

Church of the Visitation



Pentecost

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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 1:30 PM

Parish Registration

The Church of the Visitation is obliged to serve and minister to all baptized Catholics living in our local area. **PLEASE REGISTER** – it assists the staff in knowing you as a parishioner, providing for your needs, informing you of parish programs and activities, and utilizing your gifts and talents in service of the Church and one another. Envelopes for weekly contributions are available to you once you are registered. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Cannon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. 1. Be at least 16 years of age. 2. Have completed the Sacraments of the Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) 3. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY



SATURDAY	MAY 23
4:00 PM	Malachi T. Towey, Sr./req. Family
5:30 PM	Judith Ling/req. Toni Rygiel
SUNDAY	MAY 24
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Kenneth Ruggiero/req. Mary Orrico
9:30 AM	Rocco Castellano/req. Daughters
11:00 AM	Alice Mary Madden/req. Bottazzi Family
12:30 PM	Irene Kittredge/req. Ralph & Anita Fedeke
MONDAY	MAY 25
7:30 AM	Elizabeth La Cour/req. Ricky & Janine Hough
8:15 AM	Harry Russell/req. Ginny Nemeth
TUESDAY	MAY 26
7:30 AM	F. Michael Martini/req. Capone Family
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/req. Dee DeTuro
WEDNESDAY	MAY 27
7:30 AM	Sharon Emich/req. Mrs. N. Ehrola
8:15 AM	Marie Ctesanti/req. Richard & Carol Stanisz
THURSDAY	MAY 28
7:30 AM	Ann Marie Katz/req. Alexander MacDonald
8:15 AM	Lorraine Hill/req. Barbara Woods
FRIDAY	MAY 29
7:30 AM	Josephine McIntire/req. Cathy & Quentin Hunt & Willian Diffley
8:15 AM	Marie Applebee-Turner/req. Kevin Turner
SATURDAY	MAY 30
7:30 AM	Rev. Jim Cafone/req. Cathy & Quentin Hunt & Willian Diffley
8:15 AM	Sister Anne Brennan, SJ/req. Vicki & Dave Neumeister
4:00 PM	Maryann Ammerate/req. Family
5:30 PM	Connie Cifelli/req. Terri, Toni & Family
SUNDAY	MAY 31
6:45 AM	Ann Zdanus/req. Rosemary Ackerman
8:00 AM	Deceased Members of Visitation Parish
9:30 AM	Ivo Miseta/req. Mary, Josie & Rosie
11:00 AM	Lucy Rynkiewicz/req. Chris B.
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

SUNDAY	MAY 24	LOCATION
<i>Community Sunday</i>	6:45 AM	Auditorium
MONDAY	MAY 25	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	MAY 26	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
WEDNESDAY	MAY 27	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Deepening Our Faith</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
THURSDAY	MAY 28	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	MAY 29	
<i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	MAY 30	
<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:00 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, WHEN THERE IS A HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, WE WILL NOT HOLD MONDAY EVENING MASS WITH NOVENA

For the Week of May 24, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing on Dee Lusko/req. Husband, Tom

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

Sacred Heart Candle is "God's Blessing on Caputo Familys/req. Pandolfi Family

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Lita Rossilli/req. Daughters

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.

“LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH”

Remember Our Sick

- I. Carol Smith
- II. Rosemary Russell
- III. 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; *Anne*

Mesgleski, Carmen “Skip” Nicosia



HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

Please consider “Creating a Legacy” that will last for generations to come. When you remember Church of the Visitation in your will, you will help to provide for the many organizations and ministries after you are gone. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216.



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



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

**THERE WILL BE NO BINGO
TUESDAY MAY 26. BINGO WILL RESUME
ON FRIDAY, MAY 29 AT 7:30 PM.**

Reflections for Pentecost Sunday



The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus

gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. We know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for “spirit” can also be translated as “breath.” This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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RCIA CORNER

**LOVE IS OUR MISSION,
THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE
CREATED FOR JOY**

God created us with a plan in mind. Even though our lives may not be all we expected we are still called to follow him and to complete our mission. We say things like “when my problems cease, then I will follow, when I can get back on my feet, then I will serve” but God chooses us right exactly where we are. No need for change, no need to modify. He meets us right where we are and once he serves us he asks us to serve others. We will find that when we serve others we can find true meaning in our own lives. When we serve and see others struggles it helps us to bear up under our own.

