

*God Bless Our Pastor*

*Reverend*

*Edward H. Blanchett*



*The Lord*

*bless thee and keep thee: the Lord makes his face shine upon thee*

*and be gracious unto thee:*

*The Lord....give thee peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

# 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*

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

### Deacons

**Salvatore Vicari, Ext. 218**      **Nicola Stranieri, Ext. 102**  
**Richard Johnston, Ext. 221**      **Edward Fischer**

### Staff

**Denise Patetta, Ext. 201**      **Nancy Grodberg Ext. 219**  
Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor      Coordinator of Religious  
**Vicki Cottrell, Ext. 216**      Education  
Pastoral/Business Admin      **Dee DeTuro, Ext 219**  
**Natalie Bencivenga, Ext. 217**      Religious Education Asst.  
Music Director/Organist      **Dale Zanetti, Ext.214**  
**Christie Winters, Ext. 105**      Coordinator of Adult Faith  
Youth Ministry Leader      Formation  
**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.

### 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*

# TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 22</b>
4:00 PM	Ivan Miseta/req. Lillian Hughes
5:30 PM	Harry Russell/req. Mary Karpowich
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 23</b>
6:45 AM	Joseph Lusko/req. Tom Lusko
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Living Members of the Music Ministry
11:00 AM	Alice Mary Madden/req. Bottazzi Family
12:30 PM	Winifred Bosko/req. Richard & Grace Faruolo
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 24</b>
7:30 AM	John Salouka/req. The Ryan Family
8:15 AM	Thomas Crotchfelt/req. The Grodberg Family
7:30 PM	Judith Bencivenga/req. Nancy Grodberg
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>
7:30 AM	Pasquale & Rosaria Lodice/req. Sal Vicari & Family
8:15 AM	Diane Moorman/req. Margie
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b>
7:30 AM	John C. (Jack) Burns/req. Susan McCoy
8:15 AM	Marie Cresanti/req. Helen & Jim McTernan
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 27</b>
7:30 AM	Jacinto Amador/req. Nieces
8:15 AM	Thomas Crothfelt/req. Denise Patetta
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 28</b>
7:30 AM	Tony Citro/req. The Sheridan Family
8:15 AM	Tony Citro/req. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Larocco
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 29</b>
7:30 AM	Mark Domogaur/req. Family
8:15 AM	Happy Anniversary/req. Rich Johnston
4:00 PM	George Lysat/req. Bob & Lorraine Dailey
5:30 PM	Mario Altmomare/req. Terri & Toni
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 30</b>
6:45 AM	Allen Throgood/req. Family.
8:00 AM	Martha DeGinnaro/req. Family
9:30 AM	Stanley Karpinski/req. Family
11:00 AM	Lois Karpi/req. John & Mary Sonta
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 23</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After Masses	Auditorium
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM	Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 24</b>	
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Mtg</i>	7:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>RCIA Team Mtg</i>	7:15 PM	Room C
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b>	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 27</b>	
<i>Bible Study</i>	10:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 28</b>	
<i>Adult Confirmation Practice</i>	6:30 PM	Church
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Parents Baptismal Class</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 29</b>	

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29  
**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### For the Week of August 23, 2015



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Albert Rosner/req. Donald & Joanne Symanski

**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Carol Smith/req. Bencivenga Family

**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Camille Frederick/req. Rose Stamoutsos

**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Joseph & Nancy Campanella/req. Rose Stamoutsos

**"TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD"**



**III. 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,

*Vincent Sanzone Sr.,*



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



**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.

**PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES**

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

*Reflections for the  
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*



For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse". In the preceding verses over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the

miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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





Almost every day when he is in Rome, Pope Francis leads the faithful in the Angelus, an ancient devotion commemorating the Incarnation (the actual name of the event in which Jesus came among us as a man, which we commonly call Christmas). In preparation for the Year of Mercy, which will begin on December 8, 2015, the Holy Father recently dedicated his words for the Angelus to inviting frequent and joyful reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession and Penance.

He called upon this gift of God as “a strong call to draw close to the Lord in [this] sacrament of mercy and also to receive Communion.” He went to recognize that there are people “who are afraid of approaching confession.” He said this is because they forget that there, “we do not find a severe judge, but rather the immensely merciful Father.” “It’s true that when we go to the confessional,” Francis said, “we feel a bit of embarrassment, and that happens to everyone, to all of us, but we have to recall that this shame is also a grace that prepares us for the embrace of the Father, who always forgives and always forgives everything.”

How interesting it is to find lines for Communion to be so long while the lines for Confession are so short! How quickly in our rush to experience God’s love – which we certainly do in the Eucharist – do we forget the exhortation of St. Paul to the community at Corinth: “For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks judgment to himself” (1 Cor. 11:29). This means that as Catholics participating in the Eucharist we are to be in a “state of grace”. That means that we conscious of having no serious sin on our souls.

If this is the case, we are supposed to be sacramentally reconciled to God prior to receiving Communion. The Church teaches that we must celebrate Confession at least once a year or when we have committed serious (the old term, which says it more appropriately, is “mortal”) sin (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1457.)

