

HAPPY EASTER

*But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement of our peace was upon Him,
and with His stripes we are healed..*

Isaiah 53:5

He is Risen

Church of the Visitation

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM to 12:30 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.

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

EASTER SUNDAY ~ THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



SATURDAY	APRIL 4 EASTER VIGIL
8:00 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Diane Szechter/req. Daughter & Family
9:30 AM	The Amato Family/req. Son, John
11:00 AM	Mario Altomare & Thomas Rygiel/req. Terri & Toni
12:30 PM	Barbara Ann Drezek/req. Family
MONDAY	APRIL 6
7:30 AM	Judith Ling/ req. Marilyn & George Emery
8:15 PM	James Giovinazzo/req. Jim & Mary Ellen Marsh
7:30 PM	Joseph Hammel/req. Wife, Mary
TUESDAY	APRIL 7
7:30 AM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Vinnie & Colleen Loffredo
8:15 AM	Florian Smolucha/req. Maureen Walsh
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 8
7:30 AM	Joyce Honeker/req. Bev & John Mozart
8:15 AM	Ruth Cahill/req. The Ryan Family
THURSDAY	APRIL 9
7:30 AM	Patricia Turner/req. Sailors Quay Condo Association
8:15 AM	God's Bless on Ralph Cerame/req. Jim & Alice Kelly
FRIDAY	APRIL 10
7:30 AM	Michael Zarzecki, Sr./req. Anthony & Mary Capone
8:15 AM	Norma Scott/req. The DeGraff Family
SATURDAY	APRIL 11
7:30 AM	Edward Karaffa/req. Lisa & Joe Giunta
8:15 AM	Anna & Emmet Conway/req. Audrey Foley
4:00 PM	Patrick "Chickie" Vescuso/req. Denise Patetta
5:30 PM	Edward Zack/req. Wife & Family
SUNDAY	APRIL 12
6:45 AM	Elizabeth Farrell/req. The Butkovsky Family
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Member of The Holy Name & The Rosary Altar Societies
9:30 AM	William Mack, Jr./req. Sharon, Erin & Stephanie
11:00 AM	Anna Michels/req. Daughter
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

Easter Sunday Prayer
*God our Father, by raising Christ your Son,
 you conquered the power of death
 and opened for us the way to eternal life.
 Let our celebration today raise us up
 and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK		
EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 5	
MONDAY	APRIL 6	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	APRIL 7	
<i>Bereavement Support</i>	10:30 AM	Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 8	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
THURSDAY	APRIL 9	
<i>Youth Choir</i>	5:00 PM	Church
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	APRIL 10	
<i>CC Supervisor Mtg.</i>	2:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	APRIL 11	
<i>Wedding Fair</i>	12:30 PM	Church
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:30 PM	Auditorium

For the Week of February 22, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Deceased Members of Pavlak Family/req. Charles & Elena Pavlak
Chapel Sanctuary Candle "In Loving Memory" of Judith Bencivenga/req. Fr. Al & Staff

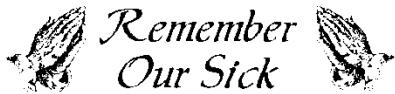
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Deceased Members of The

Guenther Family/req. Mary McCoy

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Judith Bencivenga/req. Doug & Vicki Cottrell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



II. Theresa Knight

“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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED

The rectory office will be closed for regular business, Monday, April 6, 2015 in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 8:30 AM.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR NEW WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS WILL BE SATURDAY FROM 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM AND CLOSED ON SUNDAY’S.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. THEY MAKE OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
WEATHERHEAD YOUNG FUNERAL HOME**

For bulletin advertising information, please call John Patrick Publishing Company 800-333-3166

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

From the Pastor’s Desk

DEAR VISITATION PARISHIONERS,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!!

A most blessed and joyous Easter to you and all your loved ones!

On this day of our Lord’s glorious Resurrection, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ always live within you, and may you always have the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope and the promise of Peace

For all those who have participated in our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies, may you rejoice in the New Life of Christ’s Grace.

Many thanks to all parishioners for their support and continued loyalty and may Christ’s Grace Reign supreme in your hearts.

Happy Easter

Peace of the Risen Christ

Fr. Al

&

Parish Staff



Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. Even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection.

In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them.

Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. *Loyola Press*

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MISSION STATEMENT

"The Church of the Visitation is a Roman Catholic Community. We are committed to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the needs of people, through prayer, service, friendship and love. Our commitment is expressed in Sacramental and Gospel interaction. Through Ministry and Stewardship we give greater glory to God."

