



*Holy Mary,
Queen of Peace,
pray for us.*

You, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
—Ps 22:19

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE AFFECTED
BY THE ATTACKS IN PARIS - NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

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 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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 21
4:00 PM	Andrew Kovatch/req. Wife, Mary
5:30 PM	Thomas Rygiel/req. Wife, Toni
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 22
6:45 AM	Norman Huntley/req. Wife, Joan
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Hugo Vicari/req. Family
11:00 AM	Salvatore & Grace Scavone/req. Daughter
12:30 PM	Hugo Vicari/req. Family
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 23
7:30 AM	Jeanne Kahn/req. Family
8:15 AM	Joseph Annicchiarico & Raymond Gribble/req. Family
7:30 PM	Victor Silva/req. Pasquale & Webber Families
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 24
7:30 AM	Jack Deegan/req. Wife, Terry
8:15 AM	Margaret Viviani/req. Daughter Dee & Family
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 25
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	Andrew Kovatch/req. Wife, Mary
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 26 THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Artificio & Family/req. Ray Bulwicz
	Joseph, Ann & Edith Lodice/req. Family
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 27
7:30 AM	Marian Smith/req. Julie Gurney & Bob Gaffney
8:15 AM	Florence & James Williams/req. Sister & Family
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 28
7:30 AM	Pauline & Bertrand Barry/req. Daughter
8:15 AM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Jeri Salerno
4:00 PM	Frank Ammerate/req. Family
5:30 PM	McGregor Family/req. James & Helen McTernan
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 29
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Jorge Hurtado Molfino/req. Family
9:30 AM	Maria Amato/req. Son, John
11:00 AM	Olga Zuzchik/req. Pucci Family
12:30 PM	Angela & Nat Licandro/req. Camille & Joe Licandro

NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 22
Masses	Church
Community Sunday	After Masses
St. Vincent	8:00 AM
	Old Church
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 23
M M & Saint Jude Novena	8:15 AM
	Dailey Chapel
Rosary For Life	1:30 PM
	Daily Chapel
Children's Choir	6:15 PM
	Church
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM
	Parish Hall & Old Church
M M & Saint Jude Novena	7:30 PM
	Chapel
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 24
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM
	Old Church
Alanon	7:00 PM
	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 25
Community Lunch	12:00 PM
	Parish Hall
Adult Choir Practice	7:30 PM
	Church
THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 26
Mass	9:00 AM
	Church
AA	7:30 PM
	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 27
Children of Light Prayer	7:00 PM
	Parish Room C
Parents Baptismal Formation Session	7:00 PM
	Daily Chapel
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 28
RCIA Teaching	5:00 PM
	Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28; Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

For the Week of November 22, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Andrew Kovatch/req. Wife, Mary
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Gayton Jannicelli/req. Vicki & Doug Cottrell
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Thomas Rygiel/req. Wife, Toni

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Fernando Camargo/req. Alan Giovanna & Scarlett Cook

"THE LORD IS KING; HE IS ROBED IN MAJESTY"

Welcome into God's Family

*Kyla Jade Ambrosio,
John Oliver Mahan, Layne Thomas Mahan
Caden Edward Szoke
Michael Anthony Marshall Stewart*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King



In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all. *Loyola Press*

Remember Our Sick

II. *Carmella Hoechst, Annette Caraccia,
Ann Marie Blumensteel*

"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;

Margaret LaRusso, Gayton Jannicelli, Neil Crilley



HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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

The rectory office will be closed for regular business Thursday, November 26, & Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. *We will reopen Monday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m.*



THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24, OR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27. BINGO WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

AT 11:00 A.M.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.



As we prepare for Thanksgiving and the season of Advent, I'd like to offer some reflection on the many who are instead devoting great energy to the holiday shopping season: many of whom never did or no longer bother going to church on Sunday.

Recently, research on the subject conducted by the evangelical Christian polling firm the Barna Group was published in Churchless: Understanding Today's Unchurched and How to Connect with Them (available at <http://www.amazon.com/Churchless-Understanding-Todays-Unchurched-Connect/dp/1414387091>).

They concluded that most reasons for people leaving or becoming less active were not so much theological as practical: churches seem restrictive and overprotective, Christianity as practiced is too shallow, antagonistic to science or judgmental and rigid about sexuality; the perceived exclusivity of Christianity is a turnoff; churches are unfriendly to those who doubt or don't share their beliefs.

A look at this list and the common response to entrench ourselves shows the urgent need of Catholics to remember exactly who we are: the ancient word catholic comes from the Greek katholikos and means "universal". As God is universal, the very reason of our Church is – not a place for great music, innovative programs or even fantastic preaching – but a place to meet God. As important and helpful as these things are, they mean nothing if the gratitude and desire to share the Good News to those around us – Catholic and otherwise – isn't found at the heart of our church, our worship, even our daily lives. As our societal values continue to decay and the inevitable outbreaks of violence that flow from this occur, now at a rate that many rarely even get much attention anymore, it becomes all the more imperative that we re-assert the values that not only made our nation great but also draw us back to Christ.

As we prepare to enter into the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, take a moment to reflect on how our lives may show (or fail to show) the imprint of this belief to others and how we can resolve to change. This way, we can make this an Advent and Christmas season worthy of our calling as Catholics, reflecting a true thanksgiving and giving of ourselves for all that God has done for us.

