

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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Religious Education: 732-477-5217
Rectory Fax: 732-477-1274
Rectory Address: 730 Lynnwood Ave. Brick, NJ
Website: www.visitationRCchurch.org

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REV. JAMES O'NEILL, PAROCHIAL VICAR, EXT. 220

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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Parish Registration

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

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. 1. Be at least 16 years of age. 2. Have completed the Sacraments of the Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) 3. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY JULY 23
4:00 PM Jean & Charles Kozak

SUNDAY JULY 24
6:45 AM People of the Parish
8:00 AM Louis Salerno
9:30 AM Lucy Towey
11:00 AM Henry Karpinski
12:30 PM Peter Biskup

MONDAY JULY 25
7:30 AM Myer Burger
8:15 AM Henry Karpinski

TUESDAY JULY 26
7:30 AM Matthew Kurtz
8:15 AM Eileen Barbato

WEDNESDAY JULY 27
7:30 AM Mildred Masino
8:15 AM Lillian Fronczak

THURSDAY JULY 28
7:30 AM Barbara Weber
8:15 AM Lillian Fronczak

FRIDAY JULY 29
7:30 AM Nancy Donahue
8:15 AM Lillian Fronczak

SATURDAY JULY 30
7:30 AM Carolyn Arciniaco
8:15 AM Jim Glading
4:00 PM Victoria Fazio

SUNDAY JULY 31
6:45 AM Raymond Zdanis
8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Jean Ammerata
11:00 AM Roy Barrett
12:30 PM Neal Crilley

SUNDAY JULY 24
Masses Church
Community Sunday After All Masses Parish Hall
Baptism 1:45 PM Church

MONDAY JULY 25
Vacation Bible School 8:00 AM Room A, C & Parish Hall
M M & Saint Jude Novena 8:15 AM Daily Chapel
Rosary For Life 1:30 PM Daily Chapel

TUESDAY JULY 26
Vacation Bible School 8:00 AM Room A, C & Parish Hall
Bingo 11:00 AM Parish Hall
Alanon 7:00 PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY JULY 27
Vacation Bible School 8:00 AM Room A, C & Parish Hall
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Parish Hall

THURSDAY JULY 28
Vacation Bible School 8:00 AM Room A, C & Parish Hall
AA 7:30 PM Parish Hall

FRIDAY JULY 29
Vacation Bible School 8:00 AM Room A, C & Parish Hall
Children of Light Prayer 6:30 PM VRC

SATURDAY JULY 30
Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Church

**BINGO AND COMMUNITY LUNCHEON
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THIS WEEK DUE
TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. THEY
WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK AT THEIR
REGULAR TIME.**

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MORNING MASSES RESUME IN CHAPEL

All weekday morning masses will resume in the Daily Chapel effective Saturday, July 23, beginning with the 7:30 AM.

For the Week of July 24, 2016

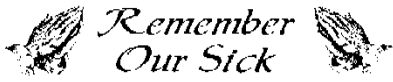


Church Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "Special Intentions"

Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Irene & Gene Petillo
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" Lech, Vitale & Pecora Families

"LORD, ON THE DAY I CALLED FOR HELP, YOU ANSWERED ME"



- I. Sue Hendricks
- III. Olga Blanco

"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.

Reflections for

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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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 especially;



Thomas M. Hussennetter (son), Sylvester LaPotro

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 July 17, 2016

Regular	\$10,826.50
On Line	\$833.00
Total	\$11,659.50

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION A WELCOMING PARISH

*Jesus calls us to love so all may come to Him!
Let Us Put On A Happy Face And Welcome
All Who Pass Through Our Doors.
Be courteous, loving and smile;
Yes, even in the parking lot!*

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the area and would like to become a registered parishioner, please contact Deacon Sal at 732-477-7059 ext. 218 to schedule an appointment with him. We look forward to meeting you!

