

A wooden cross is the central focus, with a vibrant purple fabric draped over its top and sides. The cross is set against a wall of irregular, light-colored stones. The fabric pools at the base of the cross, which is surrounded by several large, smooth, light-colored stones.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*"Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone"*

John 8:7

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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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



SATURDAY	MARCH 12
4:00 PM	Richard Rowand/req. Elizabeth & Taylor Bott
SUNDAY	MARCH 13
6:45 AM	God's Blessing on Dee Lusko/req. Husband, Tom
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Frank Zickar/req. Marilyn & George Emery
11:00 AM	Richard Rowand/req. Salvato Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	MARCH 14
7:30 AM	Alan Hauptman/req. Elizabeth Manger
8:15 AM	Thomas Dellano/req. Wife, Marion
TUESDAY	MARCH 15
7:30 AM	Walter Jeselson/req. Carol & Bob
8:15 AM	Joann Sprovach/req. John & Christine Jensen
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16
7:30 AM	Raymond Castle/req. The Waldron Family
8:15 AM	God's Blessing on Sam Spatola/req. Pat & Gordon Baker
THURSDAY	MARCH 17
7:30 AM	God's Blessing on Gayle McGuire/req. Pat & Gordon Baker
8:15 AM	Nina Ruzzo/req. Gloria D' Ambrosio
FRIDAY	MARCH 18
7:30 AM	Francoise Rose/req. Husband
8:15 AM	Latri Baya/req. Gloria D' Ambrosio
SATURDAY	MARCH 19
7:30 AM	God's Blessing on Robert Brower/req. Bruce P. Schwab
8:15 AM	Angela Leotta/req. Leotta Family
4:00 PM	Petosa & Senerchia Families/req. Family
SUNDAY	MARCH 20
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Judith Bencivenga/req. Bencivenga Family
9:30 AM	William Cottrell/req. Doug & Vicki Cottrell
11:00 AM	Klisiewicz Family/req. Family
12:30 PM	Philip LaManna/req. Marie Linnus

SUNDAY	MARCH 13	
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Bake Sale</i>	6:30 AM	Narthex
MONDAY	MARCH 14	
<i>M M & 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
TUESDAY	MARCH 15	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>Penance Service</i>	2:00 & 7:00 PM	Church
<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
<i>Adult Faith Formation Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM	Room B
<i>Holy Name Society</i>	7:15 PM	Parish
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	6:00 PM	Rooms A & C
<i>Contemporary Stations</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room C
THURSDAY	MARCH 17	
<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
<i>Royal Hearts</i>	7:30 PM	Room A
FRIDAY	MARCH 18	
<i>Wedding</i>	3:30 PM	Church
<i>Traditional Stations</i>	4:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Practice for Stations</i>	6:00 PM	Church
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
SATURDAY	MARCH 19	
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

For the Week of March 13, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of John Taglieri & Lucy Kennedy/req. Family
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is No Intentions
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Inez Conti/req. Rose Marie DiGiovanni
Sacred Heart Candle is No Intentions

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year)
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Welcome into God's Family

Kayleigh Marie Botts, Owen Christopher Smith
Sophia Ekaterini Bulautian, Autumn Catherine Silva

Wedding Banns

III. Christopher Zaborny & Katie Lynn Mulligan



"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; *Frances Zalinsky, Phyllis Machrone, Peter Sramowicz, Joseph Pillitteri*

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 March 6, 2016

Regular	\$9,735.04
On Line	\$886.00
Total	\$10,621.04

Some of the expenses for January included:

Electric	3,459.68
Natural Gas	\$2,221.73
Heating Oil	\$249.68
Water & Sewer	\$735.82
Communications Services	\$727.73
Building Maintenance	\$8,240.00
Snow Removal	\$850.00
Liturgical supplies	\$652.53
Property Tax	\$6,012.00
Total	\$23,149.17

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 by visiting us at www.visitationrcchurch.org.



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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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 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE IN THE SECOND BASKET

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MARCH 13, 2016



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank all of you who completed and returned the recent *Faith in Our Future* survey. We are currently tallying and inputting the paper copies, but the initial results are showing an impressive return rate. The next question is: what do we plan to do with the findings?

