



*Happy  
Labor  
Day!*

*Church of the Visitation*

# Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, N. J. 08723



*Welcome!*

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

**Rectory Office Phone:** 732-477-0028  
**Religious Education:** 732-477-5217  
**Rectory Fax:** 732-477-1274  
**Rectory Address:** 730 Lynnwood Ave. Brick, NJ  
**Website:** www.visitationRCchurch.org

**REV. EDWARD BLANCHETT, PASTOR, EXT. 201**  
**REV. JAMES O'NEILL, PAROCHIAL VICAR, EXT. 220**

### Assisting Priests

Rev. James Sauchelli                      Rev. Bernard Mohan  
Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Gonzalez          Rev. Msgr. Vincent Doyle  
Rev. Msgr. Philip Franceschini        Rev. Richard Carlson

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**Richard Johnston, Ext. 221**           **Edward Fischer**

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**Christie Winters, Ext. 105**                Coordinator of Adult Faith  
Youth Ministry Leader                      Formation  
**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*

# TWENTY~THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 3</b>
4:00 PM	Lorraine Kozak
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>
6:45 AM	Nicholas & Harriet Fritz
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of The Rosary Altar Society & Chris Lane
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	God's Bless on Ray & Mary Nickerson
12:30 PM	Angelo Leotta
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b>
9:00 AM	Kerwin Ynaya & Romolo Lechic
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 6</b>
7:30 AM	John Giunta
8:15 AM	Jane & Michael Zacardi
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>
7:30 AM	Marilyn Ballis
8:15 AM	Patrick Barry
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>
7:30 AM	John Tenore
8:15 AM	Aage Jorginsen
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>
7:30 AM	Gerald Caci
8:15 AM	Jim Kilkenny
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>
7:30 AM	Richard Woods
8:15 AM	James Kilkenny
4:00 PM	Mario Altomare
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>
6:45 AM	Catherine Monahan
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of The Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Peter Barna
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Victoria Fazio

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b>
<b>RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<i>Mass</i>	9:00AM Church
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 6</b>
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM Daily Chapel
	<b>NO BINGO</b>
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:00 PM Church
<i>AA</i>	9:30 AM Parish Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>
<i>Children of Light</i>	6:30 PM VRC
<i>Diocesan Cursillo Mass</i>	8:00 PM Daily Chapel
<i>Cursillo Hospitality</i>	9:00 PM Room C
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>
<i>Court of Honor</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

## For the Week of September 4 2016



Alan Mineri

**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Juan Asencio  
**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "Special Intentions"  
**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Klisiewicz Family  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of

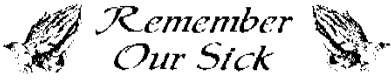
## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

# **"IN EVERY AGE, O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE"**

## *Welcome into God's Family*

*Zoey Paige Gunther  
Summer Amelia Kuzmack*



**III.** *Adryenne Butkovsky*  
**III.** *Dolores Lusko*

**"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,  
*Edward Jarzyna*

### **HOW WILL YOU 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 August 28, 2016**

<b>Regular</b>	\$10,138.00
<b>On Line</b>	\$1,380.00
<b>Total</b>	\$11,518.00

### **GREETER MINISTRY**



Greeters are Ministers of Hospitality who welcome parishioners and guests to our church. Members are at the church entrances so that anyone who comes to worship is greeted with a warm smile and a friendly word. Greeters also serve at church events (such as parish concerts and missions) and with our ushers assist in handling special situations. For more information, contact the Rectory Office ext. 201.

## *Reflections for*

### *The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a

right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

*Loyola Press*

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

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# SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF  
*Fr. Jim O'Neill*

## LABOR OF LIGHT AND LOVE

We celebrate Labor Day on Monday. Other countries have similar celebrations. We can see God as the author of Labor Day since He worked for six days in creating and then rested on the seventh. Similarly, He punished Adam with toil and Eve with labor pains for Original Sin. While labor was a punishment, it is also a remedy. Through work, we learn to make a gift of ourselves for others. We sacrifice for others. When the Son became incarnate, He labored for us, first as a carpenter, then as priest and victim. Jesus is a model for us and invites us to labor with Him for the salvation of souls.

God delights in His creation. One of those brightest lights is soon-to-be (or already) St. Teresa of Calcutta. Pope Francis will celebrate the canonization Mass at 4:00 a.m. our time on Sunday, September 4th. (See EWTN at 4:00 a.m. or for one of the repeats later in the day.) Bishop O'Connell will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00 a.m. in Asbury Park.

