

Church of the Visitation

*For God
so loved
the world
that he
gave His
only
begotten
Son...
John 3-16*

FILL US ALL WITH

Love



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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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 the Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 PM 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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| SATURDAY 4:00 PM | DECEMBER 23 Barbara Altobello |
| SUNDAY 6:45 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM | DECEMBER 24 People of the Parish Lubov Trubeeva Lyle & Henrietta Brehm Bulwicz Family Alexander Banoff |
| MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE | |
| 4:00 PM 4:15 PM Midnight | Frank & Eleanor Barlowski Stephen E. Zaleski Harold Ulrich |
| MONDAY 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM | DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS People of the Parish Lucille, Mary & Michael Amato Mario Altomare & Thomas Rygiel |
| TUESDAY | DECEMBER 26 NO MASSES |
| WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM 8:15 AM | DECEMBER 27 Frances Dudash Rose Devlin & Grandaughter |
| THURSDAY 7:30 AM 8:15 AM | DECEMBER 28 Joseph Gigante Kathleen DeTuro |
| FRIDAY 7:30 AM | DECEMBER 29 Stephen E. Zaleski |
| SATURDAY 8:15 AM 4:00 PM | DECEMBER 30 Kyia Fredericks Deborah Ribeiro |
| SUNDAY 6:45 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM | DECEMBER 31 People of the Parish Alvin Smith Dolores Castellano Raffella Pellegrino McGregor Family |

Readings for the Week

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

NO CCD THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY <i>Sunday Masses</i> <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i> <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i> <i>Midnight Mass</i> | DECEMBER 24 4:00 PM 4:15 PM 12:00 AM | LOCATION Church Church Chapel Church |
| MONDAY <i>Christmas Mass</i> <i>Christmas Mass</i> <i>Christmas Mass</i> | DECEMBER 25 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM | CHRISTMAS DAY Church Church Church |
| TUESDAY | DECEMBER 26 | |

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED NO BINGO

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| <i>Alanon</i> | 7:00 PM | Parish Hall |
| WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 27 | |

NO COMMUNITY LUNCH THIS WEEK

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| <i>Boy Scouts</i> | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall |
| THURSDAY AA | DECEMBER 28 7:30 PM | Parish Hall |
| FRIDAY <i>Children of Light</i> | DECEMBER 29 7:00 PM | Parish Hall |
| SATURDAY <i>Vigil Mass</i> | DECEMBER 30 4:00 PM | Church |

For the Week of December 17, 2017



Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Stephen E. Zaleski

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Ceil Kelly



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.



"FOREVER I WILL SING THE GOODNESS OF 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 VISITATION'S 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; *George Nadra*.

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.

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

DECEMBER DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

Quaker Steak & Lube, Brick Every Tuesday in December (26) All day
NO COUPON NEEDED... BRING FLYER, SHOW ON PHONE, OR TELL SERVER

10% of your bill excluding tax, gratuity & alcohol will be donated to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund (parking lot replacement).

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



The rectory office will be closed December 25 & 26 for the Christmas Holiday. We will open, Wednesday, December 27 at 8:30 AM.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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| Offering for the Week of December 17, 2017 | |
| Regular | \$10,741.00 |
| On Line | \$807.14 |
| Total | \$11,548.14 |

Reflections for Fourth Sunday of Advent



This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

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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. At Christmas, 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!

If you have been an infrequent visitor to the Catholic Church, we extend an invitation to becoming a weekly member of the family here at Visitation. 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.

Just think about it – God has been waiting for you to take that first step on the road Home, and you have just done so by joining us in worship today. Just like the father welcomed home the Prodigal Son, so does Our Father wait to meet you on the road, to embrace you, to welcome you home and to celebrate your return.

We would be thrilled to help you on this journey – all it takes is talking to the priest or deacon after Mass or reaching out to our Rectory (732) 477-0028/info@visitationrchurch.org. You can also join our FREE on-line Flocknote list by visiting the e-Community on the Web at **www.flocknote.com/churchofthevisitation** or by texting **VisitationBrick** to **84576** on your mobile device. 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.

