



Feast of the Holy Family

*Church of the Visitation
Mantoloking Road Brick, New Jersey*

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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.

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)

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 26
4:00 PM	Joseph Hammel/req. Wife, Mary
5:30 PM	Judith Ling/req. Toni Rygiel
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 27
6:45 AM	Stephanie Lusko/req. Tom Lusko
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Philip Coticelli/req. Shephard's Keep
11:00 AM	Eugene Capozzi/req. Carol Mazzara
12:30 PM	William Price/req. The Stawicki Family
MONDAY	DECEMBER 28
7:30 AM	Kathleen DeTuro/req. Mom & Family
8:15 AM	John Spugani/req. Family
7:30 PM	Carol Smith/req. Carmella Hoechst
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 29
7:30 AM	Stephen Zaleski/req. Mom & Dad
8:15 AM	Harold Fargo/req. Wife
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 30
7:30 AM	God's Blessing on Dr. Elizabeth Garcia/req. Angie
8:15 AM	Carol Smith/req. Nancy Grodberg
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 31
7:30 AM	Kathleen DeTuro/req. Mom & Family
8:15 AM	Carol Smith/req. Denise Patetta
4:00 PM	Joseph Maguire
FRIDAY	JANUARY 1
9:00 AM	Stephen Zaleski/req. Mom & Dad
5:00 PM	Betty Covello/req. Peter & Joan Kallos
SATURDAY	JANUARY 2
7:30 AM	Connie Cuccaro/req. Jim & Helen
8:15 AM	Betty Meyer/req. Thelma DiMatteo
4:00 PM	Joseph Cutruzzula/req. Marcie & Jim Keane
SUNDAY	JANUARY 3
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Laura Serrano/req. Mr. & Mrs. William Bliss
11:00 AM	Leo Garreffa/req. Family
12:30 PM	Jason Austin/req. Fairchild Family

NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After Masses	Parish Hall
MONDAY	DECEMBER 28	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scoutsg.</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Room & Old Church
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM	Chapel
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 29	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 30	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM	Church
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 31	
<i>St. Vincent's Mtg</i>	1:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	FRIDAY 1	
<i>Mass</i>	9:00 AM & 5:00 PM	Church
SATURDAY	JANUARY 2	
<i>Mass</i>	4:00 & 5:30 PM	Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

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

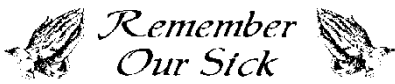
For the Week of December 27, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stephanie Lusko/req. Tom Lusko
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Phillis Tenore/req. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Netti
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stephen Zaleski/req. Mom & Dad
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory"

of Eugene Capozzi/req. Wife

"BLESS ARE THEY WHO DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE, O LORD"



II. Mary Lillis, Geraldine Fischer

"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; *Judi Zumba*



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 SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life". The mass schedule will be as follows:

VIGIL

Thursday, December 31
4:00 PM

FEAST DAY

Friday, January 1, 2016
9:00 AM & 5:00 pm

ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD IN CHURCH

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS NOT BE AVAILBLE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2015

Reflections for

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.



Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT


If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call Denise Patetta at the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to dee@visitationchurch.com If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 28, 2015.



I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who have so generously responded to our Christmas appeal. Your generosity will be repaid to you many times over in God's kingdom. There's still time to make your end of the year gift to Visitation. Again sincere thanks!

Throughout the year and especially at Christmas, there are many people that help enhance the spirit of the Mass. In addition to the beautifully decorated Church and the wonderful sounds of the season, let us thank the Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choirs and Altar Servers who work hard all year to enhance the Mass and make sure things run smoothly. Special thanks to George & Marilyn Emery for setting up the beautiful manger on the front lawn of the Church.

*God Bless,
Fr. Ed*

 **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.**

THRIFT SHOP

Thank you for all your support of the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. The thrift store will be closed January 1st and will reopen January 2nd. We are open 6 days a week; Monday – Saturday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please do not leave any donations outside of St. Vincent's or on the steps.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



The rectory office will be closed January 1, 2016. We will open, Monday, January 4 at 8:30 AM.



WISHING A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS HERE AT CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

Prayer for The Feast of the Holy Family
GOD MADE US A FAMILY

We need one another
We love one another
We forgive one another
We work together
We play together
We worship together
Together we use God's Word
Together we grow in Christ
Together we love all men and women
Together we serve our God
Together we hope for heaven
These are our hopes and ideals
Help us to attain them, O God
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

**GOD'S BLESSING ON
REVEREND EDWARD BLANCHETT
REVEREND JAMES O'NEILL
REVEREND JAMES SAUCHELLI
REVEREND BERNARD MOHAN
REVERAND MSGR.VINCENT DOYLE
REVEREND MSGR.RICARDO GONGALEZ
REVEREND RICHARD CARLSON
REVEREND MSGR. PHIL FRANCESCHINI**

And

**DEACON EDWARD FISCHER, III
DEACON SALVATORE VICARI
DEACON RICHARD JOHNSTON
DEACON NICOLA STRANIERI**

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All earth is filled with His glory!"

