

Church of the Visitation

Mantoloking Road, Brick, New Jersey



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755 Mantoloking Road Brick, N.J. 08723



Welcome!

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

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Website: www.visitationrcchurch.org

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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 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 5
4:00 PM	Arthur Dempsey/req. Family
5:30 PM	James Kilkenny/req. Family
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 6
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	McQuade & Healy Families/req. McQuade Family
11:00 AM	Janet Ashford/req. Family
12:30 PM	Joan Fraraccio/req. Bernice Crimaldi
MONDAY	DECEMBER 7
7:30 AM	Alfred Smith/req. Arlene & Ed Stiffler
8:15 AM	Anne McQuade/req. Husband
7:30 PM	Carol Smith/req. Betty Kilkenny
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 8
7:30 AM	Michael Perna/req. Wife, Hedy & Family
9:00 AM	Alfred Togneri/req. Judith Togneri
5:00 PM	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 9
7:30 AM	Albina & Frank Rebar, Sr./req. Family
8:15 AM	Anne Mesgleski/req. Dee DeTuro
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 10
7:30 AM	Peter & Concetta Malaspina/req. Charlotte & Louis
8:15 AM	Denise Kemal/req. Mother & Father
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 11
7:30 AM	Agnes Gallagher/req. Mannio
8:15 AM	Sylvia Leshowich/req. Diane & Bill Pimm
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 12
7:30 AM	Ivete Urbaninho/req. Family
8:15 AM	Robert Considine/req. Diane & Dick
4:00 PM	Robert Lutkiewicz/req. Family
5:30 PM	Gina McCue/req. Cindy Maguire
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 13
6:45 AM	John Rippi/req. Daughter, Ginni
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Elizabeth & Frank Servidio/req. Fred & Joyce Flake
11:00 AM	Kathleen McCoy Pfaeffle/req. Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 6
Masses	Church
Baptism	1:45 PM Church
MONDAY	DECEMBER 7
M M & Saint Jude Novena	8:15 AM Chapel
Rosary Altar Mtg	12:00 PM Parish Hall
Rosary For Life	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
CCD Classes	4:00 PM Room A,B & C
Children's Choir.	6:15 PM Church
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM Old Church & Parish Hall
Mass	7:00 PM Church
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 8
Masses	7:30 & 9:00 AM Church
Bingo	11:00 AM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	6:00 PM Room A & C
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM Old Church
Alanon	7:00 PM Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 9
Community Lunch	12:00 PM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	8:00 AM Room A & C
Youth Choir Practice	7:30 PM Church
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 10
Bible Study	9:45 AM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	8:00 AM Room A & C
Adult Choir	7:15 PM Church
AA	7:30 PM Auditorium
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 11
Children of Light Prayer	7:00 PM Parish Room C
Bingo	7:30 PM Parish Hall
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 12
Living Rosary	1:00 PM Church
RCIA Teaching	5:00 PM Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

For the Week of December 6, 2015

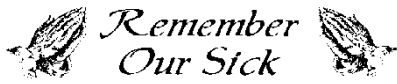


Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Malachi & Lucy Towey/req. Family

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" Jim Elder/req. Wife, Clare

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Carrie & Steve Turner/req. Aunt Blanche & Uncle Matt

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Malachi Towey req. Lucia Towey



**III. Carmella Hoechst, Annette Caraccia,
Ann Marie Blumensteel, Vilman Nietro**

"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; *Anne LaBrutto, James Murphy*



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.

Eucharistic Adoration *WE WILL NOT BE HAVING HOLY HOUR OR BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT JANUARY 1, 2016. HOLY HOUR WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:00 PM.*



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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of November 29, 2015

Regular	\$9,542.06
On Line	\$582.00
Total	\$10,124.06

Reflections for Second Sunday of Advent



This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry. Today we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. *Loyola Press*

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.

DECEMBER 6, 2015

*FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. Jim O'Neill*

YEAR OF MERCY

Dear Parishioners,

In just a couple days we will begin the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Our world, our parish, and all of us need our heavenly Father's mercy. We desire to see His face and be saved. Jesus is the visible face of the invisible Father. Jesus died for us so that we might receive God's merciful forgiveness and love. God works through the Church to extend His mercy to the world. As members of the Church, we are called to receive God's mercy and, imitating the Father, be merciful.

The Holy Year of Mercy will run from 8 December 2015 until 20 November 2016, from the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our Mother of Mercy leads us to her Son, the humble King of Mercy. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy we will be invited to discover more deeply what is mercy and then to practice it more fully.

To get started, let's go to confession. Here at Visitation until Christmas, Fr. Ed and I will both be hearing confessions on Saturdays starting at 3:00 p.m. We will have our Advent Penance Services on Tuesday, December 15, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Admitting our sins may be embarrassing and uncomfortable, but completing a good confession can be quite jubilant. When we hear the priest say, "I absolve you from your sins," we are receiving God's merciful forgiveness, quite a tremendous gift.

If you haven't been to confession in a while or forget how to do it, then know that the priest will help you. Before going to confession, we make an examination of conscience. That is, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us consider what sins we have committed. We can use the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes to help us. When we begin confession, we can make the sign of the cross. Then we let the priest know about our situation. That usually means telling him how long it has been since our last confession. Sometimes we may need to tell him a little more. Usually, the priest needs very little background information. It's the confessing of sins that's more important. We tell the priest what sins we have committed and how often. The priest might ask clarification questions. He's not fishing for details. He just wants to make sure he understands. For example, if the penitent confesses "bad thoughts," the priest might ask what kind of bad thoughts. And he may help the penitent see the difference between temptations and sins. The priest may offer some spiritual advice. He gives a penance which the penitent usually does right after confession (perhaps a few Hail Mary's and say a prayer for someone). Then the penitent makes an Act of Contrition, a statement of being sorry and planning to change for the better. If he or she doesn't know one, the priest can help. The priest then prays the words of absolution. The confession then concludes.

