

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

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



SATURDAY	AUGUST 8
4:00 PM	Kathleen Lynch/req. Claire & Ed. Farrell
5:30 PM	Phillip DeVito/req. Toni Rygiel & Terri Altomare
SUNDAY	AUGUST 9
6:45 AM	Michael Zarzecki/req. Roy & Amelia Anderson
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Member of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Josephine Crai/req. Daughter, Linda
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Arnie Rozental/req. Wife & Family
MONDAY	AUGUST 10
7:30 AM	Bea Rhoades/req. McDonnell Family
8:15 AM	Thomas Crotchfelt/req. Audrey Foley
7:30 PM	Judith Bencivenga/req. Stranieri Family
TUESDAY	AUGUST 11
7:30 AM	Catharine Skillman/req. Allison Jarvis
8:15 AM	Helen Wax/req. Butkovsky Family
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 12
7:30 AM	Philip Ehlers, Sr./req. Judith & Frank Sette
8:15 AM	Marie Cresanti/req. John Nardone
THURSDAY	AUGUST 13
7:30 AM	Virginia D' Ambrosa/req. Family
8:15 AM	Thomas Crotchfelt/req. Carmella & Adryenne
FRIDAY	AUGUST 14
7:30 AM	Nichole Ruggiero/req. Joe Coutant
8:15 AM	Thomas Crotchfelt/req. Carmella Barry
SATURDAY	AUGUST 15
7:30 AM	Bridgett Rhoades/req. McDonnell Family
8:15 AM	Sister Anne Brennan/req. Karen
4:00 PM	Norma Lugo/req. Jack Howard
5:30 PM	Charles McConnell & Joseph Lillis/req. Mary, Andrew & Charles McConnell
SUNDAY	AUGUST 16
6:45 AM	Michael Zarzecki/req. Roy & Amelia Anderson
8:00 AM	Mercedes Napolitano/req. Family
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Robert Dombrowski/req. Mother
12:30 PM	Barbara Ann Drezek/req. Family

SUNDAY	AUGUST 9	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45	Church
MONDAY	AUGUST 10	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A, C & Auditorium
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	AUGUST 11	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A, B & C
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 12	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A, B & C
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Adult Faith Formation</i>	7:15 PM	Room C
THURSDAY	AUGUST 13	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A, B & C
<i>Bible Study</i>	10:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>Event Development</i>	6:30 PM	Room B
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	AUGUST 14	
<i>CCD Classes</i>	8:00 AM	Room A, B & C
<i>Wedding</i>	2:00 PM	Church
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	AUGUST 15	
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Auditorium

MORNING MASSES IN CHURCH

Once again all weekday morning masses will be continue in the Church through August 14 due to Summer CCD classes. (Saturday morning masses will be in the chapel).

For the Week of August 2, 2015



Geraldine Walsh/req. Dennise & Marie Georgia Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Carol Smith/req. Vicki & Doug Cottrell

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Albert Gurchak/req. Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Angelo Leotta/req. Sal & Joan Leotta

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

“TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

Wedding Banns

III. Michael Shade & Stephanie Kissam

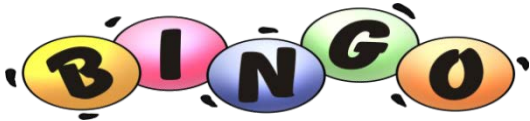


I. Mick Winters

“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 Rizzo, Marie Miluso*



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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of August 2, 2015

Regular	\$10,341.40
On Line	\$755.00
Total	\$11096.40

Some of the expenses for July included:

Building Maintenance	\$3,720.00
Electric	\$3,109.76
Natural Gas	\$295.55
Communication Services	\$714.00
Liturgical Supplies	\$852.68

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.

Reflections for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

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**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
SANDY SHACK DELI**

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



Next weekend is our annual Parish Picnic. Starting at 1 o'clock and going until 4:30, it will be held at the VFW Picnic area on 373 Adamston Road in Brick. As this is my first picnic with you as Pastor, I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to being there with the food, fun, families and fellowship that await. For more details on those, please be sure to check the page elsewhere in this bulletin that tells you all about it.

