

# Church of the Visitation

**Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the  
Lord is, there is FREEDOM**

**2 Corinthians 3.17**

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755 Mantoloking Road Brick, N.J. 08723



## Welcome!

*The entire parish community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners*

### 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)

**Rectory Office Phone:** 732-477-0028

**Religious Education:** 732-477-5217

**Rectory Fax:** 732-477-1274

**Rectory Address:** 730 Lynnwood Ave. Brick, NJ

**Website:** www.visitationrcchurch.org

**REV. EDWARD BLANCHETT, PASTOR, EXT. 201**

**REV. JAMES O'NEILL, PAROCHIAL VICAR, EXT. 220**

#### Assisting Priests

Rev. James Sauchelli

Rev. Bernard Mohan

Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Gonzalez

Rev. Msgr. Vincent Doyle

Msgr. Philip Franceschini

Rev. Richard Carlson

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Youth Ministry Leader

**Christie Winters 732-746-3456**

Director of Visitation Relief Center

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

**Closed 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch**

#### Parish Registration

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

#### Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

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

#### 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***

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 4</b>
4:00 PM	Kathleen Pierce/req. Jack & Claire Burns
5:30 PM	Peter Cassie/req. Cheryl & Peter Cassie
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 5</b>
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Ed & Jackie Fischer
11:00 AM	Ann Marie Miller/req. Family
12:30 PM	Wesley Mulrean/req. Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 6</b>
7:30 AM	Anton Leahy/req. Tom & Venus Leahy
8:15 AM	Emanuel Santora/req. Gene & Marge Madeiros
7:30 PM	Elizabeth LaCour/req. Gallagher Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 7</b>
7:30 AM	Irene Durnien/req. Karen Kelly
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry/req. Jerri Salerno
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 8</b>
7:30 AM	Sharon Emicj/req. Tom & Chele Ehrola
8:15 AM	Marie Cresanti/req. Maureen O'Keefe
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 9</b>
7:30 AM	Domenica Pontoriero/req. Fairchild Family
8:15 AM	Mary Odronic/req. John & Laura Urbanowicz
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 10</b>
7:30 AM	Loretta Weidmullen/req/req. Mannion Family
8:15 AM	Edward Schoonejans/req. Paula Bruno
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 11</b>
7:30 AM	Francoise Rose/req. Hasband
8:15 AM	Stella Krzykwa/req. Lantieri Family
4:00 PM	Robert Udet, II/req. Mother, Marilyn McSweeney
5:30 PM	Madeline Vespucci/req. Stolfa Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 12</b>
6:45 AM	Kathleen Burke/req. Ed & Claire Farrell
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Joseph Michaels/req. Daughter
12:30 PM	Bernice & Eugene Looram/req. Family

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 5</b>	
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 6</b>	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A,B & C
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Liturgy Team Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Parish Room B
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 7</b>	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A,B & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 8</b>	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A,B & C
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Adult Faith Formation Mtg</i>	7:15 PM	Parish Room C
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 9</b>	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A,B & C
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 10</b>	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A,B & C
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 11</b>	
<i>Coach Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33  
**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

## For the Week of July 5, 2015




**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Irene Cerbone/req. Carol Mazzaro  
**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Carol Smith/req. Monday Group  
**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Dennis Cremins/req. Karen Warhola  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of John O'Neill/req. Terri, Steven & Toni

**"OUR EYES ARE FIXED ON THE LORD, PLEADING FOR HIS MERCY"**



I. Frank Zickar  
III. Peter Spaziano

"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; *John Resch*

**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.

**NEW WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS**

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR NEW OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**(CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00 – 1:30)**

**WE WILL NO LONGER BE OPEN ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.**

**THANK YOU!**

**BINGO**

**THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD. AND TUESDAY, JULY 7. BINGO WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

**REMEMBER: COACH BINGO JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**2016 MASS BOOK**

The Mass book for the year 2016 is open. This year, you may request three Masses. No request will be taken over the phone. Mass offering is \$10.00. All intentions will mention the person in the Prayer of the Faithful.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*Reflections for*

*The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time*

In today's gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words brother and sister were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people.. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers while preparing us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship. *Loyola Press*

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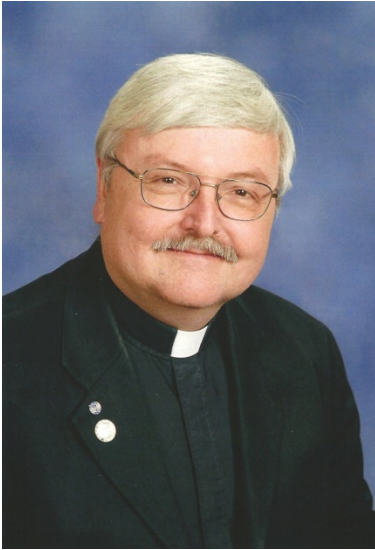
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**NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.**

**JULY 5, 2015**

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On this Fourth of July weekend, as I begin my assignment here at Visitation Parish, I thought I would tell a little about myself (don't worry, I'll try not to make it a habit!)

I was born in 1963, the oldest of three children to Donald and Dora (Leál) Blanchett. Moving from New York City to Lodi, N.J. when I was four years old, I have been a New Jerseyan ever since, living in Spotswood, Highland Park and Freehold. While attending high school at St. Mary's, South Amboy (which, until its sudden closing last month, was called Cardinal McCarrick HS) I met Mary Lee Sherbert and was married on August 16, 1986 after attending Rutgers University: I for a degree in Computer Science and she in Pharmacy. Working for fifteen years in various computer-related positions, we enjoyed eleven years of marriage until her death from leukemia at age 35 on All Souls Day,

November 2, 1997.

