

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: 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 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY	MAY 2
4:00 PM	Joseph Hammel/req. Wife Mary
5:30 PM	Eugene Capozzi/req. Ann DeSousa
SUNDAY	MAY 3
6:45 AM	Michael Jiracek/req. Nancy Grodberg
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Ivo Miseta/req. Maria Lechic
11:00 AM	Alice Mary Madden/req. Bottazzi Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	MAY 4
7:30 AM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Bev & John Mozart
8:15 AM	Sophia Hegadorn/req. Husband Jim
7:30 PM	Patricia Turner/req. Therese Snyder
TUESDAY	MAY 5
7:30 AM	Kevin Kielt/req. Wife
8:15 AM	Kenneth Ruggiero/req. Mr. & Mrs. LaRocca
WEDNESDAY	MAY 6
7:30 AM	Mary Rilli/req. Sister Angie
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/req. St. Vincent de Paul
THURSDAY	MAY 7
7:30 AM	Robert Posluszny/req. Mother
8:15 AM	Mary Naismith/req. Jim Hegadorn
FRIDAY	MAY 8
7:30 AM	Walter Biedzynski/req. Green & Eigner Families
8:15 AM	Hugo Viccari/req. Family
SATURDAY	MAY 9
7:30 AM	Mark Virag/req. Pat & Cheryl Salsano
8:15 AM	Hugo Vicari/req. Family
4:00 PM	Eleanor & Frank Barlowski/req. Children
5:30 PM	Nancy Spinelli/req. Husband, Tom
SUNDAY	MAY 10
6:45 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Fritz/req. Ray Bulwicz
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
	Judith Bencivenga
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Leslie Pucci/req. Family
12:30 PM	Donna D'Ambrosio/req. Josephine D'Ambrosio

SUNDAY	MAY 3	LOCATION
<i>May Crowning</i>	1:30PM	Church
MONDAY	MAY 4	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15AM&7:30PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
TUESDAY	MAY 5	
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
WEDNESDAY	MAY 6	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>Deepening our Faith</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
THURSDAY	MAY 7	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM	Parish Rooms. A, B & C
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	MAY 8	
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	MAY 9	
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Auditorium

For the Week of May 3, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Frank Galletto/req. Fr. Al & Staff
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "Congratulations Deacon Sal" on upcoming Twentieth Anniversary in the Deaconate/req. Fr. Al & Staff

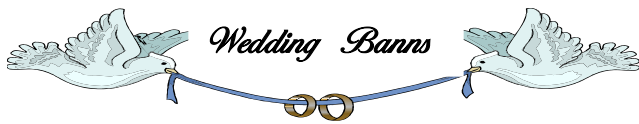
Blessed Mother Candle is "God's Blessing" on Pandolfi Family/req. Family/req. Wife & Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "Congratulations Deacon Nick" on upcoming Fifth Anniversary in the Deaconate/req. Fr. Al & Staff

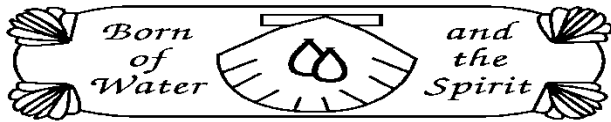
Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

"I WILL PRAISE YOU LORD IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE"



II. John Szelagowski & Antoniette Panza




Welcome into God's Family

Isabella Grace Cozzino, Derek James Desmond,
Jackson John Ellis, Adriana Rose DeStefano,
Abigail Teresa-Rose Hart



II. Chris Banoff

"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; *Elmer Palkowetz*

THE END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH

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.



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

Reflections for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. He also teaches them about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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



RCIA CORNER

THE FAMILY-5

Continuing our Study on the Family...

“We acknowledge that we are fallen and that all manner of suffering, temptations, and sins can burden us and prevent us from becoming who we were created to be. But we trust that no matter what trials we face or wounds we inflict upon ourselves; and others, God is faithful. His passion, crucifixion, and resurrection are the decisive evidence that he will not depart from his covenant. The Lord has shown that he is stronger than all our sins and that he conquers sin. “(Love is our Mission [Summary Statement] *The Family Fully Alive*).

