

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY	MAY 9
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 People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Leslie Pucci/req. Family
11:00 AM	Donna D'Ambrosio/req. Josephine D'Ambrosio
12:30 PM	
MONDAY	MAY 11
7:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
8:15 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz
7:30 PM	Gerolma Miragliotta
TUESDAY	MAY 12
7:30 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz
8:15 AM	Mother's Day Novena
WEDNESDAY	MAY 13
7:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
8:15 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz
5:00 PM	Eugene Foley/req. Syvertsen Family
THURSDAY	MAY 14
7:00 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz
8:15 AM	Mother's Day Novena
7:00 PM	Mr. Brosnan/req. Mary Ryan
FRIDAY	MAY 15
7:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena
8:15 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz
SATURDAY	MAY 16
7:30 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz
8:15 AM	Mother's Day Novena
4:00 PM	Rose Dempsey/req. Family
5:30 PM	Joyce Honeker/req. Terri & Toni
SUNDAY	MAY 17
6:45 AM	Edith Bandurski/req. John & Janel Powers & Family
8:00 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz
9:30 AM	Nauar Harika/req. Fairchild Family
11:00 AM	Jane Zaccardi/req. McQuade Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

For the Week of May 10, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Eleanor Barlowski/req. Children

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" Deegan & Mesgleski Families/req. Terri Deegan

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of May DeMita & Marge Fama/req. Gloria

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Judith Bencivenga/req. The Martone Family

SUNDAY MAY 10 LOCATION

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MONDAY	MAY 11	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium
TUESDAY	MAY 12	
<i>Caregivers Orientation</i>	10:00 AM	Parish Room A
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Holy Name Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	MAY 13	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	5:00 PM	Church
<i>Deepening our Faith</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
THURSDAY (ASCENSION)	MAY 14	
<i>Mass</i>	7:00 & 8:15 AM	Church
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>Mass</i>	7:00 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	MAY 15	
<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	MAY 16	
<i>Bake Sale</i>	3:30 PM	Narthex
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

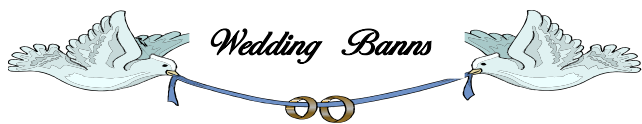
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

"THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POW'R"



III. John Szelagowski & Antoniette Panza



I. Rita Napolitano, Teresa Knight,
James Hegadorn
III. 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; *Rose Petrone, Mary Ferrara*



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.

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

"Acts of Faith, Works of Love"
We are demonstrating our love of God by our generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Reflections for the Sixth Sunday of Easter



In today's Gospel one of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love
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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 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE SECOND BASKET



RCIA CORNER

THE FAMILY-6

“In our life together, through the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our midst, we believe that God will bring to fruition the work which he has begun in us. Anticipating that day when Jesus comes again and fully establishes his Kingdom on earth, we believe it is our mission to testify to what God has done and is doing. We believe it is our mission to love God and neighbor as he has taught us. “(Love is our Mission [Summary Statement] The Family Fully Alive).

We are made to exist for others to be a gift to all. We may try to be self-sufficient but ultimately we know that we are made in the image of God and to save our lives we must lose them to God. Once we are caught up in that revelation we must serve our neighbors. The Jews of the Old Testament could not fully grasp who their neighbors were. But Jesus makes no distinction among persons when he tells us who our neighbor is. All of us are made in the image and likeness of God and all of us must serve each other. How does the parish serve families and how do families serve the parish?

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGES

May 14, 2015 is The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter. It is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

This year’s mass schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday, May 13, Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM and

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 & 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM.

All masses will be held in the Church.



Thanks to all who participated in the crowning of the Blessed Mother after the 12:30 PM Mass Sunday, May 3. Special thanks to James & Bethany Dewon who placed the crown on the Blessed Mother.

A MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER



We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers.

We thank you that she gave us life and nurtured us all those years. She gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught us that it was okay to cry and that we should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

***FR. AL & STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH
ALL THE MOTHERS IN OUR PARISH
A VERY HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY.***

MOTHER’S DAY GIFTS

The Rosary Altar Society has some very nice pins, Rosary Beads, Statues and many other beautiful items available for Mother’s Day. Stop by the Religious Article Counter in the Narthex of the Church for something special for Mom.

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.

MOTHERS’/FAMILY MEMORIAL MASS



A special Mass will be celebrated for Mothers and their families who have suffered the loss of a child of any age (before birth, miscarriage, infancy childhood, or adult children) on Tuesday May 12, 2015 7:00 pm at St. Dominic Church, Old Squann Road,

Brick, NJ. Come to honor & remember these children through a special celebration of the Eucharist. A gathering with refreshments will follow. This is sponsored by the Elizabeth Ministries of St. Denis and St. Dominic Churches. No RSVP necessary. Questions, call Rachel Hendricks 732-223-1658.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter collection is an important component of our budget. The collection for Easter 2015 was \$32,011.47. On a month to month basis, our income does not cover our expenses. We are dependent on the generosity of our parishioners throughout the year and especially Christmas and Easter to end the year with a balanced budget. The money from the Easter collection has been allocated as follows:

Property/Liability Ins. (qtr.)	\$11,127.75
Electric (month)	2,612.60
BTMUA (quarter)	686.42
Natural Gas (month)	1,188.57
Phone/Cable (month)	820.93
Diocesan Assessment	15,575.20

(Towards shortfall against collections)

Expenses are for the Church and Rectory buildings. The Visitation Relief Center operates on grants and donations to the center.

