

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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REV. EDWARD BLANCHETT, PASTOR, EXT. 201

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

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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDA Y TIME



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24
4:00 PM	Frank & Eleanor Barlowski/req. Children
5:30 PM	William Lillis/req. Family
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25
6:45 AM	Special Intentions for Msgr. Peter Kachery/req. Lu Anne & Joe Spallina
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Raymond Barrett/req. Wife
11:00 AM	Lucy Rynkiewicz & Alexander Bannoff/req. Chris B.
12:30 PM	Maria Fabrizio/req. Gloria & Stan Klocko
MONDAY	OCTOBER 26
7:30 AM	Betty Tormey/req. Meyer & Russo Families
8:15 AM	Robert Feeney/req. Family
7:30 PM	Catherine McNamara/req. Irene Triebe
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 27
7:30 AM	Joan Lewis/req. Tuesday Bingo Workers
8:15 AM	Teddy Gelesky/req. Family
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 28
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	Anne Mesgleski/req. May Kelleher
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 29
7:30 AM	Nichole Ruggieri/req. Gerber Family
8:15 AM	Nichole Ruggieri/req. Bob & Lucille Sheridan
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 30
7:30 AM	Edward Kelly/req. Maureen Winstanley
8:15 AM	Irene Gelesky/req. Family
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 31
7:30 AM	Dorothy A. Smith/req. Ted & Ann Brinkofski
8:15 AM	Anne Mesgleski/req. Audrey Foley
4:00 PM	Deegan & Mesgleski Families/req. Terry Deegan
5:30 PM	James & Anne McTernan/req. James & Helen McTernan
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 1
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Member of the Rosary Altar Society, Ruth Huff
9:30 AM	Janet Nasatka/req. Husband
11:00 AM	Marge Marchione/req. Mary & John Sonta
12:30 PM	McQuade & Rudd Families/req. McQuade Family

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After all Masses	Auditorium
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM	Church
MONDAY	OCTOBER 26	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Church
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A, B & C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Auditorium & Old Church
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 27	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM	Rooms A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 28	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM	Rooms A & C
<i>Faith Alive</i>	7:30 PM	Room B
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM	Church
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 29	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Auditorium
<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM	Rooms A & C
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 30	
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 31	
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Room A

All morning masses will be held in the Church Worship Space until further notice. Please Note: Daily Chapel Sanctuary Candles will be in the church during this time period

For the Week of October 25, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing" on the people of Visitation Parish

Chapel Sanctuary Candle (In Church) is "In Loving Memory" of Deceased Members of Visitation Parish

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of

Anna & Carmine Melore/req. Daughter, Louise

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Michael & Isabel DeMita & Lou Terranova/req. Gloria

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

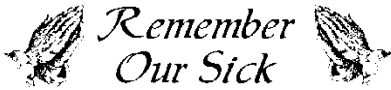
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

"THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY"

Welcome into God's Family

Robert Gallo,

Carter Thomas Glowacki, Keegan James Glowacki,
Vincent Finley Sherrier, Nicolo Andrea Zacchia



Remember Our Sick

"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, especially, *Ruth Huff, William LeRiche* your friends, relatives and benefactors.



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



TIME CHANGE

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st AT 2:00 AM. DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK.



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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of October 18, 2015

Regular	\$9,734.66
On Line	\$706.00
Total	\$10,440.66

Reflections for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing

by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity. When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. *Loyola Press*

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION



Hopefully, you've noticed that things seem a little bit brighter as you walk into the Church foyers (or have had an opportunity to go downstairs to the Church hall). Thanks to an assistive grant from the N.J. Department of Energy obtained through the Diocese, we have replaced the lights in the Church (exclusive of the worship space), the Rectory office and the Relief Center with new high-efficiency lighting fixtures. Operating at about 30% the energy requirement of fluorescent bulbs, they provide more light and are rated to last longer. I'm definitely looking forward to seeing the cost reduction on the electricity bills and we'll stay tuned on their projected useful life.

I am very pleased to announce this cost-savings and facility improvement measure, the first of many that I hope to see implemented. The next are renovations to the Rectory Chapel as well as long-overdue repairs to the parking lot. Coupled with the landscaping firm that we have recently contracted for the parish grounds, I am hoping to make the Church of the Visitation's external appearance to be as inviting and welcoming as its people already are.