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IN THE SECOND BASKET. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK JACK'S LANDSCAPING

For bulletin advertising information, please call John Patrick Publishing Company 800-333-3166.



Recently (7/16) the Church celebrated the memorial of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. It was established by a 12th Century community of monks who came to live on the mountain in Israel upon which the Old Testament prophet Elijah fought against the prophets of the god Baal. I won't relate the whole story here, although I think it is one of the most fascinating stories in the Bible (1 Kings 18:18-40.) I can only imagine how alone Elijah felt against not just the 450 prophets of Baal but against the whole nation of Israel who had turned against him (and against God) by following false idols. However, Elijah kept his trust in God which helped him not only to overcome the opposition but even brought the people back to the true faith.

There's no question about it: from the earliest times to today, being true to our own faith has been counter-cultural and many times followers have felt that the whole world is against them. But it is exactly by remaining true to our God (which ultimately keeps us true to ourselves) that we can prevail and maybe even bring others back who have strayed. When we are felt "put upon" by others because of our beliefs, we can remind ourselves that God, who really is the one in charge, will remain with us and protect us no matter where our defense of the truth may lead us.

The other side of that coin applies as well: have we been put into confrontation in defense of our faith, or do we so much want to be liked that we are willing to abandon that faith (or, worse yet, cling only to those parts which avoid confrontation and instead insipidly espouse a meaningless peace and love as "supermarket Catholics")? It is simply impossible to have it both ways: we either remain true to Christ – which will doubtless place us in uncomfortable situations as we will be called to defend the Catholic position against such issues as abortion, human rights, the sanctity of marriage and the family; or do we follow the false idols of the world – which may make us safe and comfortable but may also reduce our chances of salvation to that of a "camel passing through the eye of a needle" (c.f. Matthew 19:24)? The choice is and always has been ours. God continues to look for "modern-day Elijahs" to stand up and defend the truth; are we willing to take the job?

Fr. Ed

RUMMAGE SALE/GARDEN ART SHOW



Rummage Sale

Join us after mass on Sunday July 31, 2016 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm for a rummage sale and Garden Art Show at Visitation Relief Center, 755 Mantoloking Rd. Brick.

For more information call 732-746-3456 or visit visitationreliefcenter.org or [facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter](https://www.facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter)

JULY DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

Skillet's Fresh Grill, 645 Mantoloking Road, Brick 732-477-0963

Monday – Friday 11 am – 9 pm Saturday 9 am – 9 pm Sunday 9 am – 8 pm

Try the original "Chicken Spiedie"! Wraps & Pitas, Subs & Salads, Nachos & Wings, Tasty Dinners and even an assortment of Ice Cream Treats!

Bring the coupon at the bottom of this page and Skillet's Fresh Grill will donate 15% of your total bill to the Visitation Church Covering Fund (parking lot & carpet replacement)!



EXTENDED ONE MORE WEEK

Monday, July 11th

**** COUPON ****

Sunday, July 31st

Present this coupon at Skillet's Fresh Grill and 15% of your total purchase will be donated to the Visitation Church Covering Fund!

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AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 5, 2016, and we're looking for your help.



Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

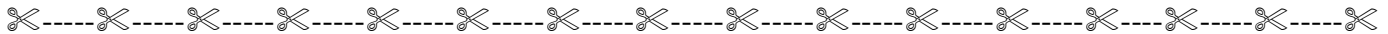
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to benefit the Church Covering Fund (Parking Lot and Rug Replacement). This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about donating a gift and/or helping us prepare for the event, call Betty Kilkenny 732-475-0048 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

***GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY OR
THE RECTORY OFFICE BY OCTOBER 16, 2016***



- I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 5, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening



The Rosary Altar Society would like to Thank everyone for their generous donations to our annual Birth-Right Baby Shower. We received donations of many beautiful outfits, diapers and handmade blankets and sweater sets. We were also able to give a monetary donation of \$500 to them as well. A special Thank you to the group from Lions Head South *The Sis's Rip It Out Club* who made so many beautiful knitted baby items. The new babies will look grand.

