

Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, N. J. 08723



Welcome!

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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch 12:30 to 1:30 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

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 to 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	JANUARY 31	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 1	LOCATION
4:00 PM	Dec'd Members of the Pavlak Family/req. Charles & Elena Pavlak	CCD Classes	9:15 AM	Lake Rivera M.S.
5:30 PM	Patrick Barry/req. Fr. Al & Staff	H. S. Confirmation Class	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 1	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 2	
6:45 AM	Olga Pietrafesa/req. Donna & Roger Peterson	M M & Saint Jude Novena	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Rosary Altar Society, Joan Fraraccio, Joyce Honeker	Rosary For Life	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
9:30 AM	Carol Zima/req. Linda & Evelyn	CCD Classes	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms A, B & C
11:00 AM	Jesse & Joseph Armellino/req. Teresa Knight	Children's Choir	6:15 PM	Church
12:30 PM	People of the Parish	Cub Scouts	6:30 PM	Auditorium
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 2	M M & Saint Jude Novena	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
7:30 AM	Ann Ludington/req. The Capone Family	TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 3	
8:15 AM	Paul Thomas Manganello/req. Carmella Barry	Bingo	11:00 AM	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Donald Smith/req. Mary Reddington & Family	CCD Classes	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms A, B & C
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 3	Boy Scouts	6:30 PM	Auditorium
7:30 AM	Joe DiNardo/req. McConnell Family	WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 4	
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/req. Judy Ling	Community Lunch	12:00 PM	Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 4	CCD Classes	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms A, B & C
7:30 AM	Doris McCutcheon/req. Tony & Mary Beth Capone	Ocean Mental Health Services	7:30 PM	Parish Room A
8:15 AM	Anna Johnston/req. Son, Rich	THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 5	
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 5	Bible Study	9:45 AM	Auditorium
7:30 AM	Mary Bulwicz/req. Son Ray	CCD Classes	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms A, B & C
8:15 AM	Doug Huff/req. Chickie Ammerata	Youth	5:00 PM	Church
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 6	Adult Choir	7:15 PM	Church
7:30 AM	John Shaffer/req. Fr. Al & Staff	AA	7:30 PM	Auditorium
8:15 AM	Joseph Scardigno/req. Family	FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 6	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 7	Children of the Light Prayer	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
7:30 AM	Michael Tassillo/req. Stan & Bernadette Galgon	Bingo	7:30 PM	Auditorium
8:15 AM	Christine Haug/req. Marie & Dennis Georgia	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 7	
4:00 PM	Russell Cook/req. Irene Triebe	Pinewood Derby	8:00 AM	Auditorium
5:30 PM	Margaret & Angelo Narciso/req. James & Helen McTernan	7 th Grade Penitential Service	11:00 AM	Church
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 8	R.C.I.A. Teaching	4:00 PM	Auditorium
6:45 AM	"God's Blessing" on Dee Lusko/req. Husband, Tom			
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. members of the Holy Name Society			
9:30 AM	Walter Sitnik/req. Bencivenga Family			
11:00 AM	People of the Parish			
12:30 PM	Dennis Cuviallo/req. Abby Zito			

For the Week of February 1 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Rev. Leonard Lang/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Anne Tedesco/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mary Chieco/req. Husband & Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mary Chieco/req. Husband & Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 (22-32)

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34


Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

"IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDE N NOT YOUR HEART"



I. Bernadette Galgon
IV. Bishop David O'Connell, Theresa Knight, Rita Napolitano, James Walsh, Joseph Giganti, Andrea Romano

"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; *Michael Cara, Florence Doyle, Gerard Borneman, Hugh Schultz*



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.



The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. 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.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish to have a blessing of your home, please contact the rectory office 732-477-0028 ext. 201 to schedule a time for a Priest or Deacon to visit.

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

Previously requested "End of the Year" Tax Statements have all been mailed out. If you still need a statement, please contact Dee at the rectory office at 732-477-0028 ext. 201.

Reflections for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus and the disciples arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.
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RCIA CORNER

EXORCISMS

Today in our reading from Mark's gospel we find Jesus teaching like a rabbi and not like the scribes. A rabbi was one who had authority to impose decisions with binding force on all. A scribe on the other hand was a teacher of lower rank than a rabbi and did not possess this authority. In the reading from today the people see the power of Jesus' teaching. He is teaching like more than a rabbi, more like a person who had the authority to teach.

Jesus shows his authority by exorcising the demons. This miracle in Mark's gospel is a very powerful exorcism. It is a sign that in Jesus' presence the power of evil is destroyed.

The word "exorcism" can be misunderstood. Most of us learn our information about "exorcisms" from movies. But the exorcisms that we practice in RCIA are not like the Hollywood versions. While they do have to do with evil, it is not like the "pea soup/Hollywood" version.

