

A wooden cross is the central focus, with a vibrant purple cloth draped over its top horizontal beam. The cloth hangs down on both sides, pooling at the base. The background is a wall of irregular, light-colored stones. The lighting is warm, highlighting the textures of the wood, stone, and fabric.

# Third Sunday in Lent

*"I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned"*

*Exodus 3:3*

*Church of the Visitation*

# Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, N. J. 08723



*Welcome!*

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

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### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday thru Friday:** 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Closed 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.

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:00 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)  
**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.

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

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 27</b>
4:00 PM	Jean DiGrazio/req. Charlotte & Louis
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 28</b>
6:45 AM	Jerry Gilrain/req. Susan Gilrain
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Frank Zickar/req. Nancy Grodberg
11:00 AM	Dominick Mazzara/req. wife
12:30 PM	Ellen Prisco/req. Lee Scaturro
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 29</b>
7:30 AM	Edith Adams/req. Elaine & Susan
8:15 AM	Christopher Calderone/req. Joan Olden
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 1</b>
7:30 AM	Barbara Bahto/req. Cathy & Quentin Hunt
8:15 AM	Anne McQuade/req. Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 2</b>
7:30 AM	Theresa Cummings/req. Colleen & Scott Clayton & Family
8:15 AM	Margaret LaRusso/req. Joan Olden
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 3</b>
7:30 AM	John Joseph Lennon/req. Ed Maiorine
8:15 AM	Christopher Calderone/req. Candy & John Fredericks
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 4</b>
7:30 AM	Adriana Bucco/req. The Wallace Family
8:15 AM	Jean Ammerata & Maria Marchitto/req. Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 5</b>
7:30 AM	Rita Back/req. Joan Hoban
8:15 AM	Rob Kalp/req. Kozak Family
4:00 PM	Angelo & Margaret Narciso/req. Jim & Helen McTernan
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 6</b>
6:45 AM	Jerry Gilrain/req. Joaquin Family
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Jane Zaccardo/req. Brother
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Martha Murolo/req. Andres & Louise Abeal

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Community Sunday</i>	After Masses
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 29</b>
<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A, B, C
<i>Cub Scouts.</i>	6:30 PM Old Church & Parish Hall
<i>Liturgy Team Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM Room B
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 2</b>
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Contemporary Stations</i>	7:00 PM Daily Chapel
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM Parish Room C
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM Rooms A & C
<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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>
<i>Traditional Stations</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM Parish Room A
<i>Holy Hour</i>	7:00 PM Church
<i>Cursillo Mass</i>	8:00 PM Daily Chapel
<i>Hospitality for Cursillo</i>	9:00 PM Room C
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>
<i>Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

## For the Week of February 28, 2016



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Klisiewicz Family/req. Family  
**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Klisiewicz Family/req. Family  
**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Eva Ortiz/req. Family  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is No Intentions

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

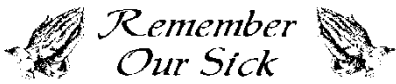
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# **"THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL"**



."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.



## *The Third Sunday in Lent*

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.


This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us; he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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

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## **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 28, 2016**

<b>Regular</b>	\$10,361.28
<b>On Line</b>	\$920.00
<b>Total</b>	\$11,281.28

## **PARISH eCOMMUNITY**

Have you joined our electronic community yet? Members received notice of events and cancellations with plenty of time to plan as well as great information about our faith! You can choose how you want to receive the information (text or e-mail) and what topics you wish to follow. Simply text VisitationBrick to 84576 or visit our parish Website [www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org) to join and receive great information about our faith!

## **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 Online Giving by visiting us on the World Wide Web at [www.visitationrcchurch.org](http://www.visitationrcchurch.org).



Recently I was approached by a parishioner, visibly and understandably upset, that a friend in the hospital has not yet been visited by a priest. I apologized as I could, but I would like to bring up a very important point before a fully-avoidable tragedy does strike because, although we are given many gifts of the Holy Spirit upon ordination as priests, psychic divination is *not* included among them!

We are a diverse parish with hundreds of families. While I try to keep as current as possible with the life of our community, it's a pretty tall order for a mere human. My limitations are especially frustrating for me because as Pastor I have to switch between many hats: shopkeeper, personnel/finance manager, social director, counselor and, at times, janitor. But I remind myself that others have been given those gifts in greater quantity than I and must entrust them to fulfill those roles as well.

However, only those called by God in priestly ministry can offer the sacramental blessings of healing and forgiveness. I look upon my role as confessor and minister of Anointing to the Sick as vital and irreplaceable tasks, secondary only to the celebration of the Eucharist (for more information on the Sacrament of Anointing, please see our parish eCommunity article at <https://new.flocknote.com/note/364812>). Fr. Jim and I are also on-call for such duty – for anyone, regardless of parish affiliation – two days a week at Ocean Medical Center. As such, I do everything humanly possible – recognizing that certain exceptional situations are in God's hands, not mine – to meet the need when a sick call comes in, particularly for someone *in extremis* (at the point of death), to provide God's healing and strength. However, I do require your help to accomplish this well.