In whatever way the Holy Spirit touches you, please 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

FLOWERS ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP

As the Christmas Season begins to unfold, much of our thoughts are of others. Let us remember those who have touched our lives in some way. Parishioners and guests at Church of the Visitation will have the opportunity to honor family or friends by making a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful Christmas flowers/decorations that adorn the altar and sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation in memory/honor of a loved one, envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church or use the form provided below. Please complete all information on the envelope and place it in the collection basket along with your donation.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

A list of donors along with their loved ones names will be published in the bulletin shortly after the Christmas Season. If you have questions or need additional information please call the rectory office ext. 201.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER/DECORATION DONATION

I would like to make a donation toward the beautification of the Church for the Christmas Season

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE FROM THE ABOVE

GIVEN IN LOVE BY: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please drop in collection basket or return to parish office.

DECEMBER 24, 2017



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24-

4:00 PM, (4:15 PM in the Daily Chapel)

12:00 AM (Midnight)

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00, 10:00, and 12:00 PM

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

The Prelude Music for Christmas Eve as follows:

3:30 PM for the 4:00 PM Mass

11:30 PM for the Midnight Mass

BINGO



**THERE WILL BE NO BINGO
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017
BINGO WILL RESUME ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018 AT**

11:00 AM..

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION TUESDAY BINGO

WORKERS THANK ALL WHO PATRONIZED

BINGO THIS PAST YEAR AND WISH ALL A VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SEE YOU IN 2018

Fr. Ed and Staff

Wish all our parishioners

A very Merry Christmas

and

A Happy and Healthy New year

~~~To all our volunteers~~~

Where would we be if not for your dedication, loyalty

and all your efforts to make

Visitation the wonderful Parish that it is.

We thank you for all your stewardship of

Time and Talent.

We wish you and your family a very

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

CLOTHE THE NAKED

We protect ourselves from the environmental climate change with clothes; we keep warm in winter and cool in summer. Clothes also help us to portray a picture of moral fiber and modesty. I Corinthians say: "the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." We show who we are by our physical clothing but we can also show our souls by our spiritual clothing:

"Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry.....put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.

"Colossians 3:5, 10

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the coming of our Savior to us as a child in the manger. Let us rejoice that God has granted us salvation and given us this opportunity to become new creatures made in his image and being called children of God; and that we are granted authority to clothe ourselves in Christ, our savior. Present yourselves this Christmas to the living God for redemption, renewal and restoration. Put on the clothes of holiness and let your light shine before men.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSS

As you approach this Holiday Season, 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

DECEMBER 24, 2017



**Church of the Visitation Monthly 50/50
Annual Subscriptions Available for 2018
PLEASE SHARE APPLICATION WITH
FRIENDS, FAMILY & CO-WORKERS!**

**Annual subscriptions make a great gift for yourself, family,
friends, and others 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 2018.

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

Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or place 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 vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org.

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 26, 2018

DECEMBER 24, 2017

THE KING IS COMING!

The King is coming! The King is coming! This is a cry we heard during the season of Advent. Yes, the King did come, not as a person of worldly power and might, but as a helpless child. Isn't it interesting that Christ's coming was the result of a choice? Mary, His Mother, was given a choice. Will she or will she not agree to accept Jesus as her child and bring him into the world? We too are given a similar choice. Each of us has to decide to accept or reject Jesus as our Lord and Savior, not only at Christmas, but each moment of our lives. Choosing Jesus is an ongoing decision, not one just for the Christmas season. We are continually faced with choices on how we wish to live our lives. Do we live them as followers of the teachings and examples of Jesus Christ, or as followers of the allurements of the world? These choices are not always easy. Temptations are not meant to be. But, they are there for us to demonstrate our love for God.

