

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 for Lunch 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM to 12:30 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 Cannon 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 and 5:30 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)

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 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.





SATURDAY 4.00 PM	MAY 16		
4:00 PM	Rose Dempsey/req. Family		
5:30 PM	Joyce Honeker/req. Terri & Toni		
SUNDAY	MAY 17		
6:45 AM	Edith Bandurski/req. John & Janel Powers & Family		
8:00 AM	Consecration of Russia/req. Ray Bulwicz		
9:30 AM	Nauar Harika/req. Fairchild Family		
11:00 AM	Jane Zaccardi/req. McQuade Family		
12:30 PM	People of the Parish		
MONDAY	MAY 18		
7:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena		
8:15 AM	Catherine Monahan/req. McDonnell Family		
7:30 PM	Davies Family/req. Syvertsen Family		
TUESDAY	MAY 19		
7:30 AM	Anne, Joseph & Edith/req. Family		
8:15 AM	Mother's Day Novena		
WEDNESDAY	MAY 20		
7:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena		
8:15 AM	Petosa & DiMatteo Families/req. Family		
THURSDAY	MAY 21		
7:30 AM	Rachel Savino/req. Jeff & Evelyn Finkel		
8:15 AM	Patricia Militello/req. Husband		
FRIDAY	MAY 22		
7:30 AM	Vaedyn Hairston/req. Mrs. Syvertsen		
8:15 AM	Marie Cresanti/req. Terry Deegan		
SATURDAY	MAY 23		
7:30 AM	Allen Throgood/req. Family		
8:15 AM	Kevin Kielt/Family		
4:00 PM	Malachi T. Towey, Sr./req. Family		
5:30 PM	Judith Ling		
SUNDAY	MAY 24		
6:45 AM	People of the Parish		
8:00 AM	Kenneth Ruggiero/req. Mary Orrico		
9:30 AM	Rocco Castellano/req. Daughters		
11:00 AM	Alice Mary Madden/req. Bottazzi Family		
12:30 PM	Irene Kittredge/req. Ralph & Anita Fedeke		

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For the	Week of April 26,	2015
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Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Gerlonda Albano/req. Family Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing for Good Health" on Rosemary Russell/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Blessed Mother Candle is "God's Blessing" on Bartus Family/req. Pandolfi Family

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory"

SUNDAY	MAY 17	LOCATION
Wedding	2:30PM	Church
MONDAY	MAY 18	
Community Luncheon Mtg.	9:00AM	Auditorium
M M & Saint Jude Novena	8:15 AM & 7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
Rosary For Life	1:30 PM	Daily Chapel
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM	Auditorium
TUESDAY	MAY 19	
Bereavement	10:30 AM	Daily Chapel
Bingo	11:00 AM	Auditorium
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM	Old Church
WEDNESDAY	MAY 20	
Community Lunch	12:00 PM	Auditorium
Confirmation	3:30 & 5:30	Church
Deepening our Faith	7:30 PM	Daily Chapel
THURSDAY	MAY 21	
Bible Study	9:45 AM	Auditorium
Youth Choir	5:00 PM	Church
Adult Choir	7:15 PM	Church
AA	7:30 PM	Auditorium
Royal Hearts Prayer Group	7:30 PM	Room A
FRIDAY	MAY 22	
Children of the Light Prayer	7:00 PM	Parish Room A
Parents Baptismal Formation	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
SATURDAY	MAY 23	
R.C.I.A. Teaching	5:00 PM	Auditorium

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



- I. Rosemary Russell
- II. Rita Napolitano, Teresa Knight, James Hegadorn
- III. Chris Banoff

"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; Victor Silva, William Toledo, Florence Mans



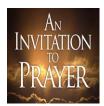
HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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.



Smokeless bingo is held here in the Visitation Auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO FRIDAY, MAY 22 & TUESDAY MAY 26. BINGO WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY, MAY 29 AT 7:30 PM.



Each morning after the 8:15 mass in the Daily Chapel a group of people gather for prayer. This prayerful experience will set the tone for the rest of your day. If you would like to be part of this spiritual awakening join us

every day or whenever you can make it. We look forward to seeing you.

Reflections for the Seventh Sunday of Easter



In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father.

In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father. In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness. In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one.

Also in this chapter we see the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept his disciples with open arms. The world, according to John, prefers the darkness. Yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that the salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name—"God saves"—announces his mission on our behalf.. Lovola Press

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE
TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR
WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE ON THE FIRST
BASKET AND THE ENCELOPE FOR THE DIOCESAN
ASSESSMENT IN THE SECOND BASKET.



