

Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, New Jersey





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755 Mantoloking Road Brick, N.J. 08723

Welcome!

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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed 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 – Friday 7:30 (Daily Chapel)
Tues., Wed., Thur., Sat. - 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 an 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 are held 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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



SATURDAY	JANUARY 7
4:00 PM	Rosa Fernandes
SUNDAY	JANUARY 8
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Names Society
9:30 AM	Maria Sasso
11:00 AM	Ramon Mutt
12:30 PM	Maureen Loffredo
MONDAY	JANUARY 9
7:30 AM	James Blumensteel
TUESDAY	JANUARY 10
7:30 AM	Herbert Nuber
8:15 AM	Derek Krenkel
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 11
7:30 AM	Catherine Evers
8:15 AM	Jack Moore
THURSDAY	JANUARY 12
7:30 AM	Catherine Schembari
8:15 AM	Bobbie Pocher
FRIDAY	JANUARY 13
7:30 AM	John Wall
SATURDAY	JANUARY 14
8:15 AM	Sarah Jane Furnner
4:00 PM	Maryann Ammerato
SUNDAY	JANUARY 15
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Peter Barna
9:30 AM	Thomas M. Hussennetter
11:00 AM	Janet Ashford
12:30 PM	James Blumensteel

SUNDAY	JANUARY 8
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Youth Group Meeting</i>	1:30 PM Parish Hall
MONDAY	JANUARY 9
<i>Rosary Altar Society Meeting</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A, B & C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
<i>2nd Grade Parents Meeting</i>	7:00 PM Church
TUESDAY	JANUARY 10
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 11
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:00 PM Church
THURSDAY	JANUARY 12
<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 PM Rooms A, B & C
<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM Church
<i>High School Confirmation Class</i>	7:15 PM Room C
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Auditorium
FRIDAY	JANUARY 13
<i>Children of Light Prayer Group</i>	7:00PM Parish Hall
SATURDAY	JANUARY 14
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

REMINDER: NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE IS IN EFFECT. MONDAY-FRIDAY ~ 7:30 AM MASS TUESDAY-THURSDAY & SATURDAY ~ 8:15 MASS

For the Week of January 8, 2016



Blessed Mother Candle is "God's Blessing" for successful surgery outcome for Denise Patetta

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mildred Carney

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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34


"LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU"




Reflections for The Epiphany of the Lord

I. Patricia Feeney

"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; Richard Sanangelo, Gregory Zarsecki and William Murphy.

HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

 Please consider "Creating a Legacy" that will last for generations to come. When you remember Church of the Visitation in your will, you will help to provide for the many organizations and ministries after you are gone. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of December 18, 2016	
Regular	\$8,867.25
On Line	\$943.00
Total	\$9,810.25

Christmas Offerings received through January 1, 2017	
Collection/Mail	\$40,755.95
On Line	\$1,856.00
Total	\$42,611.95

Offering for the Week of January 1, 2016	
Regular/Solemnity	\$12,939.20
On Line	\$310.00
Total	\$13,249.20

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

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



WHERE IS THE NEW-BORN KING?

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. *Loyola Press*

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“Wise men still seek him” is an expression that you may see from time to time on a car magnet or poster. Of course, this message applies to today’s feast – the Epiphany (a Greek word meaning “to appear”) of our Lord and arrival of the magi from the East to adore the newborn King of the Jews. We know surprisingly little about these travelers, but we can certainly conclude that their long journey wasn’t an easy one: travel in the Far and Near East during the first century A.D. was hard and dangerous. In many ways their journey was one of faith just as much as it was a physical one.

This feast has a special meaning to me because of an Epiphany Sunday not too long ago. In 2008 this weekend marked the beginning of my first assignment as a parish Administrator and it was not going to be an easy one. Called to guide two parishes scheduled to merge into one later that year (and – depending on how I survived the process – being appointed as its founding Pastor) on top of learning how to run a parish was an eastward “journey of faith” for me, fraught with uncertainty and anxiety. I had to consciously remind myself that, even with my fears and inexperience of the job, it was towards a goal that had been set by the Holy Spirit and He would not leave me stranded. My years at St. Joseph’s and St. Peter’s (which later became known as the parish of Jesus, the Good Shepherd) were a training ground that I hope proved fruitful for the people there and I am sure provided necessary experience and insight for my subsequent assignments to serve the faithful of God, including here at Visitation.