What does it mean to choose Jesus Christ? It simply means we are to live as Jesus did--we are to love others as He loved us. And, according to Christ, even to those who don't like us. That's real hard to do, but we have to do it and we can by asking for help to love those people that we know are hard to love. We are to forgive everyone, just as God forgave each of us through the sacrifice of His Son. Jesus was born through Mary and she shared Him with the world. Jesus is also to be born in us and we are to share Him with the world. One way we can do this is to share the message of hope through Jesus Christ. That should have been our Christmas message. As the angels that first night proclaimed and gave glory to Christ—we are to go forth and do the same--bringing the message of hope to those that we know are hurting. Tell them to bring Jesus into their lives. It doesn't mean their troubles will go away--that their cancer will disappear or their jobs will be restored, although that can happen--but through Christ they will receive an enduring grace of comfort, a peace not possible from any other source.

Jesus gave us not only examples and teachings that we can follow but He also gave us the graces that we need to choose the Jesus life-style. Every time we receive the Eucharist we are celebrating Christmas—the coming of the Christ Child into our hearts and souls. St. Francis and the Saints of our Church were well aware of this. That is why they dedicated their lives to choosing Jesus Christ. They really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (see Luke 9:1-3). Each, according to their capabilities, accepted this message almost as if it was there mantra. Their primary motivation was to become one with Jesus and to be as Jesus in their relationship with others. Rather than expecting to receive, as so many do during the Christmas season, their goal was to give of themselves to others as they felt Jesus would do.

Four weeks of Advent were scarcely enough to "prepare the way of the Lord". Christ's coming must be considered as a reality, which can be accomplished in how we live our lives, not a commercial experience or a pastoral scene. As we move beyond the Christmas season, let us ask ourselves how we can be a present to others through our presence in their lives every day of the year.

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### **THRIFT STORE**

*St. Vincent de Paul thrift store will be closed for the Christmas holiday December 23 thru December 26. The store will reopen on Wednesday December 27 at 8:30 am.*

*The members of St. Vincent would like to thank you for your patronage throughout the year and wish you and your families*

*A Very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!*

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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 dpatetta@visitationRCchurch.org. If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 31, 2018.

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*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas Season....Peace....Joy...  
and Best Wishes for a Healthy and a Happy New Year!*



## **DECEMBER 24, 2017**

### **STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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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. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 Baptism@visitationRCchurch.org*

**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 and evening sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. 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 weekly to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.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** is in the process of reforming. Contact Fr. Ed at the rectory or info@visitationRCchurch.org.

**FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY** helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-477-5217 – *Nancy Grodberg.*

**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 Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM 732-475-0589– *Cathy or Bingo@visitationRCchurch.org*.

**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*

### **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*

### **Social Concerns**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** 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 weekly 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 less fortunate in our parish and the surrounding community. Donations of nonperishable food are accepted at the doors of the Church to assist the hungry of the community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

### **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@visitationrcchurch.org*

**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 732-477-7059 ext. 221 – *Fr. Jakub or frjakub@visitationRCchurch.org*

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**VISITATION YOUTH 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*

**VISITATION YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** provides an opportunity for all between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism to join our local Catholic young adults 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*

### **Organizations**

**AA MEETINGS** are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.

**ALANON MEETINGS** are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

**CUB SCOUT PACK #38** is sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, 609-703-4493 - *Jason Worth or jworth127@gmail.com*

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #38** is sponsored by the Holy Name Society, 908-839-8538 – *Anthony Botts or b38scout@msn.com*

**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 and meet monthly 609-234-4437 – *Richard Bencivenga or visitation.holyname@gmail.com*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836** work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. 732-600-1029 – *Andrew Kelly or andrekelly3@me.com*

**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 and meet monthly. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrcchurch.org*

**Consult the Parish Events Calendar on our parish website ([www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org)) for the most current schedule of meeting dates, times, and locations. Information in the Calendar of Events section of the bulletin is current as of bulletin publication.**