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REMEMBER

9.11.01

***God is our refuge and strength,  
An ever-present help in distress.  
Thus we do not fear....***

***Psalm 46:2-3***

**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*

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Director of Visitation Relief Center

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

### Parish Registration

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

### Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

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

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

**Daily:** Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)

**Holy Days:** See Current Bulletin

**Holy Hour:** First Fri. of the month 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Church)

### Baptism

Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to register 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism. Parents and Guardians are required and sponsors are encouraged to attend the Baptismal Formation Session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following the 12:30 Mass at 1:45 PM. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

### Marriages

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires sessions with a priest or deacon, Focus review and attendance at a Marriage Preparation Programs such as Pre Cana. Therefore couples should make arrangements with the Church at least 1 year before the planned wedding date and finalizing any social plans. Couples must also verify freedom to marry before dates and arrangements can be made. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

### Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45PM in the Church or anytime by appointment. A Penance Service is held during Advent and Lent.

### Religious Education (CCD)

Our Religious Education and sacramental preparation for our children meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. Please call Dale Zanetti at ext. 214 for more information.

*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~FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>
4:00 PM	Mario Altomare	<i>Masses</i>	Church Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>	<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM Church Worship
6:45 AM	Catherine Monahan	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 12</b>
8:00 AM	Living & Dec;d Members of The Holy Name Society	<i>M M &amp; Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Daily Chapel
9:30 AM	Peter Barna	<i>Rosary Altar Mtg.</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
11:00 AM	People of the Parish	<i>Rosary for Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
12:30 PM	Victoria Fazio	<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM B & C
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 12</b>	<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
7:30 AM	Agnes & Charles Gallagher	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13</b>
8:15 AM	Thomas McGowan	<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM Dailey Chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13</b>	<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
7:30 AM	Re. William McDonnell	<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM C
8:15 AM	Roni Critchley	<i>Children's Choir Practice</i>	5:30 PM Church
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>	<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
7:30 AM	Louise Pringle	<i>Holy Name Society Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM Room A
8:15 AM	Prayer Service Only	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>	<i>Newark Retired Priest</i>	10:00 AM Daily Chapel
7:30 AM	Kathrine Graham	<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
8:15 AM	Prayer Service Only	<i>St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.</i>	1:00 PM Room B
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>	<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM B & C
7:30 AM	Catherine & William Halligan	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
8:15 AM	Michael Botis	<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM Church Worship
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>
7:30 AM	Mark Domogauer	<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
8:15 AM	Luke Bautista	<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM B & C
4:00 PM	Frank & Barbara Kelusak	<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:00 PM Church Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>	<i>Royal Heart Prayer Group</i>	7:30 PM Room A
6:45 AM	Justin Thouret	<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>
9:30 AM	Loretta Lazar	<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	6:30 PM VRC
11:00 AM	Rita Back	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>
12:30 PM	Gayton Jannicelli	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
		<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

## For the Week of September 11, 2016



**Church Sanctuary Candle** is "Special Intentions"  
**Chapel Sanctuary Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of the Victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> attack  
**Blessed Mother Candle** is "In Loving Memory" of Mario Altomare & Thomas Rygiel  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is "In Loving Memory" Charles "Pop" Donaruma

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
**Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

# “I WILL RISE AND GO TO MY FATHER”



“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,

*Theodore Kostrzewski, Leonard DeHaven*

## 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 September 4, 2016

<b>Regular</b>	\$11,361.35
<b>On Line</b>	\$981.00
<b>Total</b>	\$12,342.35

***Some of the expenses included:***

Electric	\$3,163.29
Natural Gas	\$260.56
Communications Services	\$730.87
Building Maintenance	\$3,827.00
Landscaping	\$668.00
Property Taxes	\$6,363.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,055.75</b>



*We Remember*

## Reflections for

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

In Today’s Gospel, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendents back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved.

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

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September 11, 2001 – it is one of those moments that, for those of us old enough to remember, can recall exactly what we were doing when we first heard of it. I was in seminary during my second year of theology coming back from a class on the scriptures. At first it seemed surreal: was it a plane that had somehow lost its bearings and crashed by accident? Of course, that was answered mere minutes later when the second plane hit the north tower of the World Trade Center. It even seemed more unreal as we watched in horror as the buildings themselves came crashing down.

Many of us can bring to mind people we knew or even family members that lost in the terrorist attacks. Having worked in Marsh & McLennan, one of the companies who had rented space in the south tower, I knew many former co-workers lost on that fateful day. I sometimes reflect that, had I not heard God’s call to the priesthood, I could have been in those offices on that Tuesday morning instead of 300 miles away in a Maryland seminary. How do we “wrap our minds” around such cruelty in this and in other acts of violence and terror that have become all-too-common in our world gripped in fear and hatred?