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

is this Sunday, July 24 after all Masses and will be hosted by St. Vincent de Paul, &

Community Luncheon.. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.

BINGO STAGE RENOVATION

Eric Tkach of Boy Scout Troop 38 recently completed his Eagle Scout Project by renovating the Bingo Stage in the Church Parish Hall. The stage now looks beautiful and has a safe handrail. Eric and his family would like to thank all of the Troop 38 volunteers especially Matt Powell, George and Anthony Botts, Patrick Barry, Tom Neral, Carmine Freda, Ernie Muska, the Tkach family and the Scouts.

Special thanks to the following community and business leaders for their generous support and contributions: Deacon Nick Stranieri and the Holy Name Society, Powell Construction, VFW of Brick, Lowe's of Brick, American Legion of Brick, Visitation Rosary Alter Society, Home Depot of Brick, Home Depot of Lakewood, Weatherhead Young Funeral Home, O'Brien Funeral Home, Brick Elks, Lowe's of Toms River, Brick PBA, Knights of Columbus, Sub Shack, Mike's Pizza and the Doyle Family.

We hope you enjoy the Bingo Stage for many years to come

The staff and parishioners of Visitation Parish would like to thank Eric for choosing our Bingo Stage for his Eagle project. We are so grateful for this act of kindness!

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16

2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass book for the year 2017 is now open.

Please note changes this year to Weekday morning masses.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

7:30 & 8:15 AM Masses

Monday & Friday 7:30 AM Mass Only

Saturday 8:15 AM Mass Only

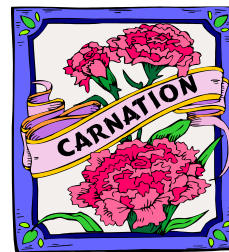
This year, you may request **three** Masses. No request will be taken over the phone. Mass offering is \$10.00. All intentions will mention the person in the Prayer of the Faithful.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.

CARNATION SALE

THIS WEEKEND JULY 23 & 24

BIRTHRIGHT of Ocean County is an international



organization of trained volunteers from all walks of life working hard and quietly to offer pregnant women a chance to give birth with dignity and pride. Our services are completely confidential and free. Our clients

range from unwed teenagers to married women in their 40's to young married women with severe financial setbacks. We are opposed to abortion in that we do offer an alternative, and do everything we can to make this alternative a realistic one for our clients. Members from the Rosary altar Society will be at all the doors of the church next weekend selling carnations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE SUPPORT BIRTHRIGHT; A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS



We are still in need of Second Grade CCD Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217.

"If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well". Romans 12:7

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ALL CASH RAFFLE

Church of the Visitation Holy Name Society

to benefit Church Covering Fund (Parking Lot and Rug Replacement)

First Prize 30% of Gross Proceed

Second Prize 15% of Gross Proceeds

Third Prize 5% of Gross Proceeds

Drawing to be held **SUNDAY, August 21, 2016—4:30 PM**

At the ANNUAL PICNIC VFW, 373 Adamston Rd., Brick, NJ 08723

Donation: \$20.00 or 6/\$100

No substitution of the offered prize may be made (Winner need not be present to win)

*Tickets will be available for purchase in the rectory office during normal business hours
and in the Narthex of the Church after Masses*

MEN'S RETREAT

For 35 years St. Ignatius Shore Retreats has helped Ocean County parishioners attend a men's weekend retreat at the San Alfonso Retreat House, a Redemptorist Spiritual Center on Ocean Avenue in West End, Long Branch. The theme of this year's retreat is Mercy. It begins Friday evening, September 30 and ends with lunch Sunday, October 2. The fee is \$210 with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. All are welcome. Visit www.sanalfonsoretreats.org or call San Alfonso at (732) 222-2731 x 140, or John Fraraccio at (732) 272-7572, or johcafra@outlook.com.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for July will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, July 24 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering. We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!