I also would like to mention, not a new feature, but one that may have been forgotten: the Electronic Giving capability that we offer at the parish. At no extra expense to you, it is possible to dispense with donations via with cash and checks (I even wonder if young people know how to write out a check, nowadays) and to maintain complete safety and control over your donation schedule (for example, you can stop, change the frequency, put a hold or stop completely if circumstances require). Experience has taught that people have a better sense of supporting their parish if they can continue to actively place their envelope into the weekly collection. In place of the foyer cards, soon you will see on your envelopes a check box labeled "I donate electronically." You simply mark this and drop your empty envelope into the basket. This has the added benefit of letting us know you've celebrated with us —as important as your financial is, we value your physical presence more. For details or to sign up for the program, please contact the Rectory or visit the parish website at www.visitationrcchurch.org.

If there are any other suggestions that would improve our effectiveness and ministry as a vibrant and joyful faith community, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Fr. Ed

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**ROSARY ALTAR MEETING**

The next meeting the Rosary Altar Society will be Monday Nov. 2, 2015. The meeting will begin with the rosary at 11:30 in the church followed by the meeting in the auditorium at 12:00 PM. We will have a guest speaker from Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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CRAFT FAIR

St. Peter School PTA 38th Annual Craft Fair will be held at 415 Atlantic Ave., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ on Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 from 9:00 am – 4:00 PM each day.

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**REMINDER & COMMUNITY SUNDAY**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends this Sunday, October 25 after all Masses.

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BINGO

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday Bingo from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you can assist in any way, please stop by the Church Auditorium on Tuesday during bingo.

ADVENT RETREAT



An evening with Dr. J. Dennis Cadigan who attended Monmouth University, graduated Summa Cum Laude. He went on to Penn State where he earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology. Dr. J. became a Christian oriented psychologist after he had an encounter with God. He has presented many retreats for varying parishes and is currently certified as a Spiritual Director in the Trenton Diocese. For thirty two years in the fields of psychology and spirituality he has been helping others, now he comes to us once again here at Visitation to offer us reflection and prayer on the coming of Jesus in our Advent season. Dr. J. will talk to us about how to pray for our friends, families and loved ones and show us how to reflect deeply on the Advent experience. Join us, Saturday, November 14, 2015 – 4:00 to 8:30 pm (beginning with 4:00 PM Mass). We will be serving a light dinner. The event is free we just ask you to bring some type of dessert for the sharing table and to pre-register so that we can supply ample food and supplies. You may register with Dale Zanetti at our Adult Faith Formation office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214, email dale@visitationchurch.com or check our web page at visitationrcchurch.org.

50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for **RAFFLE** October will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, October 25 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering. We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

PEACE BE WITH YOU



It has been a practice for many of us to shake hands with our neighbors in church during the sign of the peace. For those who feel uncomfortable with the shaking of hands, an alternative form for the sign of peace maybe instituted; instead of a hand shake, a smile and a bow of the head with the words, *“Peace of Christ be with you”* would be acceptable.

HONOR LUNCHEON

Saluting our Military Past & Present

November 8, 2015



1:00 PM
No Fee
Donovan Catholic Dining Hall
711 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08753

RSVP: by October 20, 2015 to: Patti Kunzman
732-349-8801 x 2432

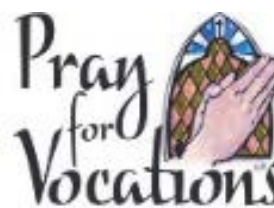
Please leave your Name, phone #, branch of service & number attending.

BASILICA SHRINE



The Diocese of Trenton will sponsor its bi-annual Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, November 7, 2015. This year

Bishop O’Connell extends an invitation to our families who have children who have made their First Holy Communion in May of 2015 or who will make their First Holy Communion this coming May. As always, Saint Robert Bellarmine parish will run a Bus to Washington for this witness of faith. For more information on the bus contact 732.462.742



The Diocese of Trenton Office of Vocations invites you to the Ocean County Holy Hour for Vocations. The Holy Hour will consist of Scripture reading, reflection, recitation of the

Rosary, meditation, and closing Benediction. St. Dominic Parish, 250 Old Squan Road, Brick, Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. For further information, please visit vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org or call (609) 406-7449.

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH



The Respect Life Ministry along with St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and blankets for the needy through the month of October. Men's coats are especially in need. These items may be brought to St. Vincent de Paul Monday-Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.

AI-ANON

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? AI-Anon members are people just like you and me-people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. They are parents, children, spouses, partners, brothers, sisters, other family members, friends, employers, employees, and coworkers of alcoholics. AI-Anon is anonymous, the meetings are confidential, and we do not disclose whom we see or what we hear at meetings to anyone.

Many who come to AI-Anon are in despair, feeling hopeless, unable to believe that things can ever change. We want our lives to be different, but nothing we have done has brought about change. In AI-Anon, members share their own experience, strength, and hope with each other. You will meet others who share your feelings and frustrations, if not your exact situation. We come together to learn a better way of life, to find happiness whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

If you would like more information, join us at 7:00 pm in the Church Auditorium or call Ann at 732-861-9051 or annern508@comcast.net.