RCIA CORNER

LOVE IS OUR MISSION, THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE CREATED FOR JOY

"We are more than an accident of evolution. We are greater than the sum of our biology. God exists. He is good. He loves us. He made us in his image to share in his joy. He takes an active hand in our lives. He sent his only Son to restore our dignity and lead us home to him."

We know that God planned each of us from the beginning. We are not just here by chance but creatures formed in the image of our God. If we look at the basic story of the Church, it is that God created us and has made himself available to us by sending his son Jesus Christ. He is the source of love, faith, hope and joy found in each marriage and in every family.

Some people do not understand the true meaning of this when they look with eyes of skepticism. But to those of us who are seeking the truth we recognize that we all thirst to be loved by he who created us. To know him who knows us. We are not here by chance, we are the people God has intended-those whom he loves. And this God is good and loves us and changes us. He it is who restores our dignity and calls us his own.

As yourself: "Why has God created me?" "What is unique about me?"

For additional information regarding the RCIA program please contact Dale at 732-477-7059 ext. 214.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday Bingo from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Friday Bingo from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. If you can assist in any way, or even for a couple of hours, please stop by the Church Auditorium on Tuesday or Friday during bingo.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



The rectory office will be closed Saturday-Monday, May 23 – 25 in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30 AM.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Serving God and County A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes

St. Joseph's Church will host an outdoor mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery & Mausoleums on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10AM. Mass will be held outside at the Priest Circle altar. Bring your own chair or use one provided by the cemetery. Please join us in saluting our heroes. All are welcome. If you would like further details or require special assistance, please call the cemetery office directly 732-244-3008.

BAKE SALE

The Visitation Altar Server Team along with the Holy Name Society will be holding a joint bake sale in the narthex of the church this weekend. Proceeds of this bake sale will be two-fold – purchasing new processional candles and donating to the Community Lunch Program. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY MAY 23 THROUGH MAY 25. THEY WILL REOPEN MAY 26 AT 8:30 AM

CCD REGISTRATIONS

New registrations and Sunday registration are accepted any day of the week in the Religious Education Office from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate is required, if the child has NOT been baptized at Visitation.

Summer Registrations will begin Monday-Friday, June 15 thru June 19, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM & Saturday, June 20, 11:00 AM – 3:00- PM.

Weekday registration will begin Monday-Friday, June 22 thru June 26 from 11:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday, June 27, 11:00 to 3:00 PM. Registration fee is \$95.00 for the first child and \$25.00 for any additional children.

NOTE: Due to space restrictions, children that are being re-registered for weekday classes will be placed into a classroom based on the family's active participation in Visitation Parish **not on a first-come-first-serve basis.** For any further information, please call Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217 or email nancy@visitationchurch.com.



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting

and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org**. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.

HELP NEEDED!!



V.A.S.T. - Visitation Altar Server Team – is in need of servers, especially at the 5:30 Saturday evening mass and the 9:30 and 12:30 Sunday masses. 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 3-4 times a year. You must have received your First Holy Communion and be in third grade or older. Adults are also welcome.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Many have requested information so they can schedule their vacations around our great VBS. It will run from July 20 thru the 24 this year. Welcome and join the fun. You can register any time after June 8 in the Religious Ed Office in the Rectory. 732 477-5217.

NEW WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE NOTE: OUR NEW WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS WILL BE SATURDAY FROM 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM CLOSED ON SUNDAY'S.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE HELD AT 4:00 & 5:30 PM, MAY MAY 16, AND 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM MASSES MAY 17.

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY

We would like to invite anyone who is looking for a



valuable ministry to come forward to help serve at Funeral Masses. The Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead is a valuable ministry. This very important ministry needs your

help. Training is available. If interested, please contact Rosemary Russell at 732-367-5329.



Update as of May 5, 2015 Goal ~\$92,000.00 Pledge ~ \$38,516.00 Cash Rec'd ~ \$32,113.20 Total Donors ~ 231 Participation Rate ~ 5% Percentage of Goal ~ 42%

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting at all doors the weekend of May 30 and 31. All donations collected goes towards helping those in our community.

Lunch

The Community Luncheon is open every Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. 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.

Jesus, you have chosen me as a member of your church to be your evangelizer...

