

*For unto us a child was born...and His name shall be
called Wonderful, Counselor, The Might God,
The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace...*

Isaiah 9:5

CHRISTMAS

BEGINS WITH

Christ



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 H. 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
Msgr. Philip Franceschini Rev. Richard Carlson

Deacons

Salvatore Vicari, Ext. 218 **Nicola Stranieri, Ext. 102**
Richard Johnston, Ext. 221 **Edward Fischer**

Staff

Denise Patetta, Ext. 201 **Nancy Grodberg Ext. 219**
Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor Coordinator of Religious
Vicki Cottrell, Ext. 216 Education
Pastoral/Business Admin **Dee DeTuro, Ext 219**
Natalie Bencivenga, Ext. 217 Religious Education Asst.
Music Director/Organist **Dale Zanetti, Ext.214**
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 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch

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
Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Daily: Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)
Monday Evenings: 7:30 PM
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 9:15~10:30 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

NA TIVITY OF THE LORD



SATURDAY	DECEMBER 24
4:00 PM	Stephen Zaleski
4:15 PM	John & Eleanor Powers
7:00 PM	Philip LaManna
Midnight	Harold Ulrich
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 25
8:00 AM	Frank & Eleanor Barlowski
9:30 AM	Amato Family
11:00 AM	Mario Altomare
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY	DECEMBER 26
7:30 AM	Robert Trieste
8:15 AM	McQuade & Zcardi Families
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 27
7:30 AM	James Blumensteel
8:15 AM	Beatrice Corio & Angie Romeo
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 28
7:30 AM	Barbara Weber
8:15 AM	Kathleen DeTuro
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 29
7:30 AM	James Blumensteel.
8:15 AM	Stephen E. Zaleski
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 30
7:30 AM	James Blumensteel
8:15 AM	Karen Serle Rufo
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 31
7:30 AM	Jean Graczyk
8:15 AM	Walter Pyciak
4:00 PM	James & Ann McTernan
SUNDAY	JANUARY 1
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Stephen E. Zaleski
11:00 AM	Gordon Mills
12:30 PM	Elsie Semirara

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 25	
	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
<i>Masses</i>		Church
MONDAY	DECEMBER 26	

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK**

<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 27	
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 28	
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 29	
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Auditorium
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 30	
<i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>	7:00PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 31	
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

REMINDER: THERE WILL NO LONGER BE 8:15 AM MASS ON MONDAYS & FRIDAY AND NO 7:30 AM MASS ON SATURDAYS.

For the Week of December 25, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stephen E. Zaleski
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Joseph Marciniak
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Lucy Rynkiewicz & Alexander Banoff
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Deceased Members of Deegan & Mesgleski Families

REMINDER: WE WILL NO LONGER BE TAKING INTENTIONS FOR THE SANCTUARY CANDLES, ONLY THE BLESSED MOTHER AND SACRED HEART. THE DONATION FOR THESE IS \$12.00.



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. 217.

"TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST THE LORD"



"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.

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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life". The mass schedule will follow the regular Sunday schedule.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



The rectory office will be closed January 2 for The Solemnity. We will reopen, Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 AM.

DUE TO EARLY TRANSMITTAL OF THE BULLETIN THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2016

Reflections for The Nativity of the Lord



As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out is John's use of the expression, "Word of God." This expression (*logos* in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. In Jewish thought, this phrase describes God taking action—for example, in the Creation story and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek, or Hellenistic, thought, the *logos* was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the trinitarian faith of Christians, the word *Logos* came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel are introduced. These themes are presented as dualities: light/darkness, truth/falsehood, life/death, and belief/unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel—the motif of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify about Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will themselves testify to his identity with God as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms seems particularly appropriate as we celebrate the feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

Loyola Press

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS.
THEY MAKE OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE.
ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
WEATHERHEAD YOUNG FUNERAL HOME**

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

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION.



A CHRISTMAS LETTER TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

As we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation – the Word of God taking flesh and dwelling among us – we welcome all who join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior. On Christmas Day, the light of the world was born and your presence is the greatest gift you could give him. Every year at Christmas, our church is overflowing - with faces both familiar and unfamiliar.

We want unfamiliar faces to become familiar ones!

We truly appreciate your presence at our worship and greatly desire you to be a regular part of that worship. If you are not already, please consider our invitation to becoming a weekly member of the Church of the Visitation family. God loves you and is longing for your return and so are we. We know that your reasons for being away are very private and personal, but we miss you and, with our loving God, long for your return.

