



Lent

Second Sunday

*"This is my chosen Son;
listen to Him"*

Luke 9:35

Church of the Visitation

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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
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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 28	SUNDAY	MARCH 1	
4:00 PM	Msgr. Joseph O'Connell/req. The Towey Family	<i>C.C.D. Classes</i>	9:15 AM	Lake Riviera MS
5:30 PM	Donald Smith/req. Lynne Rac	<i>H. S. Confirmation Class</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Room C
SUNDAY	MARCH 1	MONDAY	MARCH 2	
6:45 AM	Dougals Huff/req. Joan Huntley	<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Rosary Altar Society,	<i>Rosary Altar Meeting</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
9:30 AM	Dominic Mazzara/req. Wife	<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
11:00 AM	Paul T. Mangenelli/req. Mary Helik	<i>Children's Choir</i>	6:15 PM	Church
12:30 PM	People of the Parish	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms A, B & C
MONDAY	MARCH 2	<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
7:30 AM	Paul Chapmen/req. Justin Magnusson	<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
8:15 AM	Paul Manganeli/req. Pat Feeney	TUESDAY	MARCH 3	
7:30 PM		<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
TUESDAY	MARCH 3	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
7:30 AM	Frank Sinnott/req. Mary Ann & John Mc Evoy	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
8:15 AM	Martha Fucarino/req. Frank & Barbara Koenemund	WEDNESDAY	MARCH 4	
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 4	<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
7:00 AM	Pacifica Rodriguez/req. Iris & Jack Kwitchoff	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
8:15 AM	Joseph Downs/req. Patricia Hayton	<i>Contemporary Stations</i>	7:00 PM	Chapel
THURSDAY	MARCH 5	<i>Ocean Mental Health Services</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room A
7:30 AM	Marion Grelach/req. Radiance Sheppard	THURSDAY	MARCH 5	
8:15 AM	Barney Lim/req. The Winn Family	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
FRIDAY	MARCH 6	<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
7:30 AM	Lyn Risberg/req. Irene Triebe	<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
8:15 AM	Dave Nelson/req. The Boccett Family	FRIDAY	MARCH 6	
SATURDAY	MARCH 7	<i>Traditional Stations</i>	4:00 PM	Church
7:30 AM	Philip Rizzo/req. The Ryan Family	<i>Holy Hour with Benediction</i>	7:00 PM	Church
8:15 AM	Mary Pocius/req. The Ryan Family	<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
4:00 PM	Jean Ammerata & Maria Marchitto/req. Family	<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
5:30 PM	Jane Zaccardi/req. The Mc Quade Family	SATURDAY	MARCH 7	
SUNDAY	MARCH 8	<i>Holy Name Meeting</i>	10:00 AM	Auditorium
6:45 AM	Mary Agnes Tallman/req. The Butkovsky Family	<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:30 PM	Auditorium
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of the Holy Name Society,			
9:30 AM	Jane Zaccardi/req. The Mc Quade Family			
11:00 AM	William Eugene Wheeler/req. Ray DeTuro			
12:30 PM	People of the Parish			

For the Week of March 1, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Sister Anne Brennan/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Chapel Sanctuary Candle "Good Health" for Bishop David O'Connell/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Blessed Mother Candle is "God's Healing" for Wayne & Amy Basilotto/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mary Grodnicki/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32


Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

"I WILL WALK BEFORE THE LORD, IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING"



II. Teresa Knight
III. Rosemary Russell

“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; James Nasatka, Patricia Crowell


On this Second Sunday of Lent the Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus.

In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. The disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. *Loyola Press*

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.

 **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR FEBRUARY 50/50**
Meg Di Minno was the winner of \$488. Meg is an annual subscriber. The next drawing will be March 22 after the 12:30 Mass in the Church Auditorium.

BINGO

Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

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

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF IN THE SECOND ENVELOPE.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT



March 21, 2015 – beginning at 4:00 Mass in the Church proper until 8:30 pm. As we pass through the days of Lent and reflect on and pray about Jesus’ promise of salvation, we are assured that his ways are love and truth to those who keep his covenant. We will join as believers and servants of the Lord on March 21, 2015 beginning at the 4:00 pm Mass to recall the power and purpose of our journey. Come and share with each other the unconditional love and friendship of God in our Lenten Parish Retreat. There will be a presentation, prayer, discussion, directed prayer and many other inspirations. A light dinner will be served and the retreat will continue after Mass in the church auditorium, please bring a dessert. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Contact the Adult Faith Formation Office. 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dale@visitationchurch.com

SOME ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

Daily Mass: 7:30 and 8:15 AM Daily Chapel.

Saturday Masses: 4:00 and 5:30 P.M.

Sunday Masses: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

Mondays: Miraculous Medal and St. Jude Novena 8:45 AM and during the 7:30 PM Mass Daily Chapel.