CONFIRMATION

RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Congratulations to the following young men and women who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation May20, 2015 at

Church of the Visitation

THOMAS ALEXANIAN CALEB ALVARADO **JESSICA ANDERSON ERICA BANFIELD** HAILEY BASHORE **JACOB BASILOTTO JACK BAUM BETHZABE BAUTISTA LUKE BOYLE** NICHOLAS BROOKS KASSIDY BROUWER **TAYLOR BYRNE** HARRY CENTRELLA **MARK CHAVEZ** JOSEPH COLON **JASON CRANMER ORION DANIELSON** DEONNA DAVENPORT **DYLAN DE ALMEIDA** KAYLE DEENY **SEAN DOHERTY BRIANNA DORIE CHRISTIAN DZUGAN CAITLYN EASTMOND ANTHONY ELLIS BRENDAN EMM** JASON EVENSEN MICHELLE FELLIN

SAM FERRARA **VINCENT FERRIGINE** SHELBY FIELDER **EIAN GILROY TYLER GLEASON** ANGEL GONZALEZ **CHRISTINA GONZALEZ THOMAS GOUGH** ANTHONY GRILLO ROBERT GUERRA **GAGE HARDIN** ABIGAIL HARRINGTON **SEAN KALP** ASHLEY KELLY WILLIAM KLEISSLER **JAKUB LACKI MAGGIE LAMBUSTA JAMES LEBLO JEFF LEVENS CHRISTINE MARTIELLI-DOYLE** DAKOTA MAYE LINDSAY MC CABE **DEVON MC LAFFERTY SARA MEAD JOSH NICOL** CHRISTOPHER O'DONELL **DANIELLE OTERO ALEXIS PACCIORETTI**

TROY PETERS THOMAS POWELL ALEXANDER REISIG NICHOLAS REISIG JORGE ROMERO TOMMY RUTHERFORD **CAYLIN RYAN** REBECCA SABO LEANNA SANTIAGO KARALYNN SCHAEFER **DELFINO SERRANO CRISTY SHARKEY** R.J. SIEB SEAN SLOWINSKI JAMES SPAMPANATO **NICK STANZIONE** EMMILEE STOCKER **KAITLYN STRATTON DAVID STRICH JOHN STRICH** WILLIAM SWIDERSKI ERIC TKACH **RAYMUNDO TORRES MELANIE VALESE MATTHEW VITALE** KAITLYN WELSH **KASEY WILSON MATTHEW ZIGO**

VISITATION FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 31 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Visitation – the feast day of our parish. We will begin our celebration with spiritual food at the 12:30 pm Mass. Msgr. Sam Sirianni, the Director of Worship of the Diocese of Trenton will be the main celebrant. He is well known for his sense of humor.

Our celebration will continue in the church auditorium after Mass with a pot-luck dinner. Everyone is invited to help make this a successful event that will be a tribute to our namesake. As parishioners of our church community, we are asking you to participate in the Mass and supper, and encourage others to participate.

We are asking each family that is able, to bring a dish of food to share, a monetary donation to defray the cost of supplies, or assist with setup or cleanup. To help make adequate preparations, please let us know by May 29th if you plan on attending the Visitation Celebration on May 31 and what you will be bringing (entree, salad, dessert, monetary donation, assistance with the event, etc.). You can let us know how you plan to participate in any of the following ways:

- Sign-up sheets in the narthex
- Leave a message at 732-477-7059 ext. 156
- Send an e-mail to events@visitationchurch.com
- Visit our website visitationRCchurch.com and click on Visitation Feast

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AROUND THE DIOCESE

June 14-20 – "Joy to the World" Preached Retreat at Maris Stella Retreat Center, 609-494-2917 or pdotzauer@comcast.net

July 6-12 – Silent Directed/Private Retreat at Maris Stella Retreat Center, 609-494-2917 or pdotzauer@comcast.net

August 17-23 – Private Retreat at Maris Stella RetreatCenter, pdotzauer@comcast.net or 609-494-2917

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary altar Society will be Monday June 8. We will begin at 11:30 with the rosary in the church; meeting to start at 12:00 in church auditorium. Please join us at the Rosary Society Mass Sunday June 7 at 8:00 am.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER

The Rosary Altar Society will sponsor their annual birthright baby Shower June 6 & June 7. There will be a crib in the narthex of the church. Donations of diapers, baby outfits and monetary donations will be accepted. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Birthright is an international organization that offers pregnant women a chance to give birth with dignity and pride. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next session for Baptismal Preparation will be held Friday, May 22, at 7:00 PM in the Daily Chapel. Anyone in the Parish who recently had a baby should contact Deacon Sal to set up a date for the Baptism and the preparation class. For registration and additional information, contact ext. 218 at the Parish office.

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Spaghetti Dinner. Whether you helped prepare the meal (our team of cooks started at 8:00 am

that morning to make sure everything was homemade), set up, serve, dined in, or took out your meal — we could not have done it without you. Between the people who enjoyed the meal and the generosity of some parishioners to cover expenses, the event raised \$862 for our general maintenance and repair fund.

Special thanks to **Boardwalk Hot Dogs**, located at 143 Drum Point Road. They donated the delicious rolls for the event. In addition, they donate rolls on a regular basis to our Wednesday Community Luncheon. Please stop by and patronize them as well as well as thank them for their generosity.

