



Church of the Visitation

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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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Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Gonzalez Rev. Msgr. Vincent Doyle
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Christie Winters, 732-746-3456
Director of Visitation Relief Center

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Parish Registration

The Church of the Visitation is obliged to serve and minister to all baptized Catholics living in our local area. **PLEASE REGISTER** – it assists the staff in knowing you as a parishioner, providing for your needs, informing you of parish programs and activities, and utilizing your gifts and talents in service of the Church and one another. Envelopes for weekly contributions are available to you once you are registered. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by 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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00
Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Daily: Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)
Holy Days: See Current Bulletin
Holy Hour: First Fri. of the month 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Church)

Baptism

Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to register 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism. Parents and Guardians are required and sponsors are encouraged to attend the Baptismal Formation Session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following the 12:30 Mass at 1:45 PM. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Marriages

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires sessions with a priest or deacon, Focus review and attendance at a Marriage Preparation Programs such as Pre Cana. Therefore couples should make arrangements with the Church at least 1 year before the planned wedding date and finalizing any social plans. Couples must also verify freedom to marry before dates and arrangements can be made. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45PM in the Church or anytime by appointment. A Penance Service is held during Advent and Lent.

Religious Education (CCD)

Our Religious Education and sacramental preparation for our children meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. Please call Dale Zanetti at ext. 214 for more information.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY	February 13
4:00 PM	Linda Lutkiewicz/req. Maureen & Jerry Shapiro
SUNDAY	February 14
6:45 AM	Michael Zarzecki/req. Betty & Kwaider
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. Members of The Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Joe McKenna/req. Peter & Cheryl Cassie
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Mary McBain/req. Peter & Eileen Singagliese
MONDAY	February 15
7:30 AM	Patrick Mebiliano Special Intentions/reg. Jim & Alice Kelly
8:15 AM	Dolores Young/req. Claire Elder
TUESDAY	February 16
7:30 AM	Marie McGuire/req. Helen & Jim McTernan
8:15 AM	Diane DeFelice/req. Dolores & John
WEDNESDAY	February 17
7:30 AM	Anthony & Mary Bulwick
8:15 AM	Nellie Tomaszewski/req. Ehrola Family
THURSDAY	February 18
7:30 AM	Judy Zoldak/req. Daughter Marilyn McSeeney
8:15 AM	Robert Feeny/req. Family
FRIDAY	February 19
7:30 AM	Mary Bulwicz/req. Son Raymond
8:15 AM	Kevin Regan/req. Jim Hogan
SATURDAY	February 20
7:30 AM	Gene Post/req. Linda
8:15 AM	Ralph Amato/req. Margie White
4:00 PM	Petosa, DiMattea Families/req. Family
SUNDAY	February 21
6:45 AM	God's Blessings on Dee Lusko/req. Husband Tom
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Linda Lutkiewicz req. Joe Coutant
11:00 AM	Frank Kickar/req. Dee DeTuro
12:30 PM	Dolores Lisa/req. Peter & Cheryl Cassie

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 14	
<i>Masses</i>		Church
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 15	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
	NO CCD	
<i>Cub Scouts.</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church & Parish Hall
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 16	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
	NO CCD	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Adult Faith Formation Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Room B
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 17	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Contemporary Stations</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
	NO CCD	
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room C
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 18	
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM	Parish Hall
	NO CCD	
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>Open Our Hearts</i>	7:30 PM	Room B
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 19	
<i>Traditional Stations</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>Adult Confirmation Orientation</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room C
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 20	
<i>7th Grade Penitential Service</i>	11:00 AM	Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

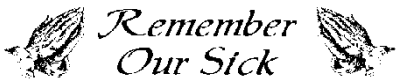
For the Week of February 14, 2016




Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" Cheryl Perone/req. Dorothy Perrone
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is No Intentions
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" Catherine

Koerner/req. Dorothy Fletcher
Sacred Heart Candle is No Intentions

“BE MERCIFUL, O LORD FOR WE HAVE SINNED”



“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; *Modesto Raymond and James Carolan*



HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of February 7, 2016

Regular	\$11,210.45
On Line	\$885.00
Total	\$12,095.45

Some of the expenses for January included.

Building Maintenance	\$4,611.80
Electric	\$1,613.54
Natural Gas	\$1,885.69
Heating Oil	\$273.49
Communication Services	\$1,003.42
Snow Removal	\$2,700.00



Online Giving

Eliminate the hassle of writing checks and getting your donation envelope ready before rushing to church! Sign up now and have complete control over your On-line Giving by visiting us on the World Wide Web at www.visitationrchurch.org.

Reflections for

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting. The devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God. *Loyola Press*

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

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) throughout the diocese of Trenton. Each year Bishop O'Connell seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single *Act of Faith* propels the *Works of Love* that that builds up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA.

This year Visitation Parish's share of the goal is \$92,000. This is unchanged from last year.

As the people of the Diocese of Trenton, we have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate. This year we again are striving to reach our total diocesan goal of \$7 million.

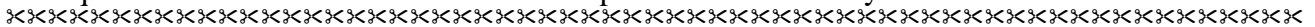
You may contribute by mail with the pledge card you will receive in the mail or at Mass this weekend, by telephone when you call 609-403-7197 or online at <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>. **One hundred percent** of donations go to fund the various programs sponsored by the Diocese (you can find the list on the Appeal brochure). We will receive **15%** of donations back if we reach our goal and **50%** of any amount over goal for use right here at the parish.