While Monday is Labor Day, it will also be the feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta, the first since her canonization. She was born to eternal life on September 5, 1997. Currently, her feast can be celebrated in certain places like India. Perhaps after the canonization, she'll be on the General Roman Calendar.

How fitting that Mother Teresa is being canonized during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. On September 10, 1946, she received interior locutions and visions. Jesus begged her to "Come be My light." The encounter prompted her to found the Missionaries of Charity "to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and souls" by "laboring at the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor."

Only her spiritual directors knew of her 40 years of going through the Dark Night of the Soul. She didn't feel God's love during those years. Yet, God worked through her. She labored with Him for the salvation of souls. We, too, can be co-laborers with the Lord.

*"If I ever become a Saint -- I will surely be one of 'darkness.' I will continually be absent from Heaven -- to light the light of those in darkness on earth."*

--St. Teresa of Calcutta

*Fr. Jim*

## SEPTEMBER DINE TO DONATE PARTNER



Come 2 Mamas', 741 Brick Blvd. Brick 732-477-7790  
Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 AM until 8:30 PM (Sunday & Monday until 3:30 PM)

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner like the Mamas made!!!  
Enjoy a warm and friendly atmosphere and feel like family  
while dining on the best home style cooking around!



**Tuesday, September 13th through Saturday, September 17th**

**Present this coupon to Come 2 Mamas' and 15% of your total purchase will be donated to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund (parking lot and carpet replacement).**

**Includes take-out!! Excludes delivery and other special offers or discounts**

**THE VISITATION CHOIRS**

Have you been thinking about joining one of our choirs at Visitation? Perhaps your children would love to sing at mass. If so now is the time to take action. If interested, please contact our Music Director Natayla Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext. 217. Below is listing of practice times for each of the choirs.

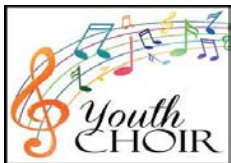
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**



each month at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Practice will be held in the church every Tuesday from 5:30 ~ 6:00 pm beginning September, 13. The Children's Choir will sing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of

**YOUTH CHOIR**



Practice every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the church beginning September, 14. The Youth Choir will sing every Sunday at 11:00 AM Mass.

**ADULT CHOIR**



Practice every Thursday at 7:00pm in the church beginning September, 8. The Adult Choir will sing every Sunday at 9:30 AM Mass.



We are also looking for additional musicians to play at the 12:30 PM Mass. If you are interested, please contact Jim Daniels at 732-703-3280.

**ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION**



Save your aluminum cans to help support Boy Scout Troop #38. You can place your aluminum in the collection can by the dumpster, by the old church, or bring them by during our meeting time: Wednesdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the parish hall.

**HELP NEEDED!!**

**VISITATION ALTAR SERVER TEAM**



V.A.S.T. - Visitation Altar Server Team – is in need of servers. Being an altar server is a wonderful way to serve God and worship him through the Liturgy. If you would like to become an altar server, please contact Mrs. Stranieri at (732) 458-1492. Meetings are held 1-2 times a year, and training is hands-on during mass. You must have received your First Holy Communion and be in third grade or older. Adults are also welcome to join.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR AUGUST 50/50**



Nicholas Pontrantolfi was the winner of \$667. Nick is a yearly subscriber.



The rectory office will be closed for regular business Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tuesday, September 6 at 8:30 AM.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, September 17, 2016



Grab your walking shoes or sneakers and help us take steps for a great cause! The 2016 *Friends of the Poor Walk/Run* is a National Event coordinated by the National Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Plans are underway to promote this unique fund-raising effort. 100% of the funds stay with our Visitation Conference to be used to help the poor in our community. Once again, we will walk around the Brick Reservoir on Herbertsville Road Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 9:00 am with the walk beginning at 10:00 am. Members of St. Vincent will be in the Church Narthex the weekend of Sept 10 & 11 for early registration and/or monetary donations.

Hope to see you there!

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

**AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION ON SALE NOW IN RECTORY OFFICE**

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction that will be held on November 5, 2016, and we're looking for your help. Teams are now forming to prepare the gifts. If you would like to become part of this energetic team please contact Betty Kilkenny at 732-475-0048, or e-mail EventTeam@visitationRCchurch.org or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket. Let the fun begin!



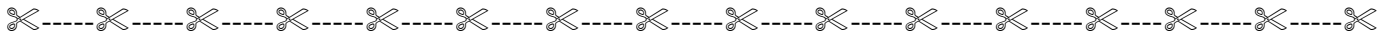
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.

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.

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.