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Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2015

Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects. A \$20 annual subscription gives you 12 tickets for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2015.

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 vicki@visitationchurch.com.

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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,

 $hospitalized, nursing\ home,\ and\ Senior\ Housing\ residents.\ 732-477-9672,\ ext.\ 216-\textit{Vicki Cottrell\ or}$

Vicki@visitationchurch.com

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

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

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. 732-477-9672, ext. 201 – Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com

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 natalie@visitationchurch.com*

USHERS promote hospitality by assisting parishioners, taking up collections and preparing Offertory gifts for presentation at Mass. 732-262-4186 – *Kathy Cifelli*

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM see Youth Ministry

Sacrament Preparation

BAPTISMAL TEAM assists the Priests and Deacons with Baptismal Formation Sessions, as well as the actual ceremony. 732-477-9028 - *Donna Stawicki or SewSimple@aol.com*

RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is the process used to welcome those who wish to complete some or all of the sacraments of initiation in the Church. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com

BIBLE SHARING offers day sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9:45 AM in the Church Auditorium. No meeting during July & August. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com

EVANGELIZATION TEAM promotes and fosters evangelization in all ministries by reaching out and encouraging all to live life as active Catholics. 732-477-9672, ext. 218 - *Deacon Salvatore Vicari or* ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dale@visitationchurch.com*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School and weekdays in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-5217- Nancy Grodberg or nancy@visitationchurch.com

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 7:00 PM in Parish Room C to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

ROYAL HEART OF JESUS & MARY CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Room A. All are welcome. 732-742-2600 – *Joellen Arrabito* – 732-262-3938 – *Mary Casella or mnick123@aol.com* **PRAYER CHAIN** is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. 848-373-4239.

Pastoral Care Ministries

BEREAVEMENT TEAM provides support and meets Spring and Fall. 732-477-9672, ext. 221- Deacon Richard Johnston.

On-going support to grieving families is available- Linda Conroy 908-902-2741 or lconroy58@verizon.net

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-367-5329 – Rosemary Russell.

VISITATION CAREGIVERS provide supportive services to the frail elderly and homebound in our community such as friendly visits, food shopping, transportation to medical appointments and respite care for families. 732-505-2273 ext. 211- *Mary Malagiere or marym@caregivervolunteers.org*

Services

ANNULMENT TEAMS are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life. 848-333-2671- Eleanor Troiano ~ 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – Deacon Salvatore Vicari

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is offered to anyone in the community who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. 732-477-9672, ext.221 Deacon Richard Johnston

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and Fridays at 7:30 PM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire; Friday - Anna Tortoriello*

EVENT DEVELOPMENT TEAM meets as needed to develop and implement social activities (such as the Gift Auction and Wine Tasting/Art Auction) for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN) provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community. 732-255-2835 - Isabel Kronicz or fkronicz@comcast.net

RESPECT LIFE focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. The group gathers every Monday in the church at 1:30 PM to recite the Rosary. 732-262-2047 – *Charles Pocher*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL operates the Thrift Shop in the old church and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the needy in our parish and the surrounding community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church the second weekend of the month. 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 sings monthly at the 12:30 PM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 - Jim Daniels CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 201-522-3679 - Coach or doug roman4@yahoo.com

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all adults and boys and girls third grade and higher who have received their Holy Communion. 732-458-1492 - Sue Straneri or stranieri.sue@gmail.com

VISITATION TEEN MINISTRY provides a safe place for high school teenagers to come together, meet new people, and have fun while serving God and the community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – Christie or youthministry@visitationchurch.com

Temporal Welfare

BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM works to improve and enhance the appearance and safety of the existing church, former church, rectory building, and the associated grounds. The goal of this team is to adhere to all current safety and building codes and ensure that the house of God is maintained in an appropriate manner. 732-477-0028 – Fr. Al or fral@visitationchurch.com

FINANCE COUNCIL oversees the financial aspects of the parish 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - Karen Smith

FUTURES TEAM assesses and implements the needs of the parish to ensure that we are prepared for the future. The various teams coordinate all activities pertaining to the development of the Faith Formation Center. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - Vicki Cottrell-vicki@visitationchurch.com

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the church auditorium.

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@visitationchurch.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Council Home on the corner of Cedarbridge Avenue and Route 70 East.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY honors the Blessed Virgin Mary to secure her patronage through the daily recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of the parish community. Members attend the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month. The Monday following the first Sunday of the month they meet at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary. The meeting will follow at 12:00 noon in the Church Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – Dee DeTuro or deed@visitationchurch.com

Bulletin Deadline

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