Advances in technology have allowed us to become so much better connected. We want to take advantage of that connectedness by inviting you to become a member of our on-line parish e-Community. You may do so by visiting the e-Community on the Web at **www.flocknote.com/churchofthevisitation** or by simply texting **VisitationBrick** to **84576** on your mobile device and join us! Using this, you can keep in touch with important information on Church and parish events, offer opportunities to discuss issues of faith and offer your opinion on important church matters. We will do so with respect to your privacy and your time; we promise not to overwhelm you with messages and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Allow the miracle of Christmas to touch your hearth and come home to stay. Invite our Lord to strengthen your faith, renew your hope and fill your heart with His love and.... **WELCOME HOME!**

Fr. Ed



Authentic Cuban & Classic Spanish Cuisine
399 Mantoloking Road, Brick 732-701-3861

Every Thursday in December (29)

10% of your purchase (excluding tax, gratuities & Sunset Menu) will be donated to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund (parking lot and carpet replacement).

MUST BRING FLYER

(available at the doors of the church or print from our website)

DECEMBER 25, 2016



**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50
Annual Subscriptions Available for 2017**



**Annual subscriptions make a great Christmas stocking stuffer or gift for yourself, family, friends, and others (i.e. hairdresser, teacher, paper carrier, etc.).
It's a gift they'll remember all year long.**

The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects.
A \$20 annual subscription gives you one ticket in each monthly drawing throughout 2017.

All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

Completed forms can be mailed back, brought to the rectory or **placed in the collection basket.** A certificate **with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients) will be mailed to you.** For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail vicki@visitationchurch.com.

Number of subscriptions for Purchaser (self) _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
 Number of Gift subscriptions _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
 Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Purchaser:

Name: _____ Phone _____
 Street: _____ City/St/Zip _____

Each subscription has 12 chances to win –1 for each monthly drawing. Use a separate piece of paper for additional gifts.

All ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

Gift Recipient Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Gift Recipient Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Gift Recipient Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Gift Recipient Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Gift Recipient Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Below For Credit Card Orders Only:

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Discover
 Billing Address * _____ Visa
 City, St., Zip * _____ Master Card
 E-mail Address ** _____ American Express

Signature _____

* If different than ticket mailing address **Credit Card Receipt will be e-mailed to this address

A full year's annual subscription can be purchased thru January 27, 2017

DECEMBER 25, 2016

SUPPER WITH THE SAINTS

For those who are hungry or in need of friendship, the last Tuesday (December 27) of each month join All Saints Church at 500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head for food and fellowship. Serving from 4:00~6:00 PM. For additional information call 732-892-5198.

MOVED BY MERCY

Respect Life Poster, Essay & Video Contest

All entries must reflect the "Moved by Mercy" theme Grades K thru 8. Poster must be no larger than 20x30 and no smaller than 8 ½ x 11. Essay may be no more than 500 words. Magazine pictures are not allowed. Videos may be submitted on DVD no longer than 5 minutes. Deadline is January 31. \$100 First prize, \$50.00 Second Prize and \$25 Third Prize.

For additional information and instruction please contact Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217 or Doreen Galloway at 609-403-7144.

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call Denise Patetta at the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to info@visitationchurch.com If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 27, 2017.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSS

With the Holiday upon us, you may be fearful of a painful reminder of loss rather than the celebration it once was. Holidays touch us on a deep and emotional level. It's not unusual that for the first or second holiday following a loss, you might be lacking enthusiasm or you might be feeling numb- dreading the event and wishing you can skip it completely.

Here are some tips that may be helpful for you in the upcoming weeks.

Prepare for episodes of grief. Alter activities that may seem too painful.

Be assured that these reactions are normal and that the pain fades as the years pass – although it may never go away completely.

Look for healing opportunities. In many cases, the anticipation can be worse than the reality.

Reminisce about the relationship you had with the person who died. Try to focus on the good things about the relationship and the time you had together rather than the loss.

Start a new tradition in your loved one's memory.

Connect with others. Draw family members and friends close to you, rather than avoiding them. Find someone who encourages you to talk about your loss. Stay connected to your usual support systems.

Allow yourself to feel sadness and a sense of loss. But also allow yourself to experience joy and happiness also. You may find yourself laughing and crying at the same time!

Create a Day of Rest and Relaxation. Tune out the holiday hustle and bustle and focus on your needs. Nurture yourself emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Provide care and comfort for yourself. Take a walk, get a massage, light a candle, read a book or go to a movie. Start a journal.

Be loving to yourself and listen to your inner self.