As I had mentioned in my post-Communion talk two weekends ago, all 107 parishes in the Diocese of Trenton were requested to conduct a poll as part of the Parish self-evaluation phase of the initiative. Based on your responses, the Core Team will be submitting what you have perceived to be both the strengths and the areas needing improvement at Visitation Parish. This will complete this phase of the *Faith in Our Future* initiative as commissioned and outlined by Bishop O'Connell. The next phase, which will run for several months, is to conduct meetings and discussions with the various parish "cohorts" that have been formed by the Diocesan Study Commission. As those who have read the recent edition of the diocesan newspaper *The Monitor* know, we are in Cohort 22. This Cohort includes St. Dominic, St. Mary of the Lake (which encompasses Georgian Court University) and St. Anthony Claret parishes in Lakewood as well as Visitation. Cohort members will share their findings with the other members, using this as basis for discussion and working together in responding to the goals of the initiative as set by the Bishop. They are: (1) Enliven and strengthen our parishes; (2) Explore new models of leadership; (3) Improve our stewardship; (4) Establish collaborative relationships and (5) Provide pastoral ministry to Hispanic Catholics. For more information, I invite you to visit the Diocese of Trenton website at <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/faithinourfuture/>. As the initiative progresses, the Core Team and I will keep you updated.

I ask you to pray for our parish Core Team and our Cohort as we begin this next phase. I know that change can be a challenge and a cause for anxiety. However, I am also confident that, always turning to the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength, trusting in our heavenly Father and working together for the good of God's people, we will work to build a Church ready to meet the needs of the 21st Century and beyond.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSION

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel these misconceptions, the Diocese is sponsoring an Information Session on March 15th in St. Aloysius Church, Jackson from 7:30-9PM. No pre-registration or fee required. For more information, call (609) 406-7434 or e-mail rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.

BISHOP TO CELEBRATE MASS

This year we are honored to have Bishop David M. O'Connell celebrate the 11:00 AM Mass on Palm Sunday, March 20. Please join us as we welcome our bishop to Church of the Visitation.

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

On Good Friday, at 11:00 AM, Our 7th Graders will follow the road Jesus took from the time He was condemned to where He died. "The Way of The Cross" is our way of remembering the incredible sorrow, pain and love that Jesus took to His death. Please join us. Weather permitting, we will begin in the Narthex of the church then outside and around the entire church to the Cross in the front. For additional information, please call, Nancy Grodberg in the Religious Education Department at 732-477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.

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.

SOME ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

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

Saturday Masses: 4:00

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

EASTER MEALS TO GO

St. Martha's Knights of Columbus council #7926 will cook and box up complete Easter meals for either pick up or delivery on the morning of Saturday, April 4 (11:00 AM-12:30 PM). Anyone who would like a free dinner for Easter Day please call St. Martha parish office at 732-295-3630 and leave; your name and phone number, whether you want delivery or pick-up, your address for delivery, how many meals you need, and if you want pasta or ham as a main course.



**PENANCE SERVICE, TUESDAY, MARCH 15
2:00 & 7:00 PM**

Ten Steps to Reconciliation

1 Admit and express your feelings. Write them in a journal; talk them out with an impartial friend. Be honest. Say what you want to say. Get it all out.

2 Decide & pray. Forgiveness is not a matter of *feeling*, but of *decision*. The decision to forgive will not automatically change your feelings, but it's a start. Pray for the *desire* to forgive. Pray that the Lord will change *both* hearts. Forgiveness is a process; it takes time. Be generous with your time and your heart.

3 Confess and repent. Focus on *your* sins, not the other persons'. What did I do to contribute to the situation? No one is ever totally innocent. "*It takes two...*" Rid yourself of resentment; it does no good.

4. Let go of fear and anger. Out of fear, our hearts can harden to protect us from further hurt. We delay reconciliation because of fear of rejection. The longer one waits to reconcile, the more anger and resentment grows. *What are you waiting for?* Start the process. (Read and reflect on Psalm 51).

5 Gain a fair perspective. When hurt, our imagination has "a field day." Exaggeration blossoms. Get grounded. Place yourself in the other person's shoes. *Try* to understand.