How might we follow Christ more intentionally? At home? In the Workplace? In our Communities?

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

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Serving God and Country

A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes

St. Joseph’s Church will host an outdoor mass at St. Joseph’s Cemetery & Mausoleums on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10AM. Mass will be held outside at the Priest Circle altar. Bring your own chair or use one provided by the cemetery. Please join us in saluting our heroes. All are welcome. If you would like further details or require special assistance, please call the cemetery office directly 732-244-3008.

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.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY MAY 25. THEY WILL REOPEN MAY 26 AT 8:30 AM.



FATHERS DAY CARDS

June 21 is Father's Day. Please pick up your Father's Day cards as you leave the Church, so that you may have your Father remembered in a Nine-Day Novena of Masses.

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.



**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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting at all doors the weekend of May 30 and 31. All donations collected goes towards helping those in our community.

“Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another.”

MAY 24, 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



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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary altar Society will be Monday June 8. We will begin at 11:30 with the rosary in the church; meeting to start at 12:00 in church auditorium. Please join us at the Rosary Society Mass Sunday June 7 at 8:00 am.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER

The Rosary Altar Society will sponsor their annual birthright baby Shower June 6 & June 7. There will be a crib in the narthex of the church. Donations of diapers, baby outfits and monetary donations will be accepted. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Birthright is an international organization that offers pregnant women a chance to give birth with dignity and pride. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



MEMORIAL DAY

This coming Monday we will be observing Memorial Day. It is a holiday in which the nation takes the time to remember all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this country by giving their lives in battle or service. We may have family cookouts or spend the day at the beach, but we should not forget those who have fallen protecting our freedoms here in America and abroad.

“Greater love hath no man than this, which a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY. THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 26 AT 8:30 AM.

DAILY MASSES ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH DUE TO POLLING IN THE DAILY CHAPEL. MASSES WILL RETURN TO THE CHAPEL WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 AM.

**Join Us For Coffee,
Donuts and Conversation**

COMMUNITY SUNDAY-is this Sunday, May 24th after all Masses. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends. Refreshments will be served.

MAY 24, 2015

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home shed a ray of light divine!



In today's liturgy, before the Gospel Acclamation, we sing the great Pentecost Sequence: a song of praise to the Holy Spirit, in Latin known as *Veni Sancte Spiritus*. This song dates back to the thirteenth century (attributed to Pope Innocent III) and is a beautifully poetic prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to come and to shine divine light on all humanity.

Using stirring titles, the prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to come down upon us. It gives witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the world. If our souls are weary, it reminds us, the Holy Spirit brings us rest; in the heat of temptation, the Holy Spirit brings graceful coolness; if our souls are heavy and burdened by sorrow, the Holy Spirit consoles us.

The prayer continues, asking the Holy Spirit to wash us, to bring healing to the injured soul, to soften the hardened heart, to warm the cold-hearted, and to lead the lost. It ends by asking the Holy Spirit to give the seven holy gifts, to give reward to the virtuous and to lead us through death to salvation.

There are various translations of the sequence set to music. As the Easter season comes to a close, find a copy of this prayer. Pray it at various times today, in observance of Pentecost. Pray it throughout the coming seasons. Pray it whenever you are in need of a reminder of God's great love and care, given to us through the Holy Spirit. *Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Holy Spirit, Come! Alleluia!*



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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION!



Simon's Soup Kitchen operates in Seaside Heights, NJ. The kitchen serves meals Tuesday and Friday nights during the months of October through April to anyone in need of a meal and a friendly smile. Simon's Soup Kitchen is sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and the Knights of Columbus Council 8415. Since the start of Simon's Soup Kitchen over 45,000 meals have

been served. Many of our clientele live in Seaside Heights and the surrounding area throughout the year and work in our community during the summer months, and sometimes need a little extra support during the winter. Your gift can help to keep the kitchen going.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Parish volunteers contribute in many ways to the vibrant pastoral life of our parish community. By baptism, we are called to participate in the life of Christ. If you are interested in giving your gift of time, please see the list in the back of the bulletin of the many parish ministries/organizations that you can participate in.



Congratulations Father John Renard on your 50th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood.

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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*

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