When we start on any life journey, whether it is a major one such as marriage, a new job, the loss of a loved one, some new limitation in our lives; or one more routine such as the start of a new year, we are called to place each of those beginnings into the hands of our loving God. Just as those magi did so long ago, we are called to seek the newborn King: one who, although appearing as the most powerless of figures in a manger, truly has the divine power to guide us and strengthen us, drawing ourselves and others closer to the heavenly Kingdom that he rules. This year, be sure to include yourself among those “wise ones” who still seek him!

Fr. Ed

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 9th this year. It marks the end of the Christmas season. Ordinary time begins on January 10. You are welcome to take live poinsettia plants from the altar **AFTER the 12:30 Mass** on Sunday, January 8th.

Youth Group Announcement

Visitation Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce the formation of our youth group. We invite all youth from 8th grade to high school to join us every other Sunday, 1:30pm to 2:30pm starting on Jan 8th. Meetings will take place in the Parish Hall.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org.

Young Adult Group Announcement

Visitation Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce the formation of our local Catholic young adults community. Our parish will host meetings every other Tuesday starting January 17th at 7pm in the Daily Chapel. All between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism are welcome.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org.

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BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY



The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year +C+M+B+ the last two numbers of the year. (20+C+M+B+17) Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean “Christus mansionem benedicat” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.” It’s appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means “door” and the first month is the door to the New Year. After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

God of Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan’s leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us
into your family.

You wed us and embrace us
as your beloved.

May we fill this place
with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care
for every stranger.

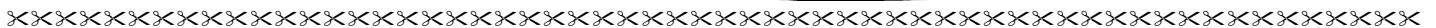
By the gentle light of a star,
guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love.

Then we will join the angels in
proclaiming your praise:

Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and forever. Amen.



Then sing a Christmas carol.



On January 14, 2017 at the 4:00 PM Mass Visitation will celebrate the Rite of Welcome with Sergio and Osboldo Cortez. They have been attending our RCIA sessions and have been inquiring about Jesus and about how they can more fully follow him. They have seen Christ’s power at work in their lives and in us, and have been influenced by His love. Christ’s grace led them to today, where we as a parish gave them the support and encouragement they will need on the journey. We welcome Sergio Cortez and Osboldo Cortez here at Visitation.

The following week Visitation Church will open our arms and embrace, Kristine and Jason Pratico on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the 4:00 pm Mass. They too have seen Christ’s power among us, and have begun to hear his story of love, mercy and redemption. They are experiencing how life in Christ calls for changes in how they live, and are already making these changes. They now come in faith, and we here at Visitation will have the privilege of accepting them on behalf of the entire Church. So let us, as their community, prepare to welcome them into a life of faith with the first rite in an inquirer’s journey – The Rite of Acceptance.

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COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



The Community Luncheon will return on Wednesday, January 11. It will be open every Wednesday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The third Wednesday of the month

we will serve our hot luncheon; on the remaining Wednesdays of the month we will serve soup, salads or sandwiches.

BINGO



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish to have a blessing of your home, please contact the rectory office 732-477-0028 ext.201 to schedule a time for a Priest or Deacon to visit.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

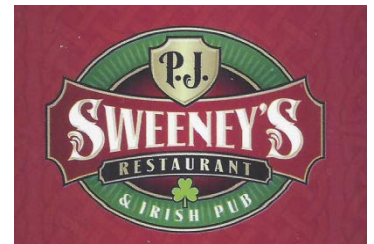
The regular monthly meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on January 9th at noon. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults 18 and older who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, sessions are now forming. Orientation and registration will be on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel. There are 10 instruction weeks, 1 Retreat, 1 practice session and Confirmation Day. We begin on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Confirmation will be on Saturday, April 16, 2017 at the Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm. The sessions are conducted at the Saturday. 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word and continue in the Parish Hall until 6:30. Registration forms are available on the website at visitationrcchurch.org, or call Dale Zanetti, in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 732-477-7059 ext. 214 or email at dzanetti@visitationRCchurch.org.

JANUARY DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

- When:** Every Thursday in January (5, 12, 19, 26)
Lunch and Dinner, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Where:** P.J. Sweeney's Restaurant & Irish Pub
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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*

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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-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*