

Alleluia!

*He
is
Risen*

Church of the Visitation

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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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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.

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

EA STER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



SATURDAY	MARCH 26 EASTER VIGIL
8:00 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	MARCH 27 EASTER SUNDAY
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Mario Altomare & Thomas Rygiel/req. Terri & Toni
9:30 AM	Living & Dec's members of the Music Mintry/req. Bencievenga Family
11:00 AM	Amato Family/req. Son
12:30 PM	William J. Mack, Jr./req. Sharon, Erin & Stephanie
MONDAY	MARCH 28
7:30 AM	Barbara Weber/req. Betty & Frank
8:15 AM	Michael McQuade/req. Dad & Kevin
TUESDAY	MARCH 29
7:30 AM	Leonard & Eleanor/req. Brother, Ray Bulwicz
8:15 AM	William Lane/req. Cathy Robinson
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 30
7:30 AM	Frank Davinis/req. Ray Bulwicz
8:15 AM	George Tongas/req. Lance Larsen
THURSDAY	MARCH 31
7:30 AM	Lillian Finer/req. Lynn Harko
8:15 AM	Dorothea Bacheson/req. Barbara Doyle
FRIDAY	APRIL 1
7:30 AM	James R. Brosius/req. Class of 1975
8:15 AM	Nina & Vito Bevilagua/req. Sister, Josephine
SATURDAY	APRIL 2
7:30 AM	Denise Libretti/req. Angela Libretti
8:15 AM	Ann Vernacchia/req. Michele & Jim Evans
4:00 PM	Nancy Spinelli/req. Husband Tom
SUNDAY	APRIL 3
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Music Ministry/req. Bencievenga Family
11:00 AM	Anna Michels/req. Daughter
12:30 PM	Thomas Smith/req. Wife, Linda

Easter Sunday Prayer
God our Father, by raising Christ your Son, you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY	MARCH 27	Church
<i>Masses</i>		
MONDAY	MARCH 28	
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM	Daily Chapel
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Cub Scouts.</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church & Parish Hall
TUESDAY	MARCH 29	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Old Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 30	
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Room C
THURSDAY	MARCH 31	
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM	Church
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	APRIL 1	
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
<i>Parents</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Baptism Formation Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM	Church
SATURDAY	APRIL 2	
<i>RCIA Teaching</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

For the Week of March 27, 2016

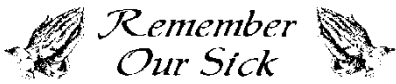


Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Angelina Capriglione/req. Carol Mazzara
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Bernadette Galgon/req. Theresa Sarnataro
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Barbara Ann Drezek/req. Mother
Sacred Heart Candle is No Intentions

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

"THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD"



."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.



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection, but to invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen.

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors.

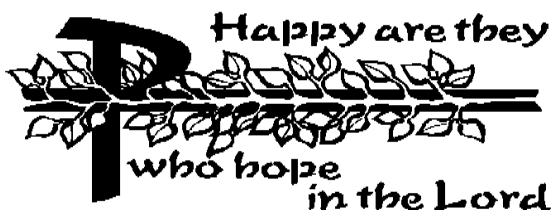
HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Church of the Visitation is a Roman Catholic Community. We are committed to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the needs of people, through prayer, service, friendship and love. Our commitment is expressed in Sacramental and Gospel interaction. Through Ministry and Stewardship we give greater glory to God."

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS NOT AVAILBLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2016



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MARCH 27, 2016

FRIENDS, BOTH OLD AND NEW!

On this joyous Easter Day, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In God's great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope that fills us with great joy.

Expressing that joy, our churches fill to capacity with faces both familiar and unfamiliar. **We want unfamiliar faces to become familiar ones!**

If it has been a while since you've made regular celebration of God's love for you as His beloved child a part of your busy schedule, please accept our Easter invitation to make Visitation parish your home and become a weekly member of our parish family. We know that reasons for being away are very private and personal, so there is not much we can say about it. But we can say that we miss you and, with our loving God, long for your return.

Just think about it – like the good shepherd who longs to be with his precious flock, Jesus calls us to return to him: to listen to his voice and to find our precious distinctiveness as brothers and sisters in Christ, sons and daughters of the Almighty and All-Loving Father.