The simple fact is that, while we cannot change the entire world by ourselves, we *do* affect our little piece of it, one soul at a time. Trusting that the strength of God’s grace far exceeds that of any evil possible in our fallen world, we take our faith – informed and nourished by the words and sacrifice of Jesus – and boldly witness the peace and confidence that is only possible through a life in Christ. This was well captured by Pope Francis in his words at Ground Zero in Manhattan during his 2015 visit to the United States:

“For all our differences and disagreements, we can live in a world of peace ... This can only happen if we uproot from our hearts all feelings of hatred, vengeance and resentment. We know that that is only possible as a gift from heaven. Here, in this place of remembrance, I would ask everyone together, each in his or her own way, to spend a moment in silence and prayer. Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all. Simply PEACE. In this way, the lives of our dear ones will not be lives which will one day be forgotten. Instead, they will be present whenever we strive to be prophets not of tearing down but of building up, prophets of reconciliation, prophets of peace.”

On this 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, pause for a moment. If you can, consider attending the memorial being held at Windward Beach Sunday afternoon (details at <http://patch.com/new-jersey/brick/township-911-memorial-to-be-held-at-windward-beach>). Following the advice of our Holy Father, coming together both as a community and as the faithful, we can indeed help provide healing for a world in darkness and become beacons for the light of Christ’s truth.

*Fr. Ed*

**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, 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).**



**BAPTISM BY BLOOD AND BY DESIRE**

“Unless a man be born again of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God” These words of Jesus are not a suggestion, but a command. He tells us that Baptism is necessary for the salvation of all. Jesus says “go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel and Baptize”. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.

Baptism is the ordinary means of being cleansed of Original Sin and is a Sacrament in which water is poured, the intent to Baptize is there and it is in the name of the Trinity. So how can all those be saved? How can those who have not heard of Jesus’ words and been baptized be saved?

It is the teaching of the Catholic Church that when the baptism of water becomes a physical or moral impossibility, eternal life may be obtained by the baptism of desire or the baptism of blood.

The Church says that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith (martyrdom) without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for Christ and with him-*Baptism of blood*. The intent was there, the desire was there, and giving their life for the sake of the kingdom brings about the fruits of Baptism.

For catechumens who die before their Baptism, their explicit desire to receive it, together with repentance for their sins, and charity, assures them the salvation that they were not able to receive through the sacrament.

I close with this from the CCC:

“Since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God, of the Paschal mystery. Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved.”



Boy Scout Troop #38 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2016 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$8.00 in advance or \$8.50 at the door. They will be selling tickets in the Church Narthex the weekend of October 1 & 2.

**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.

**YOUNG ADULT MASS**

Join us for the next Diocese of Trenton Young Adult Mass hosted right here at Visitation Church, Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM. Fellowship to follow in the Parish Hall. For additional information please contact Christie Winters at CWinters@visitationRCchurch.org.

“It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives”

St. John Paul, II



**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!

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION TICKETS ON SALE NOW \$12.00**  
**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!



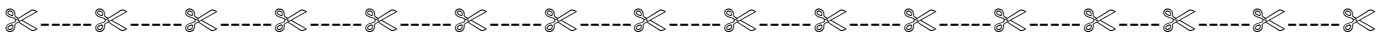
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.

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



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**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



How do we possibly say thank you to our generous parishioners?

**We called....you answered!** St. Vincent de Paul was able to fill (stuff) 72 backpacks to help our children as they

return to school. We are overwhelmed at the outpour of love you have shown our less fortunate in the community.

Once again, thank you from our hearts to yours. ❤️

*“Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?”*

*St. Vincent de Paul*

**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.

**THE VISITATION CHOIRS**

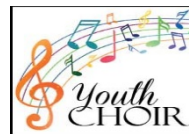
Have you been thinking about joining one of our choirs at Visitation? Perhaps your children would love to sing at mass. If so now is the time to take action. If interested, please contact our Music Director Natayla Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext. 217. Below is listing of practice times for each of the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

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR**



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 each month at the 11:00 AM Mass.

**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.



Over 110,000 homes were damaged by recent catastrophic floods in Louisiana August 12-15. Over 11,000 residents were forced into shelters by August 15 and 13 people or more were confirmed dead. This flood is considered the worst natural disaster in the United States since Hurricane Sandy in 2012, which affected many of us in the Diocese of Trenton. Free will contributions to relief efforts can be made directly to: Diocese of Baton Rouge, ATTN: "Disaster Assistance Fund" P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 79821-2028.



## ***SEPTEMBER 11, 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 vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 7:00 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 nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

#### **Education and Evangelization Ministries**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 Parish Hall. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 ngrodberg@visitationrcchurch.org*

#### **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*

**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 lconroy2741@gmail.com*

**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 Parish Hall 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-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

### **Social Concerns**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN)** provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community in the Parish Hall. 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 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 straneri.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 cwinters@visitationrcchurch.org*

### **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-vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

### **Organizations**

**AA MEETINGS** are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

**ALANON MEETINGS** are held Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

**CUB SCOUT PACK #38**, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. 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 the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 and meet the Monday following the first Sunday at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary, followed by the meeting at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrcchurch.org*

### **Bulletin Deadline**

**Bulletin & Announcement Deadline: Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.**