FAITH

Please join us on our journey of "Deepening Our Faith" Wednesday, April 15th through Wednesday May 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Church auditorium. We will continue our group sessions in the "Faith" series to explore together how the sacraments connect us to God and to each other. Our discussion questions will help enhance our prayer life while sharing our faith and lead us to a better understanding of who God is with us. Dee Bringhurst is our facilitator for this free event. Please contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 for registration or email dale@visitationchurch.com.

DOCTORS MAKING HOUSECALLS

On Monday April 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Auditorium, we will have a guest speaker from Acute Medical Housecalls. Frank Campione RPA-C will offer information and answer questions on Housecalls They are Medicare Participating Provider. Frank has many years in emergency Medicine/Urgent Care. All are welcome to attend. Please call Dee Deturo at 732-477-7059 ext.219 for more information.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society is April 13, 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.

WE'VE MOVED & IMPROVED



Hooray!!! Our website has a new home. You'll find the Sunday bulletin here in its entirety, as well as important notices about what's happening in our parish. Should you miss mass or if you are a homebound parishioner catch up online. Log on to visitationRCchurch.org and check out our new digs! We're quite proud of our new look and hope you will be too. Come grow with us!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass and Devotions April 12, 2015, 3:00 PM

The Humble Instrument

On October 5, 1938, a young religious by the name of Sister Faustina (Helen Kowalska) died in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland.....

The Image

On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to this simple nun, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind.....

The Feast

As a further sign of His forgiving love, Jesus called for a Feast of The Divine Mercy to be celebrated in the whole Church. He said to Sister Faustina: "I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.....

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR MARCH 50/50

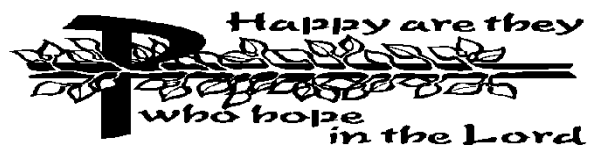


Daniel Cierzo was the winner of \$556. The next drawing will be April 26, in the church auditorium after the 12:30 PM mass.

SPECIAL PARISH MAY CROWNING



Mary has always held a special place in the hearts of the parishioners of Visitation and May is a special month for honoring her. On Sunday, May 3, we will be crowning Mary after the 12:30 Mass.



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.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the vestibule of the Church. The drawing for March will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, April 26 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

TIDBITS FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY



God's people need something to make music about when they worship, and since this music must be art, professional artists-musicians must serve God's people with their talents, and those people must be you. God is calling! Claim your art by accepting God's call"

The Singing Assembly by Virgil C. Funk



If you have already received an appeal mailing from the diocese, you may choose to either send in a pledge now, send in a donation, drop a pledge or donation in a separately marked envelope in any of our regular collections or pledges may be sent directly to:

The Annual Catholic Appeal
Diocese of Trenton
PO Box 4887
Trenton, NJ 08650

Thank-you to those who've already pledged.

As of March 17, 2015
Goal ~\$92,000
Pledge ~ \$25,209
Cash Recd ~ \$19,928
Total Donors ~ 172
Participation Rate ~ 4%
Percentage of Goal ~ 27%



RCIA CORNER

THE FAMILY-1

From the Pontifical Council on the Family (Summary Statement) *Love is our Mission-The Family Fully Alive:*

"The Church believes that God exists and that he loves us. We make this claim because we have encountered and trust Jesus Christ. This trust enables a relationship in which God's plan for all creation is revealed and disclosed. Confident in this plan, we are able to proclaim that each and every human being is created in the image of God. We believe that God creates us with a purpose and for a mission."

Because God exists the church was formed. Because he loves us it continues. We are a people who have heard and felt the presence of God. We find that it is only in him that we can truly trust and so therefore we continue a connection with him. We know that each and every person is created in God's image and that each person's dignity must be respected. All of us are called together, with all our warts but also with all our beautiful gifts. We are called to complete the mission that God sets before us, but we do not do this alone. We complete our mission with the help of each other.

Jesus sealed that connection to the Father for us. He gave his life so that we might live. He took our sins upon himself so that we could be freed from the power of sin. Each and every one of us is called to live in communion with him and with each other. Each of us with our own, gifts and talents, building the kingdom here and in the next life. Loving, caring, trusting things we sometimes need to work on.