Confident in the mission and responding to the call of Jesus for the world, we want to be your guide, to help you complete that journey with joy and faithfulness to Jesus, who is indeed the Good Shepherd. United with those who have been long-time members of our parish family, I pray that our Risen Lord will strengthen your faith, renew your hope and fill your heart with His love and we shout with great gladness....

WELCOME HOME!

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Ed.

P.S. If you are not a member of our parish eCommunity, become one by simply sending **VisitationBrick** to **84576** on your cellphone or visiting our Web site at **www.visitationrchurch.org** and signing up.

BAKE SALE SUCCESS

Thanks to the parishioners that helped The Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale to be the great success it was. We raised \$1,125. The proceeds from this sale have been earmarked for new carpeting in the Church Worship Space. A heartfelt thank you to all the Rosary Altar Society ladies that came and gave up their time to help bake.

MUSIC MINISTRY THANKS

Thank you to all who came to our Music Ministry Lenten Concert on March 6. We collected \$991 Thank you for your generous support of our Community. These donations will be shared between the Community Luncheon Program and the Visitation Relief Center.

DINE TO DONATE

In the month of April Buffalo Wild Wings will participate in our program to give back to our parish. Details to follow in further bulletins and on our website.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society is April 4, 2016. We will begin with the rosary at 11:30 am in the church followed by the meeting at 12:00 in the church auditorium. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. If you wish additional information or would like to become a member, please call Dee DeTuro at 732-232-7132.

OFFICE CLOSED

The rectory office will be closed for regular business, Monday, March 28 in observance of Easter. The office will reopen on Tuesday, March 29 at 8:30 AM.



MARCH 27, 2016

DEAR VISITATION PARISHIONERS,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!!

May Jesus' gift of peace at Easter bring every happiness to you and all your loved ones! May you understand fully His love for you and may your life reflect that love to all you meet.

On this day of our Lord's glorious Resurrection, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ always live within you, and may you always have the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope and the promise of Peace

For all those who have participated in our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies, may you rejoice in the New Life of Christ's Grace.

Many thanks to all parishioners for their support and continued loyalty and may Christ's Grace Reign supreme in your hearts.

Happy Easter

Peace of the Risen Christ

Fr. Ed

&

Staff



Let us rejoice and give praise, the Lord is Risen as he promised, alleluia!!

On this Easter Sunday, we can experience and celebrate signs of spring. Many regions in our country will find trees budding, flowers popping their heads out of the ground and birds returning. These are all signs of the renewal of the season. As Easter children, we also will experience another sign of renewal—a spiritual renewal as we celebrate our resurrection from the tomb of eternal damnation. Easter invites us to go forth telling the story of a God who so loved the people of the world that he sent his only son to be sacrificed for them. Because of Jesus' actions, we can experience a true peace because we have forgiveness and eternal life.

True peace is available to everyone, not from the material things of this world, but from a sharing in the peace of Christ. Such a peace is available to anyone who accepts the resurrection of Jesus. The key to obtaining the "peace" that Christ offers is to be found in our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Our part of the transaction is to believe and to recognize Jesus Christ as our Messiah, our Lord and our Savior. Christ's part is to send the Holy Spirit. And since God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit are one, it means that God really and truly is dwelling within us. Because of this, it makes sense for us to always greet one another with great respect. Each one of us is unique creations of God. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, suffered and died and rose from the dead for each one of us. We are to go and tell this story to everyone through our words and our actions.

The paschal candle will shine during the Easter season. May it remind us of our new life in our Risen Lord. May it remind us to rejoice, always, in good days and bad, with steady hope. May the paschal candle also remind us that the light of the risen Christ shines in the world through the oil of our lives. Let us also go forth and tell our story as Secular Franciscans to others. The story of how Jesus is transforming our lives through the teachings and life of St. Francis. When we spread joy or show love, there we are sharing his newness of life. Where we work to make a better world, there we are spreading his sincerity and his truth. As we walk with Christ this Easter and every day, let us ask him to help us bring new life to the corner of the world where we live.

Jesus was buried and rose again. This Easter, let us bury our old selves and have Jesus resurrect us as a new person --a person that everyone will recognize as Christ-like; a person who will bring Christ to others, not by what we say, but by what we do.

In India they have a custom of joining their hands together in a prayerful stance and bowing. The gesture means, "The God in me salutes the God in you". Alleluia, my sisters and brothers! Our Savior is Risen!