An unbaptized person is susceptible to the temptations to evil that surround us every day. They are strengthened by the grace of the sacraments to overcome these temptations. The unbaptized do not fully experience sacramental grace until their Baptism. The scrutinies, that we practice in our initiation process, which include exorcisms, are used to strengthen the unbaptized elect on the final leg of their journey to initiation. There are used to cleanse them from the false values that surround and blind them and set them firmly onto the path of truth and the light.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED



Our Choir is extending an invitation for new members to join us. The youth choir practices on Thursday at 5:00 pm in the church and sings at 11:00 am Mass on Sunday. The adult choir practices on Thursday at 7:15 pm in the church and sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. For more information please contact our Music Director Natalya at 732-477-7059 ext. 217.

RITE OF WELCOME AND ACCEPTANCE



Visitation Church will open our arms and embrace, Marina Flores, Maricela Flores, Gloria Flores, Vilma Nieto, Esther Geneshanada and Skylar Edge next Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the 4:00 pm Mass. These Candidates have heard the good news of Jesus Christ. They have seen his power among us, and are listening to his story of love, mercy and redemption. They have begun to see how life in Christ calls for changes in how they live, and are already making these changes. They now come in faith, and we here at Visitation have the privilege of welcoming them on behalf of the entire Church. So let us, as their community, prepare to receive them into a life of faith with the first rite in a Candidate's journey – The Rite of Welcome.

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAMS

Beginning on February 9 and ending April 13, 2015, IRS certified AARP volunteers will prepare and e-file Federal & State Tax returns here at Visitation Church by appointment only, Mondays mornings from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. They will also assist with Homestead Rebates and Property Tax Rebate applications. This free service is available to all residential (non-business) taxpayers with low to moderate incomes. You must supply a copy of last year's tax forms along with a Photo ID. For an appointment please call 732-477-7059 ext. 156. **Please do not call the rectory office to schedule an appointment. Thank you!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF
OUR JANUARY 50/50**



Mary Helik was the winner of \$559. Mary is an annual subscriber. The next drawing will be held after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, February 22 in the Church Auditorium.



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations

involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE



Throats will be blessed this weekend at all Masses as well as the Masses on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.



HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction **FIRST FRIDAY** February 6, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP



The next bus trip sponsored by The Holy Name Society will be on Wednesday, February 4, 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for articles from your organization will be Monday, February 23, 2015. Please e-mail your article to newsletter@visitationchurch.com. You may contact Denise Patetta at 732-477-0028 ext. 201 for additional information or with any questions you may have.



The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic "Abies Irish Rose". Please join us on Monday, April 20. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 9:00

am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$80.pp (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and a full course dinner. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terri Deegan 732-903-7527 or Marilyn Emery 732-920-9763

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP

Come one; come all to the Thrift Shop Our display of items will include decorations, dishes, figurines, and much much more! We have gently used clothing for men, women, infants, and children. In addition, we have used handbags, linens, accessories, and footwear for children and adults. We carry baby strollers, cribs, playpens, and car seats. Hours: Monday thru Saturday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are located on the lower level of the Old Church. Remember all DONATIONS are welcome during our regular business hours. We hope to see YOU there!

FOR HEAVEN SAKE



For Heaven Sake is a religious gift shop located at 608 Brighton Ave., in Spring Lake Heights. When a parishioner makes a purchase in their store and designates "Church of the Visitation", we will receive a \$1 donation from the store. Please visit For Heaven Sake when you want to purchase a religious gift. For additional information call 732-449-7253.

THE PELICANS



On the face of our altar is a pelican feeding its young. Our tradition tells us that this bird is a wonderful visible sign of Jesus. Like the pelican Jesus sustains his own, feeding us with his body & blood. The life that is nurtured and grows in the young pelican is a sign of our own eternal life which is nourished by the body & blood of Christ.

Watching pelicans today as they soar majestically in good or bad weather, illustrates to us that the Church, despite good or bad experiences through the ages, still soars majestic. Just as humans have by our failures and shortcomings tried to eradicate the pelican, whether intentional or not, still it flies. So too the Church. Despite our human failings and shortcomings the Church remains, strong and vibrant because Christ promised that not even the gates of hell will prevail against her.

It is said that the pelicans mate for life and take great care of their offspring. The pelican will actually wound itself so that its blood could nourish the young. It will peck at its own chest to draw blood to feed its young. Pelicans may not actually draw their own blood to feed their young but they do catch fish, predigest them and then feed their children. The tradition got started when people saw the blood and thought the pelicans fed their own blood to their children, and therefore it became a symbol of Christ who has wounded himself to feed us. It is a beautiful Eucharistic symbol that is not biblical but comes from the tradition of the Church. St. Thomas in beautiful poetry for the Feast of Corpus Christi, calls Christ "Pie Pelicane Jesu Domine" which translates to "Pious Pelican, Jesus the Lord".