If the confession line is long, please get right to the point. The priest may offer little or no advice when many people want to go to confession. If you want to talk more, then you could schedule an appointment. Sometimes the priest is available right then and there. I've had many people ask for an appointment when I've been able to ask them, "How about now?" This Jubilee Year of Mercy is also a reminder to priests - that we need to go to confession ourselves and that we ought to make confession more available and merciful. So, let's all begin this Year of Mercy with a good confession and receive God's merciful forgiveness.

God love you,
Fr. Jim

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



You're invited to join our Religious Education fifth graders Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Church for:

THE LIVING ROSARY

to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe the patron saint of the unborn. . If you forget to bring your own Rosary Beads there will be some available.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Que están invitados a unirse a nuestros alumnos de quinto grado de Educación Religiosa Sábado, 12 de Diciembre de 2015 de 1:00 a 2:00 PM en la iglesia para: Rosario viviendo en honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la patrona de los no nacidos. Si te olvidas de traer tu propio Rosario allí estarán algunos disponible.

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PENANCE SERVICE:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
2:00-3:00 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24-
4:00 PM, (4:15 PM in the Daily Chapel),
7:00 PM & 12:00 AM (Midnight)

CHRISTMAS DAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

The Prelude Music for Christmas Eve as follows:

3:15 PM for the 4:00 PM Mass
6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM Mass
(Children's Choir)
11:15 PM for the Midnight Mass



TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE: MONDAY 7:00 PM AND TUESDAY, 7:30, 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM. ALL MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH. THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED. WE WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY AT 8:30 AM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR NOVEMBER 50/50

Cathryn Jeronimo was the winner of \$555. Her ticket was a gift subscription. The next drawing will be held on Sunday, December 27, 2015.

THE JESSE GIVING TREE

THE JESSE TREE represents the human ancestors of Jesus. Jesse of Bethlehem had 7 sons, one whom was later to be known as King David. Each ornament depicts one of those ancestors. Adam, Eve, Mary, Joseph, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Isaac, John, Elizabeth, Ruth, Zachary, Solomon, Moses and Noah

The Jesse Giving Tree has been placed in our Church Narthex. Each "Gold Star" will represent a gift for some needy child in a family that the St. Vincent de Paul Society serves throughout the year.

When you take a "Gold Star" from our tree, the front will tell you if the child is a boy or girl and their age. The back of the star might give you a suggestion regarding something special that girl or boy would like for Christmas.

The "Gold Star" needs to be attached to the wrapped gift and placed under our Jesse Tree by December 19th or earlier. (Our elves need a few days to deliver the gifts to our needy families).

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.

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.

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.



RCIA CORNER

MERCY – FEED THE HUNGRY

Mercy is the virtue that influences our will. Mercy means to have compassion for, and, if possible, to alleviate another's misfortune. St. Thomas Aquinas says that although mercy is the unprompted fruit of charity, it is a special virtue that is adequately distinguishable from charity. It plays a part in charity but it is not the full definition of mercy.

Pope Francis has written a whole document on mercy- Misericordiae Vultus. It is quite a magnificent document and an easy read. In this letter Pope Francis tells us: “that Jesus is the face of mercy” and asks that we “be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy.”

Bishop O’Connell furthers that message when he says: “Mercy is the love freely shown to us by God who first reveals himself to us and makes his presence known and felt. We do not earn this mercy; we do not deserve it; we do not have a right to it. Mercy is a free gift of God that, when given, draws us into God’s very being, making God present to us and then, through us to others.

The Corporal works of mercy exhibit this virtue of mercy in a profound way. The first Corporal work of mercy is feed the hungry. There are many ways to accomplish this command. The mercy we extend is the mercy we will receive.

Here at Visitation we have a Community luncheon that feeds many in our community (see the bulletin for more information) . It is good for us to donate money and food for this worthwhile ministry but even better to volunteer to help. The blessings received are far greater than those given.

Feeding the hungry can also be more than physical food. There are the spiritually hungry who hunger and thirst for God. When we feed the hungry either physically or spiritually, we show God’s mercy; we become catalysts for mercy.

So let us be the face of Jesus and share that mercy so freely given to us with others, so that God can be made more present to us and through us and to all we encounter.

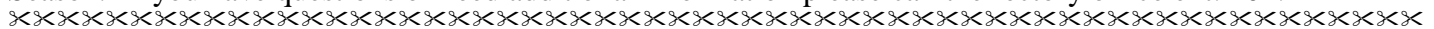


FLOWERS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Christmas Season begins to unfold, much of our thoughts are of others. Let us remember those who have touched our lives in some way. Parishioners and guests at Church of the Visitation will have the opportunity to honor family or friends by making a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful Christmas flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church or use the form provided below. Please complete all information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

A list of donors along with their loved ones names will be published in the bulletin shortly after the Christmas Season. If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Christmas Season

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE

GIVEN IN LOVE BY: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please drop in collection basket or return to parish office.

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**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50
Annual Subscriptions Available for 2016**



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The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects.
A \$20 annual subscription gives you one ticket in each monthly drawing throughout 2016.

All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

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.

Number of subscriptions for Purchaser (self) _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
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Purchaser:

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All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

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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**

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MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and Senior Housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or Vicki@visitationchurch.com*

LECTORS enhance the community's celebration of the Mass by meaningful reading of God's Word and by providing direction and overviews during the Liturgy. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vicki@visitationchurch.com*

LITURGY TEAM meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. – *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

MUSIC MINISTRY spiritually enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are always seeking individuals who would like to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. **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.