RCIA CORNER

EASTER VIGIL

Alleluia! He is risen! His rising is the promise of life for us all! We rejoice in the mercy and power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ raised from the dead. We rejoice in the faith of our Neophyte, Nicole Rita Kindnersky, who was made one with Him and with us, His body, through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We continue to pray for her, for her family and for all those in this community who still are seeking Christ in this Church community.

The Easter Vigil celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and the faith of believers. It begins with the service of light where we witness the new fire, new hope and new faith. The community gathers in darkness to hear that Christ is our light, shattering the darkness of sin. The second part of the Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We hear the story of salvation that talks about Abraham and Moses and ends with the Gospel of the resurrection.

The third part is the Baptismal Liturgy. Our Catechumen has been counted among the Elect at the Rite of Election. She was plunged into the waters of Baptism into a new birth. Anointed with chrism, she celebrated Confirmation, receiving the strength of God's Spirit for the Christian life. Together we professed our faith in the resurrection and promised to follow Christ more closely.

The Vigil culminates with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As a Community of Faith we came forward with our Elect to receive the body and blood of our Lord. From this day forward our newly baptized will join us in the Eucharistic feast. We pray for all our Neophytes who have entered fully into the faith this Easter and pray that they be a living example of faith in Jesus Christ.

For information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in this parish, contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or dale@visitationchurch.com.

HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT ~ APRIL 1
7:00 to 8:00 PM

**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.

DRIVERS SOUGHT

Part-time work available for someone able to help students, adults and their families Monday - Friday as a mini-bus/van driver. If necessary, will train for Commercial Driver's License. For more information, contact Gina Fyfe at The Children's Center Programs LLC, 1115 Green Grove Rd. Neptune NJ 732-922-0228.

JOURNEY-A PATHWAY TO HEALING

Experiencing the loss of a loved one brings changes into our lives on multiple levels. It is with these changes in mind that we invite you to attend a series of unique workshops to aid you as you journey on your path to healing. Area experts will cover topics such as emotional well-being, financial decision making, keeping safe, relaxation techniques, and more. There is no charge for any of the programs and they will be held at the Manasquan Recreation Annex, 67 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan. Programs begin Wed., April 6th. Call Stephanie McLean at O'Brien Funeral Home at 732-449-6900 for additional information about the programs and registration.

PARISH MISSION

Get ready! Our week of parish renewal is coming in a few short weeks. The dates are Sunday, April 17, through Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Our theme is God's Mercy. Our Mercy! Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Wegner, of Good News International, will be presenting this powerful mission. It will be a great way to deepen our relationships with God and with each other. Plan to be there....and bring a friend!

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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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MY CREATIVE CANVAS

PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER
a nonprofit community outreach program that was formed by members of the community in the wake of Super-Storm Sandy. www.visitationreliefcenter.org

Thursday, April 21, 2016 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
\$35 Per Painter (Adults only please)

PAINT THIS CANVAS IN ONE CLASS!

- ✓ No prior art skills required
- ✓ Step-by-step instruction
- ✓ All supplies provided
- ✓ Leave with a one-of-a-kind masterpiece

Please arrive before 6:45 PM to check-in.
BYOB * Light refreshments will be provided * Prize giveaways
Please bring any unwanted clothes to the event to contribute to our ongoing clothing drive.

Purchase your tickets before 4/14 | Space is limited!

Contact Adele at 732-746-3456
or development@visitationreliefcenter.org

Location: Visitation Relief Center
725 Mantoloking Rd | Brick, NJ 08723

For wisdom will enter your heart, knowledge will be at home in your soul, (Proverbs 2:10)

2016 UPCOMING EVENTS AT VISITATION – SAVE THE DATE

April 17, 18, 19, 20 – Paris Mission - a parish faith lift!

June 11 at 5:30 Family Gathering- light Dinner-Guest Speaker: Dan Duddy, Teacher and Football Coach at Donovan Catholic. An Inspirational Speaker who will speak about families and faith.

July 23 Virtual Lourdes– 11:00 am to 3:00 pm light lunch – live presentation.

“Simple Catholic Truths” (Symbolon) DVD Presentation and discussion with the Children of Light Charismatic Prayer Group after Holy Hour on the First Friday of each month in the Parish Hall-All are welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: DALE ZANETTI, IN THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFICE @ 732-477-7059 EXT. 214 OR DALE@VISITATIONCHURCH.COM

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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.