Yes, the pelican has long been used by the Church as a symbol of Christ and the Eucharist because the pelican, to sustain its young, feeds the young birds its own flesh and blood through the sacrifice of plucking that flesh from its own chest. It is thought that the pelican tears open its breast to bring life with its own blood and can be for us a living representation of what Jesus does for us. Opening his life to death so that we may live; shedding his blood so that we can have eternal life.

Once again, we have a symbol of Christ right before our very eyes - on our sacred altar - the pelican pecking itself and drawing its own blood to sustain her children.

CELEBRATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT



Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., Diocese of Trenton, will celebrate a Mass honoring law enforcement personnel in Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean and Burlington Counties April 7, 2015, 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton. For information contact Jennifer Britton, Office of Communications at 609-403-7199 or visit <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bluemass>.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR AN
" IRISH CELEBRATION "**

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Richie Hayes, Leprechaun of Laughter & Song

Friday, March 6th at 7:00 PM

St. Dominic's Parish Center

For additional information, please call 732-840-1410

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Barnabas Health Van Dyke hospice is currently recruiting hospice volunteers. The role of the hospice volunteer is to assist the interdisciplinary team and help to support patients with life limiting illnesses and their families. It is truly a gift to give comfort and support to our patients and their families at this most difficult time in their life journey. Training course is free, but pre-registration is required. Please see flyer in commons area or call Colleen Del Vacchio at 732-557-7021 for more information.

GET WELL WISHES FOR BISHOP O'CONNELL

As most of you may already know Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., underwent surgery, Dec. 29, in Trenton area hospital to remove his left foot, ankle and part of his lower left leg reaching halfway between the knee and the ankle. The surgery was needed to address several serious infections brought about by diabetes. Bishop O'Connell's surgery was described as successful by his surgeons, and his recovery is going well. He remained in the hospital for a brief period of observation, and then was moved to a rehabilitation center. He is expected to make a full recovery, and will be fitted for a prosthesis at a time to be determined by his doctors. Please pray for Bishop O'Connell in the coming weeks and months, as he recovers and completes his rehabilitation. Anyone wishing to send a card or note may do so at the following address: Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., The Chancery, Diocese of Trenton, 701 Lawrenceville Rd., Trenton, NJ 08648, Attn: Office of Communications. To send via email, write to dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 7, 2015, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Church of St. David the King,

1 New Village Road, West Windsor NJ



The annual World Marriage Day Dinner Dance is open to all married couples in the Diocese of Trenton. Couples are invited to attend 4:00 PM Mass; 5:00 PM cocktails and appetizers, elegant buffet dinner and dancing. The evening includes

table games and more. The fee is \$75 per couple. Register www.dioceseoftrenton/worldmarriageday or call Jossie Ruiz at 609-403-7151.

LITTLE LAMBS PRAY & PLAY GROUP



Children five and under join every 1st & 3rd Friday, 10:00-11:00 am, St. Denis School, Manasquan. Children and parents (or surrogates) listen to a story, sing songs, do a craft project associated with a simple, child-

friendly Catholic theme. A priest is available to answer questions during this hour of Catholic fellowship. No charge. Donations accepted. Info: linda_wynd@yahoo.com

THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER

The following programs will be offered at the center. ***“Would You Be So Gracious...”** These words of Mary to St. Bernadette invite us to come for an evening of prayer and reflection as we prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Presenters: Sr. Marie Francis Lomeo, RGS and Sr. Trudy Ahern, SSJ Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2015 Time: 7:00- 9:30 pm Fee: \$25~40

***Woman’s Gathering:** This Saturday morning program provides women a time to be with other women, to pray with each other, to share with each other and to support each other. The program includes prayer on a particular theme relevant to women, sharing and brunch. Presenters: Women’s Gathering Core Group Date: Saturday, February 7, 2015 Time: 10:00 am-12 noon Fee: \$15 For more information please email office@theupper-room.org or visit www.upper-room.org.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Daily Chapel on: April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 12, & 19. Please call Deacon Rich Johnston at 732-477-7059 ext. 221 if you’re planning on attending or for additional information.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society is Feb. 2, 2015. We will begin with the rosary at 11:30 am in the church followed by the meeting at 12:00 in the church auditorium. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased for the play at this meeting.

FEBRUARY 1, 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. 848-373-4239.

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 or 732-270-2588 – Bernadett Brandner*

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 community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

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 Straneri or suestraneri@verizon.net*

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 8:00 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 7:00 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 and meet 12:00 PM on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or deed@visitationchurch.com*

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin & Announcement Deadline: Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.