HELP NEEDED!!



V.A.S.T. - Visitation Altar Server Team – is in need of servers, especially at the 4:00 Saturday evening mass and the 12:30 Sunday mass. Adults or children who have received First Holy Communion and are in third grade or

older are welcome to join the team. 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.

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.

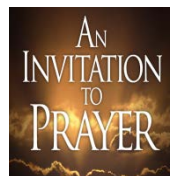


The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.

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.



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.

CATHOLIC ADVANCED DIRECTIVE

Everyone – even those who are not old or ill – should complete an Advanced Directive. Find more information on the NJCC website at www.njccathconf.com/content/respect_life_living_will.php

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.

MAY 10, 2015

*Congratulations to the following Children as they receive
The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist
"Happy are those who are called to His supper"*

*Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
saying:*

Take and eat; this is my body

*Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it
to them saying:*

Drink from it, all of you

Matthew 28:26, 27

FIRST

Holy

Communion

AVA ALBANESE
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DANNY GALINDO
THOMAS GEORGE

DOMINIC GIOVINE
GIANNI GORGA
JACOB HARRIS
JAMES HIRTES
ISABELLE HOFFMAN
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JOSEPH LEVENS
MALLORY LEPORE
DANIEL LOHMEYER
SUMMER MALLON
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RILEY NAUSEDAS
NICHOLAS NEWCOMB
THOMAS OLSKI
KAYDENCE O'TOOLE
SOPHIA PECHKO
JELEN PERAFAN

CHRISTOPHER QUICK
ALEXANDRA QUINTERO
CYNTHIA QUINTERO
LEONARD QUINTERO
NICK ROMANO
JOSEPH SCHAEFER
PATRICK SHAVE
LUCAS SILVA
JAIDYN SIMONETTI
SARAH SPRAGUE
MEGAN STRATTON
TREY TALLMADGE
DANIEL THALEN
CAMRYN THOMAS
KAYDENCE VOGEL
GWENDOLYNN WALKER
OLIVIA WALLEN
JAYSEN WHALEN
JAELEN WICKERSTY
NATHAN WILLIAMS
ROBERT WYSKOWSKI
JOSEPH ZAMORA
GIANNA ZAPPULA

*Thanks be to God for another group of young believers.
May the joy of this day remain with them always, and may their life in Christ
continue to grow, as they grow, as Jesus did, in wisdom, age, and grace.*

Fr. Al

MAY 10, 2015

VISITATION FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 31 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Visitation – the feast day of our parish. We will begin our celebration with spiritual food at the 12:30 pm Mass. Msgr. Sam Sirianni, the Director of Worship of the Diocese of Trenton will be the main celebrant. He is well known for his sense of humor.

Our celebration will continue in the church auditorium after Mass with a pot-luck dinner. Everyone is invited to help make this a successful event that will be a tribute to our namesake. As parishioners of our church community, we are asking you to participate in the Mass and supper, and encourage others to participate.

We are asking each family that is able, to bring a dish of food to share, a monetary donation to defray the cost of supplies, or assist with setup or cleanup. To help make adequate preparations, please let us know by May 29th if you plan on attending the Visitation Celebration on May 31 and what you will be bringing (entree, salad, dessert, monetary donation, assistance with the event, etc.). You can let us know how you plan to participate in any of the following ways:

- Sign-up sheets in the narthex
- Leave a message at 732-477-7059 ext. 156
- Send an e-mail to events@visitationchurch.com
- Visit our website visitationRCchurch.com and click on **Visitation Feast**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

FOR HEAVEN SAKE

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

HAVE ANSWERS READY

Perhaps the answers to questions or misassumptions aren't on the tip of your tongue. However, if you have a smartphone they can be at the tip of your finger. Download a free Catholic Bible or an app like **iPieta** that gives you a selection of Catholic literature for quick answers. At home, keep a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church at hand. The glossary helps locate subjects easily (available at www.usccb.org, 1-800-235-8722).

CCD REGISTRATIONS

New registrations and Sunday registration are accepted any day of the week in the Religious Education Office from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate is required, if the child has NOT been baptized at Visitation.

Summer Registrations will begin Monday-Friday, June 15 thru June 19, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM & Saturday, June 20, 11:00 AM – 3:00- PM.

Weekday registration will begin Monday-Friday, June 22 thru June 26 from 11:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday, June 27, 11:00 to 3:00 PM. Registration fee is \$95.00 for the first child and \$25.00 for any additional children.

NOTE: Due to space restrictions, children that are being re-registered for weekday classes will be placed into a classroom based on the family's active participation in Visitation Parish **not on a first-come-first-serve basis**. For any further information, please call Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to our Blessed Mother. We have no more powerful intercessor before the throne of Almighty God, after Jesus, than Mary herself.

Encourage devotions to our Blessed Mother in your home by praying the Rosary and the Angelus.

HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH AMEN.

MAY 10, 2015

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 – *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. 732-239-2449 – *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.