

Church of the Visitation



May the

*S*pirit

of the LORD
be with you

Pentecost

Sunday

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.

We now offer Low-Gluten Host for those suffering from celiac sprue disease
Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

PENTECOST SUNDAY



<p>SATURDAY MAY 14</p> <p>4:00 PM Peter Cassie</p> <p>SUNDAY MAY 15</p> <p>6:45 AM People of the Parish</p> <p>8:00 AM Rosaria Caleca</p> <p>9:30 AM Richard Ardito</p> <p>11:00 AM Klisiewicz Family</p> <p>12:30 PM Deceased Members of the Salek Family.</p> <p>MONDAY MAY 16</p> <p>7:30 AM Deacon John Fitzsimmons</p> <p>8:15 AM Richard Aditto</p> <p>TUESDAY MAY 17</p> <p>7:30 AM Nina Ruzzo</p> <p>8:15 AM Donna Martone</p> <p>WEDNESDAY MAY 18</p> <p>7:30 AM Catherine Monohan</p> <p>8:15 AM Ursula G. Brinkerhoff</p> <p>THURSDAY MAY 19</p> <p>7:30 AM Christina Budgell</p> <p>8:15 AM Joseph Perna</p> <p>FRIDAY MAY 20</p> <p>7:30 AM Jeanne Kahn</p> <p>8:15 AM Alice Bembridge</p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 21</p> <p>7:30 AM Ellen Prisco</p> <p>8:15 AM Nichole Theresa Ruggieri</p> <p>4:00 PM Petosa & DiMatteo Families</p> <p>SUNDAY MAY 22</p> <p>6:45 AM People of the Parish</p> <p>8:00 AM George Cavanaugh</p> <p>9:30 AM Rocco Castellano</p> <p>11:00 AM Henry Karpinski</p> <p>12:30 PM Victoria Fazio</p>	<p>SUNDAY MAY 15</p> <p><i>Masses</i> Church</p> <p><i>Bake Sale</i> After All Masses Church</p> <p><i>First Communicants</i> 11:00AM-1:30PM Parish Hall</p> <p>MONDAY MAY 16</p> <p><i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i> 8:15 AM Daily Chapel</p> <p><i>Rosary For Life</i> 1:30 PM Daily Chapel</p> <p><i>Cub Scouts.</i> 6:30 PM Old Church & Parish Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY MAY 17</p> <p><i>Bereavement</i> 10:30 AM Daily Chapel</p> <p><i>Bingo</i> 11:00 AM Parish Hall</p> <p><i>Confirmation Practice</i> 3:00-7:00 PM Church & Parish Hall</p> <p><i>Boy Scouts</i> 6:30 PM Old Church</p> <p><i>Alanon</i> 7:00 PM Room A1</p> <p><i>Adult Faith Formation</i> 7:15 PM Room B</p> <p>WEDNESDAY MAY 18</p> <p><i>Community Lunch</i> 12:00 PM Parish Hall</p> <p><i>Confirmation</i> 2:30-7:30 PM Church</p> <p><i>Youth Choir Practice</i> 7:30 PM Church</p> <p>THURSDAY MAY 19 HOLY DAY</p> <p><i>Event Development Mtg.</i> 6:30 PM Room B</p> <p><i>Adult Choir Practice</i> 7:15 PM Church</p> <p><i>AA</i> 7:30 PM Parish Hall</p> <p><i>Royal Hearts</i> 7:30 PM Room A</p> <p>FRIDAY MAY 20</p> <p><i>Children of Light Prayer</i> 7:00 PM Parish Room A</p> <p><i>Baptismal Formation Session</i> 7:00 PM Daily Chapel</p> <p><i>Ministry Mtg.</i> 7:00 PM Room C</p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 21</p> <p><i>Vigil Mass</i> 4:00 PM Church</p> <p><i>RCIA Teaching</i> 5:00 PM Parish Hall</p>
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For the Week of May 15, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "No Intentions"
 Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "No Intentions"
 Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of
 May DeMita & Marge Fama
 Sacred Heart Candle is No Intentions

Please note:

The weekly bulletin will no longer reflect the person requesting the intention, only whom the intention is for.

Readings for the Week


Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

"LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH"



III. Michael Moore, James O'Neill, Sr.
*Deacon Richard Johnston, Margaret Sherbert
Gabriel Castilho*

"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, *Annette Vitale*

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 May 8, 2016

Regular	\$10,685.51
On-Line	\$1,184.00
Total	\$11,869.51



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for April will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, May 22 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering. We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON TUESDAY, MAY 31. BINGO WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7 AT 11:00 AM.

Reflections for Pentecost Sunday



The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Loyola Press

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

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This Sunday, Pentecost, marks the end of the Easter season (yes, we've been in Easter for the last 50 days!) and a return to the period of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar.