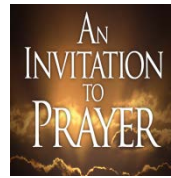
All of us are fallen and our world has become disordered by sin and greed, but we do not need to surrender to that confusion. Love is still our mission-the Church seeks an alternative – a community based on Jesus mercy, generosity, freedom and fidelity. The church furthers the culture of life, aids the poor and supports the family. A change from what the world offers. We do not need to succumb to our fallen stature but to rise up and resist the temptations that the world offers. In what ways does our parish support our resistance to worldly values?

For additional information regarding the RCIA program please contact Dale at 732-477-7059 ext. 214.

FAITH

Please join us on our journey of "Deepening Our Faith" Wednesday, April 15 through Wednesday May 20 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Daily Chapel. 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 Bringham 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.



Each morning after the 8:15 mass in the Daily Chapel a group of people gather for prayer. This prayerful experience will

set the tone for the rest of your day. If you would like to be part of this spiritual awakening join us every day or whenever you can make it. We look forward to seeing you.

SAVE THE DATE OF MAY 31

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

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 is further bulletins.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday Bingo from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Friday Bingo from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. If you can assist in any way, or even for a couple of hours, please stop by the Church Auditorium on Tuesday or Friday during bingo.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Mother's Day cards are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please remember to pick up your cards to have your mother or a loved one remembered in a nine day novena beginning Monday, May 11 at the 7:30 AM Mass in the Daily Chapel.

A NOTE FROM BISHOP O'CONNELL

All Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton are asked to pray for the victims of the tragic earthquake in Nepal. The devastation there is almost incomprehensible to us. Anyone able and willing to help is encourages to contribute directly online to:www.crs.org or send contributions to” Nepal

Earthquake Relief

Catholic Relief Services

PM 17090

Baltimore, MD 21297-0303



**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT
WWW.VISITATIONRCCHURCH.ORG**



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.

HELP NEEDED!!



V.A.S.T. - Visitation Altar Server Team – is in need of servers, especially at the 5:30 Saturday evening mass and the 9:30 and 12:30 Sunday masses. Being an altar server is a wonderful way to serve God and worship him through the Liturgy. If you would like to become an altar server, please contact Mrs. Stranieri at (732)458-1492. Meetings are held 3-4 times a year. You must have received your First Holy Communion and be in third grade or older. Adults are also welcome.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Many have requested information so they can schedule their vacations around our great VBS. It will run from July 20 thru the 24 this year. Welcome and join the fun. You can register any time after June 8 in the Religious Ed Office in the Rectory. 732 477-5217.

NEW WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE NOTE: OUR NEW WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS WILL BE SATURDAY FROM 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM CLOSED ON SUNDAY'S. THANK YOU!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE HELD AT 4:00 & 5:30 PM, MAY 9 & MAY 16, AND 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM MASSES MAY 10, & 17.

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY



We would like to invite anyone who is looking for a valuable ministry to come forward to help serve at Funeral Masses. The *Corporal Work of Mercy* of burying the dead is a valuable ministry. This very important ministry needs your help. Training is available. If interested, please contact Rosemary Russell at 732-367-5329.

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED NOW FOR VISITATION PARISH!



Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ) is an active ministry in Visitation Parish. They are in urgent need of volunteers. The winter months have taken a toll on both our clients (all who are elderly and homebound) and our volunteers and we need your help now for a few hours a month or few hours a week. Our primary need right now is for drivers to take a senior to a medical appointment or to pick-up some groceries from the supermarket. CVCJ provides a variety of other free services to our homebound seniors.

An orientation session for new volunteers will be held at the Visitation Church Rectory Building, lower level, Tuesday May 12 at 10 AM. To register please call Karen Konopka at 732-477-7059 x 101 or Mary Malagiere at 732-505-2273 ext. 211 or email Mary marym@caregivervolunteers.org. Your prayerful consideration of our request is appreciated.

THE PELICANS ~ A BEACON OF LIGHT



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.

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 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!