6 Imagine the meeting. Use your imagination in a positive way. Reflect on what you will say and do. Practice smiling. Imagine that Jesus is in the room with both of you. *What is He asking of you?*

7 Meet with the other person. Reach out. Take a risk. What have you got to lose? Choose a time when neither will feel rushed. Have a positive attitude. Begin the meeting with prayer. Each speak about the experience from your own perspective. Be open to another interpretation. There are always three perspectives: yours, the other person's, and the truth.

8 Give thanks to God. If successful, offer thanks to God. If not, give thanks for the opportunity to put Gospel teachings into practice. Remember, we learn from our failures as well as our successes. Most of the time, there will be a tomorrow.

9 Deepen the reconciliation. The process continues. This initial act of forgiveness will need to be ratified by other acts of kindness. Make plans for the next get-together: dinner, shopping; some activity that will allow for communication.

10 Be patient. Few friendships are established in one setting; they develop over time. Reconciliation takes time, too. Be good to yourself and your friend. Let reconciliation grow and develop. You're both worth it.

WHY DO WE CALL PRIESTS FATHER?

Jesus used the title “father” for several characters in His parables: In the parable of the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus, the rich man, cries out from the depths of Hell, “Father Abraham, have pity on me,” and the usage of the title “father” occurs many times in Luke and the other Gospels and letters. The same is true in the parable of the Prodigal Son: The young prodigal son, upon his return, says, “Father, I have sinned against God and against you” (Lk 15:11-32). Given the way our Lord used the title “father” in so many teachings, including when repeating the fourth commandment, our Lord did not intend to prohibit calling a father by the title “father”; rather, he prohibited misusing the title.

After all we refer to the male person of the parental unit as father and when we think of the authority and responsibilities of our physical fathers we have no problem with calling them father. However, mindfully we use the term we must be conscious of exercising it diligently, humbly and courageously. In a religious sense, those who serve the Lord and represent his authority, as a teacher, parent, protector and especially a guardian deserve, to be called by that title.

When we think of all the Priest represents for us we are confident in our address to him as Father. For he loves us, guides us, teaches us, comforts us, consoles us, presents Jesus to us in so many ways, protects us, chides us and does all those things that a good father does for his children.

The Priest must meet the spiritual needs of those entrusted to his care, providing them with the nourishment of our Lord through the sacraments. He must preach the Gospel with fervor and conviction in accord with the mind of the Church, challenging all to continue on the path of conversion which leads to holiness. He must correct those who have erred, but with mercy and compassion. In the same spirit as the Father with his prodigal son, the Priest must reconcile sinners who have gone astray and help them to seek a way back to God. As a father listens to his child, so must a Priest listen to his spiritual children, providing counsel and consolation. A Priest must also be mindful of the “physical” needs of his flock — food, housing, clothing and education.

All of us must pray for our Priests, especially those who serve in our own parishes and those newly ordained to our diocese, that by God’s grace they may strive to fulfill the responsibility of being called “Father.”

FREE EASTER GIFT!

Can you pass this open “Book” quiz? Complete the matching column below and bring the completed quiz to: Community Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 20th

If you answer correctly you can claim your ***FREE EASTER GIFT!***

Match the statement in Column A to the correct answer from Column B.

A

1. God Loves ...
2. “Neighbor” means...
3. Salvation is there for

B

- a. You
- b. Me
- c. Everyone

Record your answers here - 1. _____ 2. . _____ 3. _____

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DINE TO DONATE IS BACK

Just in time for Lent, *Crab Shack*, located at 74 Mantoloking Road in Brick, will donate 10% of your purchase, with coupon, from Thursday, March 17th through Thursday, March 24th. *Crab Shack* is a “fresh caught” fish market, open 6 days a week, with daily specials available for eat-in or take out. Call 732-477-1115 for hours, specials or fish of the day. Pick up a flyer with coupon at the doors of the church after mass, or print a coupon from our website at Visitationrchurch.org.

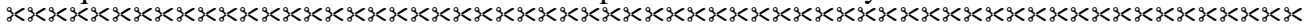


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FLOWERS/DECORATIONS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

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: _____

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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 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.