Following a call that had actually begun as discernment to the permanent diaconate, I joined the priesthood formation program for the diocese of Trenton. I attended Mt. Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD from 1999-2004 and served diverse summer assignments in St. Catharine's, Spring Lake, St. Vincent de Paul, Yardville and Holy Trinity, Long Branch, taking one summer to attend a Spanish immersion program in Cuernavaca, Mexico. I was ordained a transitional Deacon on May 3, 2003 in my home parish of St. Gabriel's, Marlboro and as a Priest on May 15, 2004 in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton by Bishop John M. Smith.

After ordination, my first presbyteral assignment was at St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Lakewood as a Parochial Vicar with Fr. Michael O'Connor, current Pastor of neighboring Sacred Heart Parish in Bay Head. On January 4, 2008, Bishop Smith assigned me as Administrator to the merging parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Peter's; I was named the first Pastor of the newly-created parish of Jesus, the Good Shepherd on July 1, 2008. I served there until called by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. to become Pastor at St. Denis parish in Manasquan from July 2012 until June 2015. I worked to keep St. Denis School open (regrettably, it had to close last month) and was involved in reconstruction of the parish grounds and Beach Chapel due to the extensive damage suffered from Hurricane Sandy. I also serve as the spiritual director for the Trenton Diocese Cursillo Movement and on the Diocesan Commission for the New Evangelization and Social Media.

I am truly honored to have been called as shepherd to the faithful of the Church of the Visitation and hope to work with all of you for many happy and fruitful years. Together may we seek to best use the diverse talents and active ministries for the greater glory of God!

*Fr. Edward Blanchett*

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# **COACH BINGO FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, July 11, 2015**

**Doors Open—6:00 pm      Calling Begins—7:30 pm**



**\$30.00 Admission  
Includes 15 Games of Bingo**

**Proceeds to Benefit  
Church Repair and Maintenance Fund**

**Church of the Visitation  
755 Mantoloking Rd.  
Brick, NJ 08723**

**For tickets or more information  
732-477-7059 x 156  
E-mail [Events@VisitationChurch.com](mailto:Events@VisitationChurch.com)  
[www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org)  
*Kitchen available - D.W. Dawgs***

**If Gambling is a problem Call 1-800-GAMBLER**

**CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM**

Attention qualified immigrants: Free citizenship preparation classes will be offered this summer at Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ. Must have a green card, 5 yr. residency, and be able to speak, read and write English. Call Sr. Margaret Nulty at 732-998-3153 or email: [srnulty@gmail.com](mailto:srnulty@gmail.com) to pre-register. Testing and registration June 9th 6:00-8:00 pm. Classes Tues & Thursday evenings June 16-July 23.



Please accept my sincere and warmest thanks for all the generous gifts, well wishes and prayers. You will continue to be in my prayers and I ask you to continue to pray for me.

*Fr. Al*



**RCIA CORNER**

**PARISH MINI-RETREAT**



Please join us on Saturday, July 18, 2015, beginning at the 4:00 pm Mass and continuing in the auditorium with a light meal. Retreat will conclude at 8:30 pm. Come and have some fun and

fellowship with other parishioners. Small group discussions, directed prayer, free gifts and many other inspiring things. The theme is Our Journey of Conversion. Come experience God and get away from the hustle and bustle. If you could bring a dessert we would be grateful. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Contact the Adult Faith Formation Office-732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at [dale@visitationchurch.com](mailto:dale@visitationchurch.com).

**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.

**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.

**WHAT IS DISTINCTIVE ABOUT BEING A CATHOLIC?**

Inquirers often ask about the “Catholic” difference. In answering, it first of all requires some understanding of the tradition from which the inquirer comes and what they use as their standard of comparison. A general answer that usually is helpful is to point out our Catholic appreciation for the sacramental dimension of the Christian faith. We Catholics believe that the holy can be communicated through the things of the earth, the “smells and bells” so to speak. At the heart of our experience of faith are the seven sacraments which are richly celebrated with strong rituals. We also cherish sacramentals, such as holy water, images of the saints, rosaries, blessed palms and ashes. Other distinctive features of our tradition include our understanding of the role of the Pope and Bishops as authoritative teachers; our way of interpreting Scripture in a non-fundamental way; the importance of Mary; the mother of Jesus in our faith and prayer; and the broad inclusivity of a global church that makes us truly “catholic,” that is universal, in our embrace of widely diverse cultures, socio-economic levels, and so forth.

**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.

**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](mailto:nancy@visitationchurch.com).

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**HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
CHURCH OF THE VISITATION SUPER 50/50**

The Holy Name Society of Church of the Visitation is conducting a Super 50/50. Proceeds from this raffle will be used towards repair of the parking lot. **The raffle is limited to 200 tickets**, which are \$100 each, and the grand prize is 50% of the tickets sold – up to \$10,000 based on the sale of all the tickets.

The drawing will take place at 4:30 pm on August 16, 2015 at the Annual Family Picnic. Tickets may be purchased by groups as well as individuals. **Encourage friends, family and coworkers, to share in the cost of the ticket and the winnings.**

Tickets can be obtained by filling out the form below and mailing it to the rectory or dropping it in the collection basket. Tickets are also available at the rectory during normal business hours. For more information or tickets, call Vicki at 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail Events@visitationchurch.com or visit our website at visitationRCchurch.org.

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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.***