A blessed Thanksgiving to all of you!

Fr. Ed

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES



On Thursday, November 26, 2015, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The mass schedule will be **9:00 AM mass only**. Small loaves of bread will be distributed at the masse with a special blessing to say at your meal. We hope that you will join us at Mass to give thanks and celebrate.



**FR. ED AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL
OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY THANKSGIVING**

“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; His love is everlasting”

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS

Beginning next weekend at all the entrances of the church you will find our annual Advent Daily reflection books. These books prepare us spiritually for the coming of Christ through prayer and scripture in a provoking lasting way. Please take a copy for yourselves and another to share with a friend



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and they are in High School please call Nancy Grodberg at 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 26, 2015 1:00 at Church of the Epiphany, Located at 615 Thiele Road, Brick. Meal delivery available. For additional information and reservation call 732-458-0220.



K OF C THANKSGIVING MEAL PACKAGES

The Knights of Columbus will prepare and package a complete Thanksgiving meal for individuals or families free of charge. Please call St. Martha Parish office at 732- 295-3630 with the following information: Name and telephone number~ Address~ Delivery or pick-up preference~Number of meals required. Pick-up and delivery will be on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our past Music Ministry Christmas Concerts performed by the members of our Music Ministry under the direction of Natalya Bencivenga have been a great success. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM at Church of the Visitation. Admission is free for everyone. There will be a free will offering. All proceeds will benefit and enhance our Music Ministry. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music and to surround yourself with a joyful Christmas Spirit. For more information call 732-477-7059 Ext. 217.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 20, at 2:00 PM in the Church. Please join us in the beautiful and inspiring Holiday Celebration. Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me". This experience will be happily received by Him.

CHRIST THE KING

The solemnity of Christ the King is always celebrated on the last Sunday before the beginning of Advent. We end the Church's liturgical year with a vision of the King's return and the end of the age. In this feast we celebrate Jesus' universal Kingship. As heirs of Christ the King, we are anointed at our Baptism and become members of a royal family in the Kingdom of the Church. We are converted into a royal people and we share in our King Jesus' honor. Earthly kings wear jewel encrusted crowns and sit on golden thrones, but our King is crowned with thorns and his throne is the wood of the Cross. As believers, we are called to share in his Kingdom of justice, self-sacrifice, peace, and freedom; we recognize our royal ruler in the faces of the disadvantaged, the hungry, and the oppressed. And so we agree when St. Paul says: "Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth." There is no other name by which his throne stands firm forever.



What are you doing this year to prepare for Christmas? Shopping for presents? Wrapping gifts? Baking cookies? Decorating the tree?

Do something life-changing—rediscover God's mercy.

This Advent lets discover our Best Advent Ever, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Based on Pope Francis' call for the Year of Mercy and Dynamic Catholic's new book *Beautiful Mercy*, Best Advent Ever will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others. Participants will receive daily inspirational emails with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly and other influential Catholic voices of our time. This program will transform your life, relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life. The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver

THRIFT STORE CLOSED

St. Vincent de Paul thrift store will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday November 27 for Thanksgiving. They will reopen on Saturday, November 29. The members of St. Vincent wish everyone a very Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving!

CHRIST THE KING

On Sunday, November 22, 2015, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The 12:30 Mass will end in silence as a sign of respect for the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held until 2:30 PM closing with benediction. Please join us and spend some prayerful visitation with the LORD.

*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”
Matthew 18:20*

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH PRESENTS.....

Christmas Amore starring The Sicilian Tenors Friday, December 11, 2015 7:00 PM at St. Dominic Parish Center 250 Old Squan Rd. Brick, NJ. The Sicilian Tenors is a must see show filled with the power and beauty of classical tenor voices singing songs and arias, as they should be sung, combined with light-hearted fun for all ages. The Sicilian Tenors that’s all wrapped up like a present around the beautiful music of the holiday.

Tickets are \$30 and include complimentary beverages during intermission. Call 732-840-1410 for additional information or to purchase tickets.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The VRC will once again be selling Christmas Trees this year. All trees will be sold by pre order **ONLY**. If interested, please call 732-746-3456. Please place your orders early.



SILENT SPIRITUAL RETREAT

“Parables of the Gospel” led by Fr. Steve Pugliese, S.J., for MEN is being offered at Loyola House of Retreats, Morristown, Friday-Sunday, November 27-29. This retreat offers a time to relax away from business problems and family worries, a time to pray and awaken the sense of reality of God and to grow in the precious gift of faith. To register contact Joe Leone at retreat@joeleones.com. Join together with local men for a quiet prayerful weekend.

MOVING?

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

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



When mailing or giving out Christmas cards, as Catholic Christians we should use Religious cards. Christmas is the birth of Christ (i.e.) Emmanuel – God with us. It really is not a celebration of snowmen or reindeer or a winter scene. Christmas should be the rejoicing on the Birth of the Christ Child. This is what this Season of Christmas is all about.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega”, says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”
Revelation 1:5-8*

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

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Completed forms must be returned by December 11, 2015, to assure delivery by Christmas. Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or **place in the collection basket**. **A certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vicki@visitationchurch.com.

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**Tickets ordered after that December 11th can be picked up at the rectory for Christmas delivery.
A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 22, 2016**

NOVEMBER 22, 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.