Mondays: Rosary for Life 1:30 PM Daily Chapel

Wednesdays: Contemporary Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Daily Chapel.

Fridays: Traditional Stations of the Cross, 4:00 PM Church Worship.

LENT HAS BEGUN



To observe this season of austerity and simple reflection is by not having flowers on the altar during the 40 days of Lent. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

“For those who long for a child of their own; We pray to the Lord”



RCIA CORNER

SACRIFICE CAN BE GOOD

Regarding today’s readings about the transfiguration - we first notice that it takes place on a mountain and we know that the mountain is where we meet God. Peter’s suggestion that we erect three tents is not too farfetched when we understand that when we pitch a tent we are intending to stay. So Peter’s reaction is one of permanence. God then appears in the cloud. Those who have spent time in the desert know without the cloud in the daytime, the Israelites would have perished from the heat. Without God we would not exist. Without God’s strength and support, it would have been impossible for Israel to have survived one week in the desert. When God speaks from this cloud we are reminded of how he spoke at Jesus’ Baptism. But now he says not just that Jesus is his son, but that we must listen to him.

Moses and Elijah symbolize the old way – the law and the prophets, they do not need tents as they will not be staying. Jesus who is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets will be staying – listen to him. At the conclusion It seems as if Jesus is telling the apostles not to speak until they fully understand. They think a Messiah is someone who prevails over the enemy, so how can Jesus be the Messiah if he is to be killed. In their humanness they cannot see the Messiah coming and suffering. Jesus message to them is that suffering can be good-suffering can save. Listen!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Loving Creator, I am not asking to overcome my weakness, but to use it in some way to glorify you.

Let me be aware of the many ways you reach out to help me today and let me stand in awe of the power that you use in such loving ways.

How has Jesus helped you today?

Holy Water will remain in the fonts during the Season of Lent. It will be removed Holy Thursday (after the Mass of the Last Supper,) Good Friday and Holy Saturday. We will fill the fonts once again during the Easter Vigil.

PENITENTIAL RITE

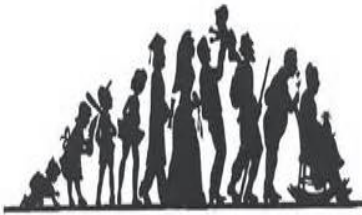


On February 28, 2015 we will be celebrating the Penitential Rite for our Candidates in the RCIA process. These are our Candidates who have already

been baptized and now are preparing themselves for completion of their sacraments or entering into full communion with our Catholic Church. The Penitential Rite is designed to help those seeking complete initiation to overcome their areas of weakness, and to strengthen their areas of goodness. This Rite will be celebrated at the 4:00 pm Mass on February 28, 2015.

Our Candidates who are being received into full communion are Esther Ganeshanada and Skyler Edge. Those who are completing their Sacraments are, Marina Flores, Gloria Flores, Maricela Flores and Vilma Nieto. As their parish family let us join in prayer with them, asking God to purify them and help them be ready to receive the Sacraments of initiation at the Easter

THE GRACE OF THE FAMILY



Fr. Bill Habling is a popular conference speaker who has taught throughout the world. He is a very polished biblical teacher who

speaks to children as well as adults. He has preached at places like Steubenville and the Grand Auditorium in Ocean Grove. He has been a retreat master and preached at conferences as well as days of recollection in many countries. He is a member of the Fraternity of Priests and he has been active in the Charismatic Renewal since 1975. He is a priest alive with the Holy Spirit and he wants every person to be renewed in the Holy Spirit! He is currently serving at Saint Mary's parish in Middletown.

Fr. Bill is coming here to Visitation Parish on Tuesday, March 24, 2015- 7:00 to 9:00 pm to deliver a powerful teaching on the Grace of the Family. Refreshments will be available. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dale@visitationchurch.com.



Members from our youth and adult choirs joined Georgian Court University choir on Sunday February, 8 to celebrate the liturgy together. Our youth are the present and the future of the church! Let's support them

and encourage them as they are faithful servants of Christ!

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting at all the doors Sat. Feb. 28 and Sunday March 1. All donations go to assist the needy in our parish and the surrounding community.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!



Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome approximately 17,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students

from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming lifelong learners. In a faith-centered, child-sensitive environment, students are taught respect and to value individual differences in others. Our schools' Catholic identity integrates spirituality, collegiality, social justice and academic development as students proclaim the faith in all learning activities. Your gift can help to keep our Catholic faith growing in our schools.

This is my beloved son, with whom I am pleased; listen to him.
Matthew 17:5

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

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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 and in Church the second weekend of the month. 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 or doug_roman4@yahoo.com*

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all adults and boys and girls third grade and higher who have received their Holy Communion. 732-458-1492 - *Sue Straneri 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. 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. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationchurch.com*

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*

Bulletin Deadline

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