MISSIONARY IMAGE

The missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at the Toms River abortion clinic Rt. 37 and Harley Rd, next to Santander Bank for prayer and veneration on Thursday, October 29, noon-4:00 pm. Join us in prayer to end abortion and for your own personal intentions. For information please contact Mario at 732-557-6689 or Frank at fstreibig@gmail.com

MOVING?

Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so we can update our records. Thank you!



This is a great time to join our Adult, Youth Choirs and Children's choirs. Adult Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday and practice is on Thursdays 7:15-8:45 p.m. in the church. Youth Choir sings at 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and is open to all from 6th grade to high school. Practice will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the church. Our children's choir will practice on Monday evening from 6:15 to 7:00 PM in the Church and will sing at the 12:30 PM mass. For more information please contact our Music Director Natalya Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext.217.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open **SIX** days a week. Help spread the word! We hope that having the Thrift Store open 6 days a week (Closed on Sunday) it will be more convenient to shop and encourage everyone to clean out their closets, garages, and attics for items that are clean and can be recycled. Drop off donations to us in the lower level of the Old Church. Hours: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday – Saturday. Come in and take a look around and you just might see something you have been looking for! All monies received help the needy families in our area.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Rt. Rev. John F. Baldwin Assembly 4th Degree is having a 7 Day Fundraising Cruise to the Bahamas. Sailing from Baltimore, Md, March 6, 2016 on Carnival Pride. Cost: 4-D Inside Cabin \$866.94 p/p double occupancy and, 8-C Balcony Cabin \$1,027.94p/p double occupancy. Includes: Cruise fare, Taxes and Port Charges, Cruise Protection, Pre-paid Gratuities and Fundraiser Donation. A \$50 deposit will hold your cabin. For additional information: Call Darryl at Prestige Travel Services (732)370-8810 / (732) 462-2150

OCTOBER 25, 2015

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Family & Friends,

On Sunday, November 1 we commemorate the Feast of All Saints. This is a day in Church life where we remember the example of the Saints.

Mass times:

Normal Sunday Schedule

All Souls Naming and Remembering Mass held on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM

This is a time to celebrate the memories of those we love who are sharing in Jesus' promise of eternal life so that we may feel their presence during this special Mass. We recall all those who have died and received services from Visitation Parish in the last calendar year. Your presence is the gathering of the spiritual Body of Christ where we become the real Body of Christ for and to one another. We encourage you to arrive early to include the names(s) of your loved one(s) in the Book of Remembrance.

Throughout the month of November *we reflect on and reaffirm our belief in Christ's Resurrection and remember our deceased relatives and friends. We all have fond memories of our deceased loved ones. These memories are always with us as we go about our daily lives. It is important that we do not allow these memories to fade.*

Sincerely,

Reverend Edward H. Blanchett

Pastor

P.S. Please return your intentions by dropping the envelope in the collection basket at Mass, by bringing the envelope to the Parish Office or by mailing it.

OCTOBER 25, 2015

**FR. ED AND STAFF WISH ALL OUR GHOSTS AND GOBLINS
A HAPPY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN**

THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about you;

(cut the top of the pumpkin) Colossians 3:2

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do;

(clean out the inside) I John 1:9

Open my eyes so Your love I will see

(cut eyes shaped like hearts) Psalms 34:8

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me;

(cut a nose in the shape of a cross) Psalms 92: 1

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;

(cut ears shaped like the bible) Isaiah 55:3

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near.

(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish) Psalms 118: 17

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Matthew 5:16

Amen



This year's Fire Prevention theme is **USE CANDLES WITH CARE, When you Go Out, Blow Out!** As part of fire prevention month, follow these simple guidelines to assist in keeping our community and residents safe.



- 1) Use sturdy, non-flammable candleholders that won't tip over easily.
- 2) If you must burn candles- use level uncluttered surfaces.
- 3) Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.
- 4) Keep candles away from spots where they could be knocked over by someone.
- 5) Trim candlewicks to a quarter inch before lighting.
- 6) Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could cause combustibles to make contact and ignite.
- 7) Keep candles and open flames away from flammable liquids.

8) Extinguish candles when they burn to within 2 inches of their holder. Be careful not to splatter the hot wax.

9) Votives and filled candles should be extinguished before the last 1/2 inch of wax starts to melt.

10) Never leave burning candles unattended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 732-458-4100 regarding any issues involving candles or fire safety.

OCTOBER 25, 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. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

Bell Choir is open to all ages. 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 stranieri.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.

AL-ANON MEETINGS are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. Call Ann at 732-861-9051 or email annern508@comcast.net.

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 Rectory Room B. 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.