*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



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**



Pope Francis asks people around the world to "take good care of creation" and to care for our common home. He emphasizes, both "believers and unbelievers agree that the earth is a common heritage, the fruits of which should benefit everyone." He calls us to recognize "the relationship between poverty and the fragility of the planet."

This command from our Holy Father is so relevant in today's age and we are reminded of our responsibilities in this regard. On September 1, we celebrated a day of prayer for the "Care of Creation" and we should continue to pray for this in our daily lives. It is not just the obligation of the few but of all members of the human race to look at ways we can make a better world. After all, this is OUR home and we should be caring for it in a way that all may benefit from its fruits.

As individuals, we can take important steps to answer Pope Francis' call to care for our common home by examining our lifestyles, reducing our consumption, and being conscious of our choices. We can also contribute on a broader scale to lasting change by working actively within our communities to address environmental challenges in our neighborhoods, towns and cities, and advocating for environmental policies that protect the poor and vulnerable in our nation and around the world.

**PICNIC SUCCESS**

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> was our sixth annual family picnic at the VFW. Some people were able to attend as a result of the generous parishioners who donated money for families that could not afford to go otherwise.

There was plenty of picnic food for all and Marilyn Lago and her team of dedicated volunteers made sure everyone had enough to eat. We would also like to thank the VFW on Adamstown Road and the members who assisted us throughout the day. And the day would not have been a success without the members of our parish that came and enjoyed the day!

Watch the bulletin so you can save the date and join us next year at our Seventh Annual Family Picnic.



**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY TRIP**

*Play:* Samson

*Place:* Sight & Sound

*Date:* Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Bus departs Visitation Parking Lot 8:30 AM and returns approximately 8:45 PM

*Cost:* \$117.00

For additional information or the purchase a ticket, contact

Terry at 732-903-7527 or Marilyn at 732-920-9763



**50/50 TICKETS** are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for September will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday,

September 25 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

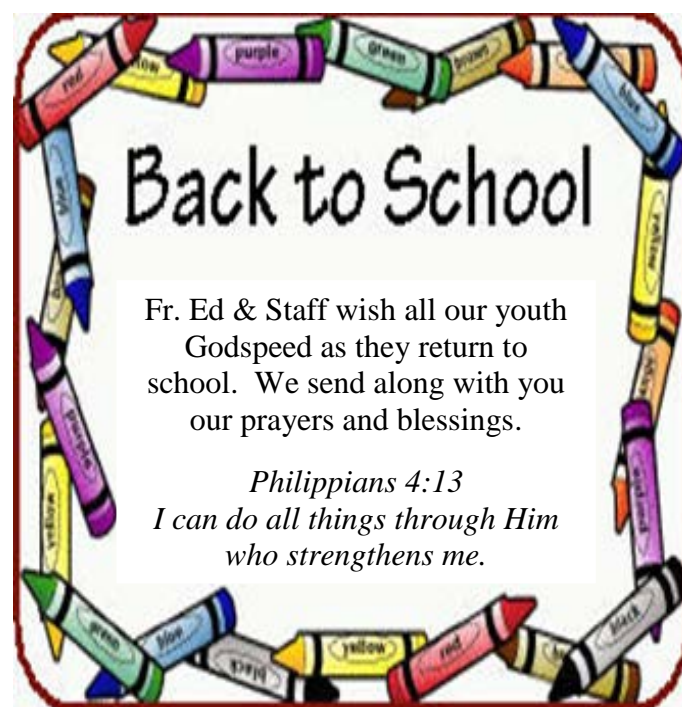
***Bereavement Ministry***

Fall sessions for Visitation's Bereavement Support Group will take place on Tuesdays, 10:30 am in the Daily Chapel. Dates are: September 6, 13, 20, 27 and October 4, 11, and 18. To register, call Deacon Rich at 732-477-7059 ext. 221. Leave your name and phone number.

**BIBLE STUDY**



Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 15, 2016, at 9:45 am to 11:00 am. Join us for coffee and refreshments with a live presentation and group discussion in the Parish Hall. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). Come and let's study together the words of Scripture. Beginners and scholars welcomed. We have an elevator for easy access. If you have any questions, please contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 Ext. 214, or email [dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org](mailto:dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org).





## ***SEPTEMBER 4, 2016***

### **MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Liturgical Ministries**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** see Youth Ministry

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

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

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

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

**MUSIC MINISTRY** spiritually enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are always seeking individuals who would like to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups 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 at the VRC 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 practice's Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:00 PM and sings the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at the 12:30 PM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natayla Bencievenga*

**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.***