Ask yourself this question: What is it about Jesus that makes him trustworthy?

SAVE THE DATE

**CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION
MAY 31**

We will start with our spiritual food; The Mass at 12:30 PM, then our physical food; a pot luck covered dish to follow in the Church Auditorium. Details to follow in further bulletins.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 18, 2015, Church Auditorium

Dine in or take out

Dine in 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Take out starting at 4:00 pm

MENU

Salad

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Dessert

Drink (dine-in only)



At Door: Adult \$12.00

Child 6-12 \$ 5.00

Children under 6 free (dine in only)

Pre Paid: Adult \$10.00

Child \$ 5.00



TICKETS AVAILABLE

Narthex (after weekend mass)

Rectory (normal business hours)

Proceeds to benefit the Repair & Maintenance Fund

For additional information or for volunteer opportunities please call 732-477-7059 ext. 216

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

His rising is the promise of life for us all! We rejoice in the mercy and power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ raised from the dead. And we rejoice in the faith of our Candidates, Esther Ganeshananda, Ezra Ganeshananda and Skyler Edge, who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We also recognize Marina Flores, Maricela Flores, Gloria Flores and Vilma Nieta, who were all Baptized as Catholics and who completed their sacraments with Confirmation and First Eucharist. As their parish community we will continue our prayers for them, for their families and for all those in this community who still are seeking Christ in this Church. May they not be disappointed! For information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in this parish, contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext., 214 or email dale@visitationchurch.com – Happy Easter

BAKE SALE SUCCESS

Thanks to the parishioners that helped The Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale to be the great success it was. We raised \$952.36. The money has been earmarked for the purchase of new candles and flame guards for the church. This will eliminate burns, ash, soot and oil on the altar clothes. A heartfelt thank you to the coordinators, Rose Marie Di Giovanni, Mary Helik, Ellen Buttacavoli and Kathy Cifelli and to all the Rosary Altar Society ladies that came and gave up their time to help. bake.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday Bingo from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you can assist in any way, or even for a couple of hours, please stop by the Church Auditorium on Tuesday during bingo.

USHERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to usher for the 12:30 PM Mass on Sunday. If you think this may be something you would enjoy doing, please call Kathy Cifelli at 732-262-4186.

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Let us rejoice and give praise, the Lord is Risen as he promised, alleluia!!

On this Easter Sunday, we can experience and celebrate signs of spring. Many regions in our country will find trees budding, flowers popping their heads out of the ground and birds returning. These are all signs of the renewal of the season. As Easter children, we also will experience another sign of renewal—a spiritual renewal as we celebrate our resurrection from the tomb of eternal damnation. Easter invites us to go forth telling the story of a God who so loved the people of the world that he sent his only son to be sacrificed for them. Because of Jesus' actions, we can experience a true peace because we have forgiveness and eternal life.

True peace is available to everyone, not from the material things of this world, but from a sharing in the peace of Christ. Such a peace is available to anyone who accepts the resurrection of Jesus. The key to obtaining the "peace" that Christ offers is to be found in our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Our part of the transaction is to believe and to recognize Jesus Christ as our Messiah, our Lord and our Savior. Christ's part is to send the Holy Spirit. And since God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit are one, it means that God really and truly is dwelling within us. Because of this, it makes sense for us to always greet one another with great respect. Each one of us is unique creations of God. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, suffered and died and rose from the dead for each one of us. We are to go and tell this story to everyone through our words and our actions.

The paschal candle will shine during the Easter season. May it remind us of our new life in our Risen Lord. May it remind us to rejoice, always, in good days and bad, with steady hope. May the paschal candle also remind us that the light of the risen Christ shines in the world through the oil of our lives. Let us also go forth and tell our story as Secular Franciscans to others. The story of how Jesus is transforming our lives through the teachings and life of St. Francis. When we spread joy or show love, there we are sharing his newness of life. Where we work to make a better world, there we are spreading his sincerity and his truth. As we walk with Christ this Easter and every day, let us ask him to help us bring new life to the corner of the world where we live.

Jesus was buried and rose again. This Easter, let us bury our old selves and have Jesus resurrect us as a new person --a person that everyone will recognize as Christ-like; a person who will bring Christ to others, not by what we say, but by what we do.

In India they have a custom of joining their hands together in a prayerful stance and bowing. The gesture means, "The God in me salutes the God in you". Alleluia, my sisters and brothers! Our Savior is Risen!

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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*

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 straneri.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

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

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