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

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

FUN~~FOOD~~GAMES



Church of the Visitation Family Picnic will be held **August 21, 2016** from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the VFW grounds located at 373 Adamston Road, Brick. Tickets will be on sale after all masses in the church narthex, the rectory office and at Community Sunday. The prices are: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per household. Limited tickets will be available at the gate.

CATHOLIC RADIO-

Tune into 89.3 FM to hear the Gospel message, live call-in shows, devotions, speakers, inspirational music and more. WFJS 89.3 FM Catholic Radio is an EWTN affiliate reaching Monmouth and parts of Ocean & Middlesex Counties. Listen on-line at www.DomesticChurchMedia.org. Free apps are on your iPhone and Blackberry. Call or write for your FREE Program Guide: WFJS PO Box 7509 Trenton 08628, or call 609-882-9357.

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.

Weekday registration will be from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM , Friday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturdays, by appointment only. 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.

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY



We would like to invite anyone who is looking for a valuable ministry to come forward to help serve at Funeral Masses. The *Corporal Work of Mercy* of burying the dead is a valuable ministry. This very important ministry needs your

help. Training is available. If interested, please contact Rosemary Russell at 732-367-5329.



SUMMER CHOIR

There is still time to join our Summer Choir! We will sing at the 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday in June, July, and August. Rehearsal will be held 30 minutes prior to Mass each week in the Church Music Room. If you need more information, please contact our Music Director Natalya at extension 217. All are welcome!

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



For more than 40 years, the bishop of the Diocese of Trenton has been celebrating the gift of sacramental marriage with anniversary couples. This year Bishop

O'Connell will extend his Episcopal blessing to couples from all four counties married for one, 25, and 50 years or more at a special Eucharistic liturgy (Mass) and blessing celebration at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Freehold. We invite married couples celebrating these milestone anniversaries to participate in this beautiful event. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register. The deadline for registration is September 15, 2016.



The North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90-minute **VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE** to Lourdes, France, at Visitation Parish on

Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. During this guided Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend a Virtual Pilgrimage with the North American Lourdes Volunteers. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! (Refreshments following the Prayer Service). For more information, call Dale Zanetti in Adult Faith Formation at (732) 477-7059 Ext. 214 or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org.

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MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and Senior Housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – Vicki Cottrell or Vicki@visitationchurch.com

LECTORS enhance the community's celebration of the Mass by meaningful reading of God's Word and by providing direction and overviews during the Liturgy. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – Vicki Cottrell or vicki@visitationchurch.com

LITURGY TEAM meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. – Fr. Ed 732-477-9672, ext. 201

MUSIC MINISTRY spiritually enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are always seeking individuals who would like to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

Bell Choir is open to all ages. 732-477-9672, ext. 217 - Natalya Bencivenga or natalie@visitationchurch.com

USHERS promote hospitality by assisting parishioners, taking up collections and preparing Offertory gifts for presentation at Mass. 732-262-4186 – Kathy Cifelli

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM see Youth Ministry

Sacrament Preparation

BAPTISMAL TEAM assists the Priests and Deacons with Baptismal Formation Sessions, as well as the actual ceremony. 732-477-9028 - Donna Stawicki or SewSimple@aol.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process used to welcome those who wish to complete some or all of the sacraments of initiation in the Church. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com

BIBLE SHARING offers day sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9:45 AM in the Church Auditorium. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com

EVANGELIZATION TEAM promotes and fosters evangelization in all ministries by reaching out and encouraging all to live life as active Catholics. 732-477-9672, ext. 218 - Deacon Salvatore Vicari or ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School and weekdays in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-5217- Nancy Grodberg or nancy@visitationchurch.com

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 6:30 PM in The Visitation Relief Center at 725 Mantoloking Road, Brick 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.