If you are aware of someone who is homebound or hospitalized and is in need of Confession or Anointing, please make us aware of it – and *don't* assume that someone else has done so. The best way is to call the parish office (732) 477-0028 and leave the name of the sick person; their address and a contact phone number so that a visit can be scheduled. If an emergency in danger of death, use option 1 and Fr. Jim or I will be paged immediately. It is generally not a good idea to tell me – or to attempt to conduct *any* kind of parish business – when I am preparing to begin or have just ended Mass: in the last few months, my memory has taken quite a beating and I will probably forget a key detail of what you tell me. A phone call or e-mail to me ([pastored@visitationrccchurch.org](mailto:pastored@visitationrccchurch.org)) or a message to the office – any time of the day or night – is greatly preferred.

*Fr. Ed*



**Catholic School Support** Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome approximately 17,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming lifelong learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 32 Catholic elementary schools and 7 high schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 77,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

**LENT HEALING MASS - SACRED HEART PARISH OF BAY HEAD**

*ALL ARE WELCOME*, on Saturday, March 5th for a Lenten healing mass at 8:30 am. Many of us are in need of extra prayers for illness, upcoming surgery, addiction, mental illness, caregiving, etc. The Anointing of the sick and special prayers will be administered at the end of mass. Please come and invite a friend. There will be breakfast following the mass in the hall. Breakfast is free, but you must register so we can give an accurate number to the caterer. You can register by emailing [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com) or 732-899-1398, please indicate the number attending.

**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 14, to Trinity Sunday, May 22**. 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.

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.



**HOLY HOUR**

Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction  
**FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT ~ MARCH 4**  
7:00 to 8:00 PM

**SOME ACTIVITIES DURING LENT**

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

**Saturday Masses:** 4:00 PM

**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 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 PM Room B

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

**LENTEN CONCERT**

The Visitation Church Music Ministry will present "Christ Be Our light" Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 PM in the Church. Donations will be accepted to benefit our Visitation Community Luncheon and Visitation Relief Center (VRC). Let's perform the corporal works of Mercy by feeding the hungry in this year of Mercy. Come to support our community.

**HELPING OUT**

Lent is more about just repenting of our sins; it is about being transformed and in the process transforming others. One way we can do that is by serving our parish. This could be something that changes our parish, our community and our world. Alone we can do good things, but together we can do great things. Everyone can be reached at the parish office, just dial 732-477-7059 and then dial their extension. See the list of Ministries and Organizations at the end of the bulletin for opportunities:

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Lord, I know how much you love me. It's hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know your love is always with me. Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you.

How have you drawn closed to Jesus today?

*"The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.*

*Psalm 84 (83):4-5."*



**RCIA CORNER**

**COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL.**

Doubt and confusion - ever been there? Doubt is sometimes caused by something that has confused us and so I mention the two together. Doubt is about not knowing, not understanding, but confusion is a actual misunderstanding. Yes, and it is that confusion which now and then leads us away from the truth. When we have doubts we should try to clear them up as quickly as possible so that they do not lead us astray and turn our lives into turmoil. Sometimes we get lost; so lost that we need someone to help guide us back in the right direction. None of us want to take the road to the wolf's house, but sometimes sin gets in the way and points us in that direction. Don't despair; it is so easy to get back on track. Jesus has left us many ways to find God and he is not a God of confusion but peace. We can find our way back – Jesus gave us the Church so that we would never be lost. Jesus is the answer, after all he gave us the Church and the Church has the answers to our confusion. The sacraments are a great place to start clearing things up, they help us to experience grace and lead us back to a holy life. He has also given us each other, our priests, deacons and other qualified lay people who will be more than happy to assist us. So don't despair, clear up that confusion, and satisfy those doubts our Church is here to help us. And always remember we are here every Sunday waiting for you.....

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be Monday March 7. As always we will meet in the Church Worship Space at 11:30 to recite the Rosary. The meeting will begin at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. Remember the Rosary Mass is Sunday March 6 at the 8:00AM Mass. See you there.

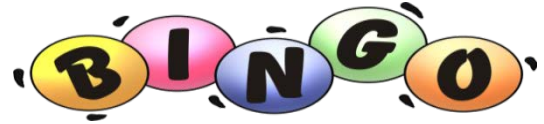


The Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale will be held the weekend of March 12 and 13 after all masses. The proceeds from the sale will go towards new carpet in the Church Worship Space. For more information please contact Dee Deturo at [deed@visitationchurch.com](mailto:deed@visitationchurch.com).



sandwiches.

The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM. 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



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00.

**LENT HAS BEGUN**



flowers when they arrive!

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

**BEREAVEMENT  
MINISTRY**



Our Spring Bereavement Consolation Group will be meeting on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Daily Chapel on: April 5, 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 10, & 17. Please call Deacon Rich Johnston at 732-477-7059 ext. 221 if you're planning on attending or for additional information.

**ROSARY ALTAR BUS TRIP**

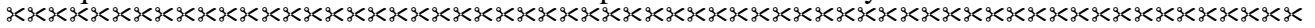
The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic "Rumors". Please join us on Monday, April 25. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 8:45 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$85 per person (non-refundable) fee which includes the 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.

**FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

**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

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Please drop in collection basket or return to parish office.

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## ***FEBRUARY 28, 2016***

### **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 sing 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.***