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75C)

"The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC)

DECEMBER 27, 2015



**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50
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**Annual subscriptions make a great Christmas stocking stuffer or gift for yourself, family, friends, and others (i.e. hairdresser, teacher, paper carrier, etc.).
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All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

Completed forms must be returned to the rectory. 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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A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 22, 2016

DONATION ENVELOPE ETIQUETTE

We are finding a few problems with the donation envelopes and thought this would be a good time to address them.

- Please do not use staples or tape on the envelopes. The money counters are unable to open the envelope without ripping them or the donation inside.
- Do not cut up old envelopes and place them inside another envelope.
- If you are using a check and wish money to go to multiple funds, please specify how much you want to go to each fund. Example: \$20.00 check in one envelope should specify \$15.00 to regular collection and \$5.00 to Catholic Home Mission.

Thank you for your help in eliminating a lot of confusion.

BINGO



THERE WILL BE NO BINGO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 THRU FRIDAY JANUARY 1, FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK. BINGO WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016 AT 11:00 AM..

REMINDER: WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE BINGO ON FRIDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING IN 2016. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR TUESDAY MORNING BINGO AT 11:00 AM!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YET?



Make next year be the year that you enrich your spare time and let the Lord know how grateful you are for all he has done for you.

There are many opportunities to share your time and talents as we work together to develop an environment that will ensure that our church will live on for generations to come. Please contact any of the listed ministries/organizations listed on pages 8 & 9 for addition information or volunteer opportunities

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP



The next bus trip sponsored by The Holy Name Society will be on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. We

will depart from the church parking lot at 9:00 AM and return approximately 5:30 PM. For additional information and reservations call Eric at 732-255-1825 or 732-551-8308. All tickets must be paid for in advance to guarantee a seat. Seats are on a first pay basis.



RCIA CORNER

SHELTER THE HOMELESS

When we open ourselves to Jesus we begin to see differently things that are incompatible with his reign or his merciful love. One of these issues is that many people today remain homeless. Hurricane Sandy was instrumental in displacing many in our community. And there are those who may not have been affected by Sandy, who for whatever reason, be it poverty or illness or other situations, have no physical place to lay their heads.

Jesus calls us to contribute in some way. How is he calling you?

Here at Visitation our Sandy Relief Center assists our homeless and underprivileged community in many varied and complex ways. It is a volunteer relief hub that supports and comforts the people in our neighborhood. (See the bulletin for more information).

There is also "Habitat for Humanity" in our area that enables volunteers to lend a hand in building brand-new homes for the poor and disadvantaged.

Any of these or other means that support the homeless or destitute would be a worthwhile mission. It is good for us to donate money and food for these worthwhile ministries but even better to volunteer to help.

Another thought to keep in mind, especially on this the Feast of the Holy Family, is that those of you who are working hard each day to provide food, clothing and shelter and those who take care of those things, are already practicing this corporal work of mercy.

Let us today renew our joy in serving our friends, families and even strangers, from the depth of our hearts, not merely out of routine, but with compassion and love for all-for the glory of God. Let us give thanks to God the Father for providing the means for our accomplishing this mission and for letting us see things in another way.

2016 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WHEREVER THERE ARE TWO ENVELOPES THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS

JANUARY

- 1st Solemnity of Mary
3rd One Envelope
10th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Latin America)
17th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
24th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)
31st **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)

FEBRUARY

- 7th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Eastern Europe)
14th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Black & Native American)
21st **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
28th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)

MARCH

- 6th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Catholic Relief)
13th One Envelope
20th **Two Envelopes~PALM SUNDAY**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
25th **One Envelope~GOOD FRIDAY (HOLY LAND)**
27th **Two Envelopes~ EASTER**
(Regular & Assessment)

APRIL

- 3rd One Envelope
10th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Catholic Home Missions)
17th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
24th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)

MAY

- 1st One Envelope
5th **One Envelope~ASCENSION**
8th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Catholic Communications)
15th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
22nd **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)
29th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)

JUNE

- 5th One Envelope
12th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Holy Father)
19th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
26th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)

JULY

- 3rd One Envelope
10th One Envelope
17th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
24th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)
31st **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)

AUGUST

- 7th One Envelope
14th One Envelope
15th **One Envelope~ASSUMPTION**
21st **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
28th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)

SEPTEMBER

- 4th One Envelope
11th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Catholic University)
18th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
25th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)

OCTOBER

- 2nd One Envelope
9th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Propagation of Faith)
16th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
23rd **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)
30th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)

NOVEMBER

- 1st **One Envelope~ALL SAINTS**
2nd **One Envelope~ALL SOULS**
6th One Envelope
13th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Human Development)
20th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
27th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Assessment)

DECEMBER

- 4th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Religious Retirement)
8th **One Envelope~IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
11th One Envelope
18th **Two Envelopes**
(Regular & Repair & Maintenance)
25th **One Envelope~CHRISTMAS**
(Regular & Assessment)

DECEMBER 27, 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.