How long has it been since you’ve met Christ the Healer in the sacrament of Reconciliation? Pope Francis has made it clear that in the confessional that’s who we are speaking with: a God who only needs to hear our sincere contrition to take us back fully into His friendship. If it has been a while, come and celebrate the sacrament again – He is waiting for you with open arms.

*Fr. Ed*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF  
HOLY COMMUNION**

Please note that there is now a bottle of hand sanitizer available at the credence table (the small table by the entrance to the sacristy) for your use prior to distributing Communion. Please make use of it when you come forward and thank you for your service of ministry to God's people!

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE**

Hours of operation 8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Monday to Saturday

We would like to acknowledge that Sakers ShopRite Supermarket on Chambersbridge Road for the second time donated 500 paper bags to our store for our daily bag sale of clothing. You may fill a bag of clothing for \$8.00 a bag.

Special thanks to the Rosary Altar Society who donated their religious articles case to us, for our jewelry display, after they purchased the new display case for our church.

We are having a "Back to School" Sale on new jackets for children; ten dollars each and five dollars for gently used jackets.

As the fall approaches, drop by the store to check out decorative items for all the upcoming holidays. All monies received are used to assist the needy in our parish and surrounding community. Donations accepted during our regular business hours.

**JUBILEE OF MERCY**

Join Bishop David O’Connell on a pilgrimage to Rome and Italy 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](mailto:mpisano@unitors.com/questions).

***AUGUST 23, 2015***

**AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION**

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 7, 2015, and we're looking for your help.



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.

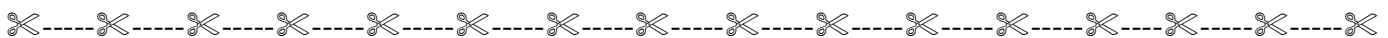
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to the restoration of 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 Betty Kilkenny 732-245-6071 or Dee DeTuro 732-232-7132 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

***GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY***



- 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 8, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted by:  Phone  E-mail

The best time to contact me is:  Morning  Afternoon  Evening

**SIGHT & SOUND**



Join the Visitation Rosary Altar Society for a trip to *Sight and Sound* in Pennsylvania to see “*The Miracle of Christmas*” on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Tickets are \$115.00 per person which will include your bus seat and lunch at the famous Shady Maples Smorgasbord, with over 140 delicious items to choose from. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 8:15 AM and return approximately 8:45 PM. Please call Terry 732-903-7527 or Marilyn 732-920-9753 for any additional information or to purchase tickets. Seats on the bus go fast, so get your tickets early.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, September 26, 2015



Grab your walking shoes or sneakers and help us take steps for a great cause! The 2015 *Friends of the Poor Walk/Run* is a National Event coordinated by the

National Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Plans are underway to promote this unique fundraising effort. 100% of the funds stay with our Visitation Conference to be used to help the poor in our community. Once again, we will walk around the Brick Reservoir on Herbertsville Road Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 9:00 am with the walk beginning at 10:00 am. Members of St. Vincent will be in the Church Narthex the weekend of Sept 19 & 20 for early registration and/or monetary donations.

Hope to see you there!

***Bereavement Ministry***

Fall sessions for Visitation's Bereavement Support Group will take place on Tuesdays, 10:30 am in the Daily Chapel. Dates are: September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 13, and 20. To register, call Deacon Rich at 732-477-7059 ext. 221. Leave your name and phone number.

**WHY DO WE DISMISS THE CATECHUMENS?**

At Visitation we dismiss our Catechumens after the homily but before the Creed. While it may seem inhospitable, it is actually enabling them to complete their job in the RCIA. We are not sending the catechumens away because they are unworthy, or because we don't want to reveal the next portion of the Mass to them, we are sending them out to do the work that is appropriate to their order in the Body of Christ. Their vocation is to hear the Word of God and act on it. When we send them forth they consume the word of God in their dismissal session. They focus intently, listen deeply to the Word, and how they can use it to lead a purer life. This is an essential part of their training in the Christian life. The dismissal is not a time for actual teaching, it is a time for reflection, prayer, and faith sharing that flows from God's Word. The leader does not need to be a catechist they only need to be someone who reflects on their own faith. Someone who can use the scripture to form their life. If you think you may want to assist our Catechumens in this quest, please contact me at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at [dale@visitationchurch.com](mailto:dale@visitationchurch.com).

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**



Jade Ventura, a parishioner at Visitation, came to us some weeks ago asking about carrying out her full Christian initiation as a baptized Roman Catholic. We have spoken to her about how to have a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit, his actions, his gifts, and his commands. Our team has shared many stories and instructions with her, and helped her to see how God has been acting in her life. She continues to walk in Christ's footsteps and is now asking for us to assist her with her Confirmation so she may assume the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. Next week, August 30, 2015, we will be celebrating Confirmation with her at the 12:30 pm Mass. We rejoice with her as her community of faith.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS  
OF OUR SUPER 50/50**



Anna Ehrhard & Grace Maher went in together on a super 50/50 ticket and each won \$1,850.

***AUGUST 23, 2015***

**It's not too late to get your  
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](mailto:vicki@visitationchurch.com).

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## ***AUGUST 23, 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. – *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*

## ***AUGUST 23, 2015***

### ***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.***