DRP Meeting</i>	1:00 PM	Parish Room B
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
SATURDAY	JANUARY 3	
<i>R.C.I.A.</i>	4:30 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

For the Week of December 28, 2014



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stephanie Lusko/req. Dee & Tom Lusko

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is God's Blessings on Dr. Elizabeth Garcia/req. Angie

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of William Cottrell/req. The Cottrell Family

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Meehan & Elder Families/req. Family

"THE LORD REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT FOR EVER"



- I. Teresa Knight, James Walsh, Al & Joan Fraraccio
- III. Rita Napolitano
- III. Joseph Gigante

"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.

*Reflections for
The Holy Family*



Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

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In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors especially; *Anthony Weissensee*



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.

BINGO



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

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call Denise Patetta at the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to dee@visitationchurch.com If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 28, 2015.

Eucharistic **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.**
Adoration



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

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life". The mass schedule will be as follows:

VIGIL

Wednesday, December 31
4:00 & 5:30 PM

FEAST DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2015
7:00, 8:15 and 9:30 AM

ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD IN CHURCH



RCIA CORNER

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY –

The Feast of the Holy Family honors the family group of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast developed only in the 17th century. Built on the Gospel accounts, this family is looked upon as an excellent domestic unit representing the ideal family life. To promote family life and build up devotion to the Holy Family, a feast was established for the Universal Church in 1921 (under Pope Benedict XV), and it is currently celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas or on December 30 when Christmas falls on Sunday. Let us all celebrate our families today!

THRIFT SHOP

Thank you for all your support of the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. The thrift store will be closed January 1st and will reopen January 2nd. We are open 6 days a week; Monday – Saturday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please do not leave any donations outside of St. Vincent's or on the steps.



From the Pastor

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who have so generously responded to our Christmas appeal. Your generosity will be repaid to you many times over in God's kingdom. There's still time to make your end of the year gift to Visitation. Again sincere thanks!

Throughout the year and especially at Christmas, there are many people that help enhance the spirit of the Mass. In addition to the beautifully decorated Church and the wonderful sounds of the season, let us thank the Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choirs and Altar Servers who work hard all year to enhance the Mass and make sure things run smoothly. Special thanks to George & Marilyn Emery for setting up the beautiful manger on the front lawn of the Church.

God Bless,

Fr. Al



**WISHING A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO OUR
PRIESTS AND DEACONS HERE AT
CHURCH OF THE VISITATION**

**GOD'S BLESSING ON
REVEREND ALBERT RICCIARDELLI
REVEREND JAMES O'NEILL
REVEREND JAMES SAUCHELLI
REVEREND BERNARD MOHAN
MONSIGNOR VINCENT DOYLE
MONSIGNOR RICARDO GONGALEZ
MONSIGNOR PHILIP FRANCESCHINI
REVEREND RICHARD CARLSON**

And

**DEACON EDWARD FISCHER, III
DEACON SALVATORE VICARI
DEACON RICHARD JOHNSTON
DEACON NICOLA STRANIERI**

"The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC)

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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 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.

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 \$ _____

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A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 23, 2015

Prayer for The Feast of the Holy Family

GOD MADE US A FAMILY

We need one another
We love one another
We forgive one another
We work together
We play together
We worship together
Together we use God's Word
Together we grow in Christ
Together we love all men and women
Together we serve our God
Together we hope for heaven
These are our hopes and ideals
Help us to attain them, O God
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All earth is filled with His glory!”

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75C)

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION YET?**



Make next year be the year that you enrich your spare time and let the Lord know how grateful you are for all he has done for you. There are many opportunities to share your time and talents as we work together to develop an environment that will ensure that our church will live on for generations to come. Please contact any of the listed ministries/organizations listed on pages 8 & 9 for addition information or volunteer opportunities

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26

RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED



The rectory office will be closed January 1st. We will reopen, Friday, January 2 at 8:30 AM.

APPLAUSE DURING THE MASS

The role of the music is to enrich the liturgy. The musicians are not performing a recital or concert they are praising the Lord, so please refrain from applauding after the prelude song (before the mass), the meditation song (after the communion) or the recessional song as there are members of the congregation still praying. Please say “Amen” or pray and meditate in silence after the musical pieces. Our music ministry is truly doing a wonderful job, we are asking everyone to sing with us as **the congregation singing is the part of the liturgy.**
Please keep singing and praising the Lord!

DONATION ENVELOPE ETIQUETTE

We are finding a few problems with the donation envelopes and thought this would be a good time to address them.

- Please do not use staples or tape on the envelopes. The money counters are unable to open the envelope without ripping them or the donation inside.
- Do not cut up old envelopes and place them inside another envelope.
- If you are using a check and wish money to go to multiple funds, please specify how much you want to go to each fund. Example: \$20.00 check in one envelope should specify \$15.00 to regular collection and \$5.00 to Catholic Home Mission. Thank you for your help in eliminating a lot of confusion.

**ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP
PLEASE GET YOUR SEATS EARLY SO WE ARE
NOT IN JEPORDY OF CANCELLING AGAIN**



The next bus trip sponsored by The Holy Name Society will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:00 AM and return approximately 5:30 PM. For additional information and reservations call Eric at 732-255-1825 or 732-551-8308. All tickets must be paid for in advance to guarantee a seat. Seats are on a first pay basis.

2015 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WHEREVER THERE ARE TWO ENVELOPES THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS

JANUARY

- 1st** Solemnity of Mary
4th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Latin America)
11th One Envelope
18th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
26th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

FEBRUARY

- 1st** **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Eastern Europe)
8th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Black & Native American)
15th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
22nd **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

MARCH

- 1st** One Envelope
8th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Catholic Relief)
15th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
22nd **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)
29th **One Envelope~Palm Sunday**

APRIL

- 3rd** **One Envelope~GOOD FRIDAY**
(HOLY LAND)
5th **One Envelope~EASTER**
12th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Catholic Home Missions)
19th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
26th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

MAY

- 3rd** One Envelope
10th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Catholic Communications)
14th **One Envelope~ASCENSION**
17th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
24th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)
31st One Envelope

JUNE

- 7th** One Envelope
14th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Holy Father)
21st **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
28th **Two Envelopes**

JULY

- 5th** One Envelope
12th One Envelope
19th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
26th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

AUGUST

- 2nd** One Envelope
9th One Envelope
15th **One Envelope~ASSUMPTION**
16th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
23rd **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

- 30th** One Envelope

SEPTEMBER

- 6th** One Envelope
13th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Catholic University)
20th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
27th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

OCTOBER

- 4th** One Envelope
11th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Propagation of Faith)
18th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
25th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

NOVEMBER

- 1st** **One Envelope~ALL SAINTS**
2nd **One Envelope~ALL SOULS**
8th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Human Development)
15th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
22nd **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

- 29th** One Envelope

DECEMBER

- 6th** **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Religious Retirement)
8th **One Envelope~IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
13th One Envelope
20th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
25th **One Envelope~CHRISTMAS**
27th **Two Envelopes**
 (Regular & Assessment)

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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. 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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