It also signifies a very special time for a number of people in our parish. At the 9:30 Mass this Sunday I will have the privilege of conferring the sacrament of Confirmation to a number of adults in our parish (Dana-Lynn, Cassidy, Yoally, Jacqueline, Gema and Richard Jude); and on Wednesday the Very Rev. Stanley Lukasewski, Episcopal Vicar for Ocean County, will confer the sacrament upon the young people in our parish Religious Education program. Truly, these are marvelous and most appropriate ways to celebrate the feast marking the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

As a reminder – although I'm sure you remember this from your own CCD days – receiving the sacrament of Confirmation confers a number of gifts from the Holy Spirit: ***Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord***. If you need a refresher on these, you can get more information from the U.S. bishops' website at <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/Confirmation-handout.pdf>. These gifts empower those fully initiated into the Catholic faith to go into the world and be a witness by their words and actions to the Spirit and the Church that Christ founded. The graces that these gifts impart don't end when we receive the sacrament but remain with us every day of our lives. This is the *indelible mark* that Confirmation makes upon our souls; one that we can never lose, but must continually employ our will to draw upon it so that it can bear fruit in our lives.

As a parish, we congratulate those who will receive this sacrament. I also pray that, through our support and gentle encouragement of the gifts that these individuals receive in Confirmation, they may become shining lights of our faith, helping to light the way for themselves and others the path of truth in a darkened world.

Fr. Ed

VISITATION FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, May 28 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Visitation – the feast day of our parish. We will begin our celebration with spiritual food at the 4:00 pm Mass.

Our celebration will continue in the church auditorium after Mass with a pot-luck dinner. Everyone is invited to help make this a successful event that will be a tribute to our namesake. As parishioners of our church community, we are asking you to participate in the Mass and supper, and encourage others to participate.

We are asking each family that is able, to bring a dish of food to share, a monetary donation to defray the cost of supplies, or assist with setup or cleanup. To help make adequate preparations, please let us know by May 25th if you plan on attending the Visitation Celebration on May 28 and what you will be bringing (entree, salad, dessert, monetary donation, assistance with the event, etc.). You can let us know how you plan to participate in any of the following ways:

- Sign-up sheets at all doors
- Leave a message at 732-477-7059 ext. 216
- Send an e-mail to events@visitationchurch.com
- Visit our website visitationRCchurch.org and click on Visitation Feast

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

ATTENTION QUALIFIED IMMIGRANTS:

Free citizenship preparation classes will be offered this summer at Donovan High School, St. Joseph's Parish, Toms River. Must have a green card, 5 yr. residency, and be able to speak, read and write English. Call Sr. Margaret Nulty at 732-998-3153 to pre-register. Testing and registration Monday, June 13th 6-8pm. Classes Tuesday & Thursday evenings June 21- July 28, 2016.



RCIA CORNER

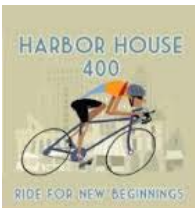
THE OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS O.C. OR O.S. "OLEUM CATECHUMENORUM"

The Oil of Catechumens is used in in the sacrament of baptism.

In our current baptismal liturgies, the priest offers the prayer of exorcism and then anoints the person to be baptized on the chest, saying, "We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may He strengthen you with His power, who lives and reigns forever and ever."

This oil is also used to anoint our Catechumens. Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens following a prayer of exorcism may take place during the period of the Catechumentate on one or several occasions. In both cases this anointing symbolizes the person's need for the help and strength of God to sever the bondage of the past and to overcome the opposition of the devil so that they may profess their faith, come to baptism, and live as a child of God.

THE 2016 HARBOR HOUSE 400 RIDE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS



Harbor House, an agency that helps homeless and runaway youth is supported largely by the Ride for New Beginnings, a 5-day, 400-mile bike ride June 21 through 26. Representatives of this ride will

be here May 21 & 22 to accept your donations in support of Harbor House. For additional information visit <http://oceansharborhouse.org/bike-tour/>.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Serving God and County

A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes

St. Joseph's Church will host an outdoor mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery & Mausoleums on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 10AM. Mass will be held outside at the Priest Circle altar. Bring your own chair or use one provided by the cemetery. Please join us in saluting our heroes. All are welcome. If you would like further details or require special assistance, please call the cemetery office directly 732-244-3008.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home shed a ray of light divine!



In today's liturgy, before the Gospel Acclamation, we sing the great Pentecost Sequence: a song of praise to the Holy Spirit, in Latin known as *Veni Sancte Spiritus*. This song dates back to

the thirteenth century (attributed to Pope Innocent III) and is a beautifully poetic prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to come and to shine divine light on all humanity.

Using stirring titles, the prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to come down upon us. It gives witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the world. If our souls are weary, it reminds us, the Holy Spirit brings us rest; in the heat of temptation, the Holy Spirit brings graceful coolness; if our souls are heavy and burdened by sorrow, the Holy Spirit consoles us.

The prayer continues, asking the Holy Spirit to wash us, to bring healing to the injured soul, to soften the hardened heart, to warm the cold-hearted, and to lead the lost. It ends by asking the Holy Spirit to give the seven holy gifts, to give reward to the virtuous and to lead us through death to salvation.