I think that, besides all of the activities that will take place on Sunday afternoon, it is a reminder to us of what we really represent. All too easily, we can forget the things that make up the Church. It's not just the building, it isn't simply going to "my Mass", it isn't even about the quality of the liturgy, the preaching, the music or the ministry (although it certainly helps if they are good!) No, what really makes up the Church – what makes it the *Mystical Body of Christ* – is all of us, the faithful people that comprise the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20, NAB edition). We certainly hope to have more than three gathered, and it is so important that we remember that we gather together in the name of Christ. As Catholics, this will be a wonderful example of how we can show a joy-filled and loving witness to a world that seems to go more "off the rails" every time we turn on a TV or computer or open the newspaper. As we have fun with our families, friends and neighbors, our congregation coming together to share this happy time truly can be the presence of Christ in our neighborhood and in our world.

Have a blessed week and I look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Fr. Ed

RETREAT FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women, suffering with a serious illness, will be held the weekend October 16, 17 and 18, 2015 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearney, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 1:30 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service on Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no charge for the retreat. For info contact: Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237.

**CHURCH OF THE VISITATION
"A WELCOMING PARISH"**

*Jesus calls us to love so all may come to Him!
Let Us Put On A Happy Face And Welcome
All Who Pass Through Our Doors.
Be courteous, loving and smile;
yes even in the parking lot!*

MAKE JESUS SMILE NOT FROWN

JUBILEE OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ITALY WITH BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL will take place April 4-14, 2016. For information and reservations please contact Marianna Pisano at 1-800-777-7432 or by email at mpisano@unitors.com/questions.

FOR HEAVEN SAKES

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP OPEN

We have received numerous phone calls inquiring where there may be a Religious Gift Shop. Good News! **For Heaven Sake**, a religious gift shop at Rt. 71 and 608 Brighton, Spring Lake Heights is open Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Come see a wide assortment of religious items, jewelry, wreaths, music, books, cards, statues, and much more. For each sale they will donation \$1.00 to Visitation when you mention our name as your church. Call 732-449-7253 for details

Installation Mass

Sunday, August 23, 2015

at the 12:30 pm Mass,

Bishop O'Connell will officially install

Fr. Edward H. Blanchett

as

Pastor of Church of the Visitation.

Everyone is invited to join at this significant Mass that marks a new milestone for us here at

Visitation Parish.

A reception and light refreshments will follow in the auditorium.

**ANNUAL ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY AREA
WIDE COMMUNION BANQUET**



The 18th Annual Rosary Altar Society Mass and Luncheon is being hosted by St. Peter's Rosary Altar Society. The Rosary will begin at 10:30 AM followed by Mass at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 7th, in St. Peter's Church. Pt. Pleasant Beach. The luncheon will follow at: THE MILL, 101 Old Mill Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ. The tickets are \$37.00 and we still have a few tickets left. If interested, please contact Dotty at 732-295-0862.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM APPLAUDING

When we sing we pray twice!

The music during the Liturgy helps us to pray and meditate on God's words; it moves us to have a conversation with God.

If the music truly inspired you and you would like to applaud, you are doing this to *Praise the Lord* not the musicians (as they are **servants of God**). The role of the **Choir, Cantor, Bell Choir and the Organist/Pianist** is to support the congregation in song and prayer. The role of the musicians is to pray with the congregation not to perform, **so please refrain from applauding.** God Bless you! Keep singing with us!