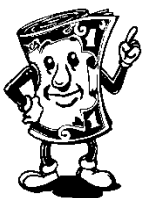


BAKE SALE

The Visitation Altar Server Team along with the Holy Name Society will be holding a joint bake sale in the narthex of the church the weekend of May 16 and 17th. Proceeds of this bake sale will be two-fold – purchasing new processional candles and donating to the Community Lunch Program. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR APRIL 50/50

Denise Patetta was the winner of \$527. Next drawing is May 24, 2015. Annual subscriptions may still be purchased using the form on page 8 of this bulletin.



WHAT DO YOU DO BETWEEN SUNDAYS



Catholic radio is having a major impact on the lives of so many, bringing people back to Church and the Sacraments. Know your Faith, live your Faith. Tune into 89.3FM to hear the Gospel message, the teaching of the Church, LIVE call-in, devotions, speakers, inspirational music and much more. WFJS 89.3FM Catholic radio is an EWTN affiliate reaching Monmouth, and parts of Middlesex & Ocean Counties. You may also listen on-line at www.DomesticChurchMedia.org. Free apps are on your iPhone and Blackberry. Call or write for your FREE Program Guide: WFJS, PO Box 7509, Trenton, 08628 or 609- 882-9357.

HELP SUPPORT HARBOR HOUSE

Harbor House, an agency that helps homeless and runaway youth, invites bike riders and SAG (Support & Gear) volunteers to join the 2015 Ride for New Beginnings, a 5-day, 400-mile bike ride June 24 through 28 (3-day option also available). The fully supported ride will go along coastal NJ to Chincoteague, VA, and back.

Visit <http://oceansharborhouse.org/bike-tour/>.

ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA
UNMASKING THE IDOLS

May 12th—Did you ever notice the idols in your everyday life? This day is NOT about pagan and primitive idols, but about the idols that separate us from God today. Come to be awakened! Come to face idols that are hidden! Lunch and Mass included. Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th. Arrival 9:30 AM. Departure 2:30 PM. Cost \$45.00

Call 732-892-8494 to register for these programs or for additional information.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION

Next weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Good News through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese, so please be generous in this Collection. CCC is how the Good News gets around to you.

ST. PETER' CHURCH CRUISE

Join St. Peter's Parish on a 9 Night Canada/New England Cruise Sailing September 24, 2015 aboard Liberty of the Seas. A deposit of \$500 per cabin, plus travel insurance is due at the time of booking. Insurance prices range between \$118 and \$227 per person, depending on the cost of cabin selected. For pricing information or reservations call Evelyn at Crown Travel and Cruises Toll Free: (800)869-7447, Ext. 125or Email: evelyn@crowncruise.com.

UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER,
NEPTUNE, NJ

Six-Day Directed Retreat

"Nothing is More Practical Than Finding God"

Come for a special opportunity for solitude, prayer with Scripture, and daily spiritual direction. This retreat is offered in the spirit of the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola*.

Date: Friday, May 15–Friday, May 22, 2015

7:00 pm Arrival- 10:30 am Departure

Fee: \$475 (seven nights)

Centering Prayer

Join us as Fr. Keating invited us into greater depth and transformation in Christ. The day will include presentation, discussion and Centering Prayer.

Theme: Liberation from the False Self System

Facilitator: Bunny Scott

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Fee: \$35 (A light lunch and materials included.)

For information or to make reservations, please call 732-922-0550.

"Acts of Faith, Works of Love"

We are demonstrating our love of God by our generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal.



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.

MAY 3, 2015

Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2015



Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects. A \$20 annual subscription gives you 12 tickets for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2015.

All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

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

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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 – *Christie 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. 732-477-8456 – *Paul Hegadorn or paulhegadorn@verizon.net*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Council Home on the corner of Cedarbridge Avenue and Route 70 East.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY honors the Blessed Virgin Mary to secure her patronage through the daily recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of the parish community. Members attend the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month. The Monday following the first Sunday of the month they meet at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary. The meeting will follow at 12:00 noon in the Church Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or deed@visitationchurch.com*

Bulletin Deadline

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