

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

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)

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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.

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.

Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 12	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 13
4:00 PM	Robert Lutkiewicz/req. Family	<i>Masses</i>	Church
5:30 PM	Gina McCue/req. Cindy Maguire	MONDAY	DECEMBER 14
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 13	<i>Luncheon Planning Mtg</i>	9:00 AM Parish Hall
6:45 AM	John Rippi/req. Daughter, Ginni	<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM Chapel
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Holy Name Society	<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
9:30 AM	Elizabeth & Frank Servidio/req. Fred & Joyce Flake	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM Room A,B & C
11:00 AM	Kathleen McCoy Pfaeffle/req. Family	<i>Cub Scouts.</i>	6:30 PM Old Church & Parish Hall
12:30 PM	People of the Parish	TUESDAY	DECEMBER 15
MONDAY	DECEMBER 14	<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
7:30 AM	Carol Smith/req. Dee Deturo	<i>Penance Service</i>	2:00 & 6:30 PM Church
8:15 AM	Anne Mesgleski/req. Betty Kilkenny	<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM Room A & C
7:30 PM	Paul Wilson/req. Tim & Tiffany Giaccone & Family	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Old Church
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 15	<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
7:30 AM	John McDonnell, Sr./req. The McDonnell Family	<i>Adult Faith Formation</i>	7:15 PM Room C
8:15 AM	Maryann Tommolino/req. Frank & Marguerite	<i>Holy Name Mtg</i>	7:15 PM Room B
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 16	WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 16
7:30 AM	Sharon Zibro/req. Husband	<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
8:15 AM	Leonard Laniewski/req. Wife, Joanne	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:00 PM Room A,B & C
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 17	<i>Youth Choir</i>	7:30 PM Church
7:30 AM	Teresa Knight/req. Joan Olden	THURSDAY	DECEMBER 17
8:15 AM	Lena, Peter & Nicholas Corallo/req. Charlotter & Louis	<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 18	<i>St. Vincent Mtg.</i>	1:00 PM Parish Hall
7:30 AM	Edward Miktus/req. Ben Juarez	<i>CCD Classes</i>	6:00 PM Room A & C
8:15 AM	Christopher Kuser/req. Grandma	<i>Adult choir</i>	7:15 PM Church
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 19	<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
7:30 AM	Joao Lopes/req. Wife & Family	<i>Royal Hearts Prayer Group</i>	7:30 PM Parish Room A
8:15 AM	Frank Zoldak/req. Marilyn McSweeney	FRIDAY	DECEMBER 18
4:00 PM	Dec'd. Members of the Pavlak Family/req. Charles & Evelyn Pavlak	<i>Baptismal Formation Session</i>	7:00 PM Daily Chapel
5:30 PM	Stephen Zaleski/req. Mom & Dad	<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM Parish Room C
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 20	<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
6:45 AM	People of the Parish	SATURDAY	DECEMBER 19
8:00 AM	Rev. William McDonnell/req. McDonnell Family	<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM Room A
9:30 AM	Judith Ling/req. Bernice Crimaldi	<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:00 PM Parish Hall
11:00 AM	Leslie Puccie/req. Family		
12:30 PM	McQuade & Zaccardi Families/req. McQuade Family		

REMINDER: THERE WILL NO LONGER BE MONDAY EVENING MASS OR 5:30 PM MASS ON SATURDAY BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016

For the Week of December 13, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" Arcuri & Perrie Families/req. Connie Perri & Family
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" Phyllis Tenore/req. Mr. & Mrs. Louis LaRocca
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory"

Angelo & Lucia Savaca/req. Charlotte & Louis

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

“CRY OUT LOUD WITH JOY AND GLADNESS”

Welcome into God's Family

*Summer Adele Dzurilla,
Rylee Rose SmithSkye Lily Smith
Bryce John McNally, Hailey Shay McNally*



I. Geraldine Fischer

IV. 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;

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.



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 December 6, 2015

Regular	\$12,009.90
On Line	\$792.00
Total	\$12,981.90

Some of the expenses for September included:

Building Maintenance	\$2,797.01
Electric	\$2,002.49
Natural Gas	\$87.71
Heating Oil	\$273.49
Water & Sewer	\$733.97
Communication Services	\$1,003.42
Liturgical Supplies	\$703.80
Property Tax	\$5,918.00

Reflections for Third Sunday in Advent

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. *Loyola Press*

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



Some time ago *Health Day News* ran an article titled "Religion May Help Extend Your Life." Based on a seven-year study by the *Psychology and Health* journal and conducted with 95,000 participants of various ages from all over the United States, it concluded that attending weekly religious services could help reduce your risk of premature death by up to 20 percent. One of the analysts involved in the study had this to say about the results: "Maybe it's the sense of community, or the support, or maybe people are less depressed when they join in religious services."

We've been so caught up in choosing the right gifts for those we love over these past few days that we may forget the best gift we can give anyone: the gift of letting others knowing how much they are loved and the life that pours from that love. And certainly the best example is the love offered by God through His Son's sacrifice, which we are called to remember every time we come together to worship as a community.

This year we have been offered a unique opportunity to receive the uplifting and calming love of Christ through the special Jubilee *Year of Mercy* proclaimed by Pope Francis. Started this past Tuesday on the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and continuing until November 20th of 2016, we will be presented with many occasions to seek God's forgiveness and guidance, letting us reclaim our true freedom through obedience to his Word. For one of them see the end of this letter and bring along a family member or friend (or two).