AMEN



**SACRED MUSIC IS PRAYER ORDERED TO RAISE
HEARTS AND MINDS TO GOD; THE PURPOSE
OF SACRED MUSIC IS ALWAYS TO PRAISE GOD.**



***Thank you to all of our Vacation Bible
School Volunteers!
VBS was a tremendous success and we
could not have done it without you!
See you next year!***



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for August will take place after the

12:30 Mass on Sunday, August 23 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



Bishop David O'Connell will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Anniversary Blessing Mass on October 25, 2015 at St. Robert

Bellarmino Parish, Freehold, 3:00 pm. All Catholic married couples in the Diocese of Trenton celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50th and beyond wedding anniversary in 2015 are invited to participate. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register.

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Family Picnic

PICNIC



When: Sunday, August 16, 2015

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 PM

**Where: VFW picnic grounds
373 Adamston Road, Brick**

Cost: \$ 5.00 per person \$10.00 per household

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

ALL INCLUSIVE

FUN ~ FOOD ~ MUSIC

ACTIVITIES ~ CONTESTS ~ GAMES

There will be plenty for everyone to do and eat at our Fourth Annual Family Picnic Day. Join in the fun and games, cheer on contestants in the balloon and egg tosses and other games or sit and relax! Play horseshoes or bocce. Bring your bat, ball, and glove for an informal softball game. This is an opportunity to spend some time with your family and fellow parishioners. There are plenty of shaded picnic tables or feel free to bring your own chairs.

Our past events have been a great success due to the efforts of our volunteers. We are looking for people to help in a number of areas. Assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis, so submit your request now!

CCD Student

High School

Adult

Please check the area(s) you would be willing to volunteer:

DJ Activities

Food

Check-in/Tickets

Parking

Set-up

Clean-up

Hours (time) available _____

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by:

Phone

E-mail

The best time to contact me is:

Morning

Afternoon Evening

HELP US PLAN BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AND LET US KNOW YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

I would like to aid in sponsoring a deserving family attend the Picnic

Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

Please accept my donation for \$ _____ to help defray Picnic expenses.

If you can help please fill out the form above and place in the collection basket **or** return to the rectory at 730 Lynnwood Ave., Brick, NJ 08723 **or** e-mail events@visitationchurch.com

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GIFTS & HELP NEEDED FOR AUCTION



Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores,

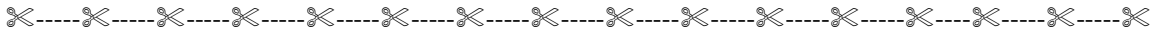
grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.

Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing towards restoring the original church building to make it safer and more useful. This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about donating a gift and/or helping us prepare for the event, call 732-477-7059 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY OR THE RECTORY OFFICE



- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 7, 2015

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening



RCIA CORNER

THE INQUIRY STAGE

The first stage in the RCIA process is the inquiry stage. Where you have begun to ask questions about your faith, and wondered if you should be baptized. Maybe someone has expressed to you how important Baptism is; maybe you want to be a godparent or a sponsor. Whatever the reason you are asking for grace and grace will be supplied.

Have you asked yourself questions like "Who am I with God and who he is with me?" Do you have other questions that go unanswered?

When you enter the process we begin to answer your questions. We show you things like how to find Jesus, how to understand Christianity, and the Catholic Church; how to use the Word of God to shape your life. Your job in this process is to explore and develop your faith so you can make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church. After a time of reflection, you may then decide to commit fully to the RCIA process. From this point on, you become a member of the Catechumenate.

Our team is here to assist you on that journey.

Do you have questions?

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

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LAST CHANCE
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.

Quantity _____ X Price **\$100.00** Total Amount \$ _____

Payment Method

- Cash
- Check # _____
- Credit card

Group or Individual Name _____
Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

Email Address _____

- Please mail me the ticket(s) I will pick the ticket(s) up at the rectory

Below For Credit Card Orders Only:

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Discover
Billing Address * _____ Visa
City, St., Zip * _____ Master Card
E-mail Address ** _____ American Express

Signature _____

* If different than ticket mailing address

**Credit Card Receipt will be e-mailed to this address

For Office Use: Ticket # _____

Mailed Picked up

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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. – *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

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. 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. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church. 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. - *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

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.