VOLUNTEER FOR AARP

TAX AIDE PROGRAM

If you are looking to make a difference in someone's life and you are interested in a sense of satisfaction by helping others in need, the AARP Tax Aide Program welcomes you. Our volunteers will receive training in December 2016 and January 2017 that will prepare them to complete and electronically file a Federal and State return, free of charge. The IRS and the NJ Division of Taxation will provide all training materials. If interested, please call Lynn at 732-372-1948 for details. **There are a number of support roles that do not require tax or computer skills.



Thank you to all you came out to celebrate the Christmas Season by attending our Christmas Concert and/or our Children's Pageant. We hope you enjoyed the day. Pay it forward and spread a little Cheer.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Visitation's Music Ministry and Religious Education Departments.



2017 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WHEREVER THERE ARE TWO ENVELOPES THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS

<p><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>1st SOLEMNITY OF MARY</p> <p>8th Two Envelopes (Regular & Latin America)</p> <p>15th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>22nd Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p>29th Two Envelopes (Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)</p> <p><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>5th Two Envelopes (Regular & Eastern Europe)</p> <p>12th Two Envelopes (Regular & Black & Native American)</p> <p>19th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>26th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>1st One Envelope~ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>5th One Envelope</p> <p>12th Two Envelopes (Regular & Catholic Relief)</p> <p>19th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>26th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>2nd One Envelope</p> <p>9th Two Envelopes ~ PALM SUNDAY (Regular & Catholic Home Missions)</p> <p>14th One Envelope~HOLY LAND</p> <p>16th Two Envelopes ~ EASTER (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>23rd Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p>30th Two Envelopes (Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)</p> <p><u>MAY</u></p> <p>7th One Envelope</p> <p>14th Two Envelopes (Regular & Catholic Communications)</p> <p>21st Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>25th One Envelope~ASCENSION</p> <p>28th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>4th One Envelope</p> <p>11th One Envelope</p> <p>19th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>25th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p>	<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>2nd Two Envelopes (Regular & Holy Father)</p> <p>9th One Envelope</p> <p>16th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>23rd Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p>30th Two Envelopes (Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)</p> <p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>6th One Envelope</p> <p>13th One Envelope</p> <p>15th One Envelope~ASSUMPTION</p> <p>20th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>28th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>3rd One Envelope</p> <p>10th Two Envelopes (Regular & Catholic University)</p> <p>17th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>24th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>1st One Envelope</p> <p>8th Two Envelopes (Regular & Propagation of Faith)</p> <p>15th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>22nd Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p>29th Two Envelopes (Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)</p> <p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>1st One Envelope~ALL SAINTS</p> <p>2nd One Envelope~ALL SOULS</p> <p>5th One Envelope</p> <p>12th Two Envelopes (Regular & Human Development)</p> <p>19th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>26th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>3rd One Envelope</p> <p>8th One Envelope~IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</p> <p>10th Two Envelopes (Regular & Religious Retirement)</p> <p>17th Two Envelopes (Regular & Repair & Maintenance)</p> <p>24th Two Envelopes (Regular & Assessment)</p> <p>25th One Envelope~CHRISTMAS</p> <p>31st Two Envelopes (Regular & St. Vincent de Paul)</p>
--	--

DECEMBER 25, 2016

STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

If you wish to reach a staff member via e-mail, please find a list of each staff's email address below:

REV. EDWARD H. BLANCHETT ~ PASTOR

pastored@visitationRCchurch.org

REV. JAMES O'NEILL ~ PAROCHIAL VICAR

frjim@visitationRCchurch.org

DEACON SALVATORE VICARI

deaconsal@visitationRCchurch.org

DEACON NICOLA STRANIERI

deaconnick@visitationRCchurch.org

VICKI COTTRELL ~ BUSINESS MANAGER

vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org

DENISE PATETTA ~ PARISH SECRETARY/BULLETIN EDITOR

dpatetta@visitationRCchurch.org

NATALYA BENCIVENGA ~ MUSIC DIRECTOR

nbencivenga@visitationRCchurch.org

NANCY GRODBERG ~ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

ngrodberg@visitationRCchurch.org

DEE DETURO ~ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT

ddeturo@visitationRCchurch.org

DALE ZANETTI ~ ADULT FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

dzanetti@visitationRCchurch.org

RICHARD SCHULER ~ BOOKEEPER

rschuler@visitationRCchurch.org

CHRISTIE WINTERS

cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org

Liturgical Ministries

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. 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 Church Auditorium. 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 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

DECEMBER 25, 2016

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-vcottrell@visitationrchurch.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*

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. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrchurch.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 Stranieri 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 cwinters@visitationrchurch.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@visitationrchurch.org*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.
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 the Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrchurch.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. 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 ddeturo@visitationrchurch.org*