This Advent season, consider giving someone a Christmas gift that doesn't cost any more than your time and caring: invite them back to church and let God offer them the gift of new life!

Advent Penance Services – the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 15th at 2-3PM and 6:30-7:30PM. Our resident and retired priests will be available to hear Confessions. During this special Jubilee *Year of Mercy* be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to receive Christ's healing and forgiveness as a vital Christmas gift!



Fr. Ed

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).

PARISH SURVEY

A Chance to Make a Difference!!

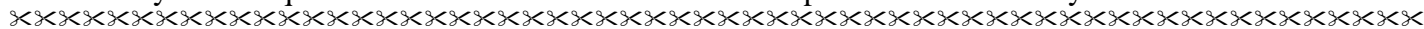
Visitation will conduct a parish survey in January to help identify our core strengths as well as areas needing improvement. The survey effort is part of a diocesan-wide *Faith in our Future* program intended to provide enhanced cooperation between parishes. More details shall follow in the coming weeks.

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.



The words are tiny, but the event of sharing and caring was monumental. Whether you gave a donation of food, money, time or prayer, you helped provide many needy families in our parish to enjoy a thanksgiving dinner. It was a successful endeavor and a wonderful collaboration of parish and community effort. We give a special shout out of gratitude of the following: Our parishioners, John Lynch & the BTHS Interact Club and the BTHS football team; Frank & Isabel Kronicz and the Community Luncheon Volunteers; Visitation CCD students; Dr. DeDonna; Cub Scout Pack 38 and their families; Darren & John from the VRC; John, Ted & Bob for assisting families throughout the day; and finally the members of the Visitation St. Vincent de Paul Conference whose love of God shines through in their unceasing desire to help every day of the year. Again, thank you and God's blessing to all for what you have done and continue to do for St. Vincent's every day.



RCIA CORNER

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

Have you ever been thirsty? I mean really thirsty? Water is a very important commodity and sometimes not readily available. If we remember thirst, we know that the only thing that can truly quench our physical thirst is water.

But can you imagine thirst for God? Have you ever thirsted for God? And can you imagine what he gives? In John's Gospel Jesus says to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Jesus shows us another way to look at thirst. More than just quenching the physical, we need to allow him to wash over us and fill us to overflowing with living water. Once we are overflowing we can go out into the marketplace and share what we have been given. By our example, and cooperation with the Holy Spirit, we show others the saving power of Jesus in our own lives and what is available for them.

We witness what the world cannot give-peace, freedom and contentment in the kingdom with the King. When we witness to others it is as if we are sharing that living water with them. Jesus quenches our dryness and renews and restores us like nothing in the world.



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
PENANCE SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS WILL BE
HELD IN THE CHURCH 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

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR
CHRISTMAS TREE.**



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.



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



WE WILL NOT BE HAVING HOLY HOUR OR BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT JANUARY 1, 2016. HOLY HOUR WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 5 AT 7:00 PM.

TEN STEPS TO RECONCILIATION

- 1. Admit and express your feelings.** Write them in a journal; talk them out with an impartial friend. Be honest. Say what you want to say. Get it all out.
- 2. Decide & pray.** Forgiveness is not a matter of feeling, but of decision. The decision to forgive will not automatically change your feelings, but it's a start. Pray for the desire to forgive. Pray that the Lord will change both hearts. Forgiveness is a process; it takes time. Be generous with your time and your heart.
- 3. Confess and repent.** Focus on your sins, not the other persons'. What did I do to contribute to the situation? No one is ever totally innocent. "It takes two..." Rid yourself of resentment; it does no good.
- 4. Let go of fear and anger.** Out of fear, our hearts can harden to protect us from further hurt. We delay reconciliation because of fear of rejection. The longer one waits to reconcile, the more anger and resentment grows. What are you waiting for? Start the process. (Read and reflect on Psalm 51).
- 5. Gain a fair perspective.** When hurt, our imagination has "a field day." Exaggeration blossoms. Get grounded. Place yourself in the other person's shoes. Try to understand.
- 6. Imagine the meeting.** Use your imagination in a positive way. Reflect on what you will say and do. Practice smiling. Imagine that Jesus is in the room with both of you. What is He asking of you?
- 7. Meet with the other person.** Reach out. Take a risk. What have you got to lose? Choose a time when neither will feel rushed. Have a positive attitude. Begin the meeting with prayer. Each speak about the experience from your own perspective. Be open to another interpretation. There are always three perspectives: yours, the other person's, and the truth.
- 8. Give thanks to God.** If successful, offer thanks to God. If not, give thanks for the opportunity to put Gospel teachings into practice. Remember, we learn from our failures as well as our successes. Most of the time, there will be a tomorrow.
- 9. Deepen the reconciliation.** The process continues. This initial act of forgiveness will need to be ratified by other acts of kindness. Make plans for the next get-together: dinner, shopping; some activity that will allow for communication.
- 10. Be patient.** Few friendships are established in one setting; they develop over time. Reconciliation takes time, too. Be good to yourself and your friend. Let reconciliation grow and develop. You're both worth it.

DECEMBER 13, 2015



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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.

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Billing Address * _____ Visa
City, St., Zip * _____ Master Card
E-mail Address ** _____ American Express

Signature _____
* If different than ticket mailing address **Credit Card Receipt will be e-mailed to this address

**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**

DECEMBER 13, 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.