There are various translations of the sequence set to music. As the Easter season comes to a close, find a copy of this prayer. Pray it at various times today, in observance of Pentecost. Pray it throughout the coming seasons. Pray it whenever you are in need of a reminder of God's great love and care, given to us through the Holy Spirit. *Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Holy Spirit, Come! Alleluia!*



The Visitation Altar Server Team and the Holy Name Society will be holding a joint bake sale in the narthex

of the church the weekend of May 14 and 15th. Proceeds of this bake sale will be helping to offset the cost of the new candles in the Daily Chapel.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING

To best serve our parish and ensure meaningful liturgies, we are embarking on a new method of scheduling for our Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Lectors. This will allow for better communications and flexibility in each of the ministries to ensure that we are there to assist the clergy with Mass. The next session being offered to explain the new process will be Friday, May 20th at 7:00 pm in Parish Meeting Room C. This new process will be used for scheduling ministers at masses starting with the June 4th schedule. If you did not attend the meeting on May 7th, please make every effort to attend this session.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Many have requested information so they can schedule their vacations around our great VBS. It will run from July 25 thru the 29 this year. Welcome and join the fun. You can register any time

after June 8 in the Religious Ed Office in the Rectory. 732 477-5217.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

is next Sunday, May 22 after all Masses and will be hosted by the Rosary Altar Society. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.

If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, please stop by or call the rectory office (ext. 201) and speak with Denise Patetta. You can subsidize a month with a donation of \$100 or more or you can sponsor a month for a donation of \$300. You can honor either a living or deceased loved one.

DINE TO DONATE



To help raise funds for our covering fund (parking lot & carpet replacement) the Event Development

3Team is working with local eateries in a "Dine to Donate" program. Each month will feature a different establishment that has agreed to donate a portion of sales during a specific time period. You can have fun with friends and family trying new venues or enjoying old favorites while sharing a great meal. Together we can make a positive impact helping to keep our community working and playing together.

Our May partner is **Jack & Mike's Brickhouse**, located at 979 Cedarbridge Avenue in Brick. They will donate 20% of your purchase, (including alcohol) on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, during regular business hours.

Pick up a flyer with coupon at the doors of the church after mass, or print a coupon from our website at VisitationRCchurch.org.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED, MAY 14 AT 4:00 PM MASS & MAY 15 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM MASSES.

CCD REGISTRATIONS

New registrations and Sunday registration are accepted any day of the week in the Religious Education Office from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate is required, if the child has NOT been baptized at Visitation.

Summer Registrations will begin Monday-Friday, June 6 thru June 10, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM & Saturday, June 11, 11:00 AM – 4:00- PM.

Weekday registration will begin Tuesday-Friday, May 31 - June 3 from 11:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday, June 4, 11:00 to 4:00 PM. Registration fee is \$95.00 for the first child and \$25.00 for any additional children.

NOTE: Due to space restrictions, children that are being re-registered for weekday & summer classes will be placed into a classroom based on the family's active participation in Visitation Parish **not on a first-come-first-serve basis**. For any further information, please call Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.

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*Jesus, you have chosen me as a member
of your church to be your evangelizer...*



CONFIRMATION

RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Congratulations to the following young men and women
who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation May 18, 2016 at*

Church of the Visitation

DYLAN AFFINITO	NICHOLAS GUIRO	LAURA OLDOCK
JOSE ALVAREZ	ZULEMA GUTIERREZ	ARIANA ORTIZ
GABIELLA ARGENTO	CHRISTOPHER HEUNER	ALEXANDRA QUINTERO
ALEX ASMUSSEN	KERILYNN HUGHES	JOSEPH PETRELLESE
BRANDON BAUTISTA	BRADLEY HYNES	JOSEPH PURCELL
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AMANDA CASTORO	BRANDON KAZENSKIY	DANA RICCARDI
ALEXA CHUNG	THOMAS KELLY	FERNANDO ROMERO
DANIEL CLAYTON	ZACHARY KOZIOL	ERIC ROMERO-PONCE
JASON COOK	JUSTIN LEVENS	PATRICK SALAMONE
COURTNEY CROSBY	DANIELLA LICALZI	MICHAEL SALVATO
HANNA CURTO	GERALD LITTLE	SAULE AMBER
HANNAH DANIELS	KATE MCBRIDE	SAMANTHA SCHREINER
FRANK DAVIS	KATHLEEN MCCOY	ERIC SIEBECKER-D'AMBOLA
JOHANNA FELLIN	JAMIE MELLITO	SCOTT SIMON
ANA FLORES	ARNULFO MORALES	ZACHARY SMITH
JENNIFER FLORES	RACHAEL MURPHY	HAILIE STEINER
BALBARIO FLORES	EDWIN NATVIDAD	MARYANN STETS
RICKY FLORES	MARELYN NATIVIDAD	CARLY SULLIVAN
SEAN FOGARTY	JONATHAN NAZARIO	THERESA ANNE TOCCI
TIERNEY GARKOWSKI	THOMAS NESSE	KATIE ZIGO
IAN GELLNER	SYDNEY O'HEARN	MAX ZDANOWICZ

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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 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari* 732-477-7059 ext. 103 *Arnold Vicidomini*

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.