In the few months that I have been Pastor at Visitation, I have been humbled and grateful at the extremely generous level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support and may God continue to bless you and your family!

FLOWERS/DECORATIONS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Easter 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 Easter 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 Easter Season.

If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.



EASTER FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the
beautification of the Church for the Easter 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.

LENT INSTRUCTION

The days of **fast and abstinence** are **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**.

The other **Fridays of Lent** are **DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**.

Those between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obliged to fast. By this obligation, the individual is permitted only one full meal a day.

At the age of fourteen, people are obliged to abstain. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Missing abstinence on any one (1) Friday is not a serious sin. Missing abstinence most of the Fridays of Lent (or more than half of them) is a serious sin that needs to be confessed & absolved.

The obligation of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22, to Trinity Sunday, May 31**. However, the Code of Canon Law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

PALM



With Palm Sunday just around the corner, some of you may be wondering what you should do with last year's palm once you receive this year's. There will be a basket for Palm in the narthex of the church. You may drop off your old Palm to be burned at this year's Easter Vigil.

ROSARY ALTAR BUS TRIP

The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic "Rumors". Please join us on Monday, April 25. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 8:45 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$85 per person (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and lunch. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terri Deegan 732-903-7527 or Marilyn Emery 732-920-9763.



OFFICE CLOSED



The Rectory Office will be closed for regular business Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day. We will reopen Tuesday morning at 8:30 am.

LENT HAS BEGUN



To observe this season of austerity and simple reflection is by not having flowers on the altar during the 40 days of Lent. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!

The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 from April 5 through May 17, 2016. Please call Deacon Rich Johnston at 732-477-7059 ext. 221 if you're planning on attending or for additional information.

RCIA

ADULTS and TEENS who wish to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, sessions are now forming. Confirmation, like baptism, is a sacrament of initiation into the Christian life. It is a sacrament that Jesus Christ instituted within his Catholic Church to further strengthen those who have reached adulthood.

To receive the sacrament it is required that you have received Baptism and Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. You should be an active Catholic and, if married, your marriage should be in accordance with the laws of the Church.

Orientation and registration will be on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel. There are 11 instruction weeks, 1 Retreat, 1 practice session and Confirmation Day. First session is Saturday February 13, 2016. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 15, 2016, the Feast of Pentecost, at the 9:30 AM Mass. The sessions begin at the Saturday. 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word and continue in the auditorium until 6:30. Refreshments are served. You may register at Orientation on February 12, 2016, or registration forms are available on the website at visitationrcchurch.org, call Dale Zanetti, in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email dale@visitationchurch.com.



RCIA CORNER

Admonish the Sinner

We are not to judge each other or condemn the sinner, but we can discern that an act is sinful. To admonish the sinner means to caution him or her about a particular sin they are committing and to give lead them to the means for forgiveness. This is the job of all Christians, to warn others about sin and where it will lead them. Don't be discouraged when you find out that the world does not care about your condemnation. The world does not believe in heaven or hell and they believe that this world is all there is so they would not be interested. However, we live in a different world - the kingdom of God.

The world basically signs their own death warrant by refusing to acknowledge sin. We have all heard that saying: "Dead bodies float downstream, live ones go against the flow." So many people today just "go with the flow" and never speak out because they don't want to be labeled as having the audacity to mention the wages of sin. This will lead to death. To tell someone their actions are sinful and let them know they can be forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession is a service of love. "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." (John 7:24)

OPEN OUR HEARTS



"Open our Hearts" is an exciting parish-based Lenten experience designed to help our parish foster spiritual growth and discipleship in us through God's Word during the season of Lent as we embark on our journey up the mountain toward Easter. If we are open to the Spirit of God, that Spirit will lead us to greater joy and deeper holiness; that Spirit will lead us into the very heart of God. How open are you to allowing the Holy Spirit to help you reflect on your life and be changed this Lent? Your renewed spiritual life will help you better connect with your church community as you share your faith and deepens your relationship with Christ during this Easter Season.

Come take this Lenten journey that will help you connect with God in a deep and personal way. Sessions will be held Thursday evenings in Meeting Room B starting-7:30pm. to 9:00pm each week for 6 weeks beginning February 11 and ending March 17. This will be facilitated by Dee Bringhurst.

We are asking for a one- time fee of \$3.00 to defray the cost of books needed for the program. Please call Dale Zanetti at 732-477-7059 ext 214 or contact dale@visitationchurch.com to Pre-register.

SOME ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

Daily Mass: 7:30 and 8:15 AM Daily Chapel.

Saturday Masses: 4:00 and 5:30 P.M.

Sunday Masses: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

Mondays: Miraculous Medal and St. Jude Novena 8:45 AM and during the 7:30 PM Mass Daily Chapel.

Mondays: Rosary for Life 1:30 PM Daily Chapel

Wednesdays: Contemporary Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Daily Chapel.

Thursdays: Open Our Hearts Lenten program 7:30 Room B

Fridays: Traditional Stations of the Cross, 4:00 PM Church Worship.

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**It's not too late to get your
Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2016**



Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects including upgrades to the parking lot. A \$20 annual subscription gives you 12 tickets for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2016.

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

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 vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org.

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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. 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*;
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.

