



Church of the Visitation

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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

***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***

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	JULY 29
4:00 PM	Jean Ammerata
SUNDAY	JULY 30
6:45 AM	Michael Zarzecki
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Paul Bliss
11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Leck, Vitale & Pecora Families
12:30 PM	Ruth T. LaRoche
MONDAY	JULY 31
7:30 AM	Rosa Custode
TUESDAY	AUGUST 1
7:30 AM	Deborah Bittman
8:15 AM	Anna Elmendorf & Steven DiNallo
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 2
7:30 AM	Rose Custode
8:15 AM	Mary & Thomas Foley
THURSDAY	AUGUST 3
7:30 AM	Albina & Frank Rebar, Sr.
8:15 AM	Alan Minieri
FRIDAY	AUGUST 4
7:30 AM	John Trione
SATURDAY	AUGUST 5
8:15 AM	Maria Ormsby
4:00 PM	Eugene Witkowski
SUNDAY	AUGUST 6
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living & Dec'd. members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Paul Bliss
11:00 AM	Hank Niedelski
12:30 PM	Gloria Losi

SUNDAY	JULY 30	LOCATION
<i>Masses</i>		Church
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM	Parish Hall
MONDAY	JULY 31	
<i>Rosary for Life</i>	1:30 PM	Chapel
TUESDAY	AUGUST 1	
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 2	
<i>Community Luncheon</i>	12:00 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM	Parish Hall
<i>Development Mtg.</i>	7:00 PM	Rm. B
THURSDAY	AUGUST 3	
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM	Parish Hall
FRIDAY	AUGUST 4	
<i>Holy Hour</i>	7:00 PM	Daily Chapel
<i>Children of Light</i>	7:00 PM	Parish Hall
SATURDAY	AUGUST 5	
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM	Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM	Parish Hall

**DAILY MASS WILL ONCE AGAIN
RESUME IN THE DAILY CHAPEL**
Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

For the Week of July 30, 2017



Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving Memory" Florence Crann
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Gus Doty

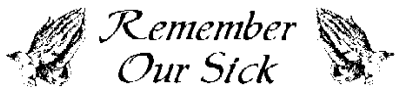
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS



We are still in need of 4th & 5th grade CCD teachers for Sundays and 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th grade teachers for weekdays.. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217.

"If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well". Romans 12:7

"LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS"



"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; *Raymond Kowantz*

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 ONE COLLECTION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR JULY50/50



Danielle McAvinue was the winner of \$510. Danielle's winner ticket was a gift subscription purchased by Edward Rossi. The next drawing will be August 27, in the church auditorium after the 12:30 PM mass.

2018 MASS BOOK

The mass book is open for Saturday evening & Sunday masses through the end of the year. We are still not taking requests for weekday masses beyond June 30th.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of July 23, 2017

Regular	\$10,488.25
On Line	\$1,167.00
Total	\$11,655.25

Reflections for

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light. *Loyola Press*

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As I continue to come across news items that misinterpret Church teaching and statements from Pope Francis, I'm reminded of a quote that came out soon after his election and started this unfortunate trend: "...who am I to judge?" This statement from the Holy Father in 2013 caused a lot of discussion and, since then, has been used by many who oppose Church teaching as justification in attacking those who hold to those teachings. How are we to conduct ourselves as Catholics in such a situation?

Part of our struggle may come from misunderstanding the meaning of the word "judgment". Making a judgment is not necessarily good or bad. As defined by the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, a judgment is "an opinion or decision that is based on careful thought; the act or process of forming an opinion or making a decision after careful thought; the ability to make good decisions about what should be done." The distinction must be made between forming an opinion directed at a *person* versus one directed at an *action* or *situation*. In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus says "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." (Matt. 7:1) However, if we applied this in the way that radical activists wish to paint those upholding Christ's teaching, Jesus himself was a frequent violator: he held back no scorn of scribes and Pharisees who felt comfortable in their own righteousness and failed to see their need of the divine Physician (Matt. 9:12; Mark 2:17; Luke 5:31) – something that *all* of us need to reach the Kingdom of Heaven.

This doesn't mean that we cannot recognize the faults of others but against passing judgment in a spirit of arrogance, forgetful of one's own faults. In other words, it is not a contradiction to avoid passing judgment on a person while still recognizing that there are actions and situations that are objectively sinful and outside of natural law and God's Divine Plan. We are always called to "Love the sinner, not the sin" and Christ is our example of making judgments, without being unduly judgmental. When He faced an angry crowd judging an adulteress, He told them that whoever among them who had not sinned should be the first to throw a stone. When the crowd departed without a single stone thrown, He told the woman that He did not judge her either; however, he also said "Go and sin no more" (John 8:11). Christ loved the person in front of Him, but this did not keep Him from speaking the truth about the need to avoid sin.

This is what Pope Francis meant when he made his famous statement above. He drew a distinction between someone who identifies as gay and one who is leading an objectively disordered lifestyle. Regarding a person who identifies as gay, Francis' full quote was, "A *gay person who is seeking God, who is of good will — well, who am I to judge him?*" Note that the Holy Father did not say that the acts are not sinful. Like Christ, he was talking about the judgment of a person – in this case, a person of good will who is seeking God. We are called to do the same.

Fr. Ed

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION HEALING MASS

Many people are not aware that the anointing of the sick is NOT just for those about to die. This powerful Sacrament benefits most of us for various ailments such as those suffering from grief, addiction, mental illness, anxiety, disease, and upcoming surgery, taking care of someone aging or sick, a child with special needs, a difficult pregnancy, etc. We all need some form of healing whether that is physical, emotional or spiritual and although every mass is a healing mass ending with the anointing of the sick is powerful. Don't believe me? Come and check it out for yourself.

Please join us on Saturday, August 12th at 8:30 am and bring a friend. Refreshments will follow in the hall at Sacred Heart Church 752 Main Ave Bay Head. For info contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or the parish office at 732-899-1398.



50/50 TICKETS are available in the narthex of the Church. The drawing for August will take place after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, August 27 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering.

We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

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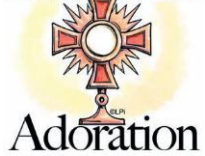
CCD REGISTRATIONS

New registrations and Sunday & Weekday registrations are accepted any day of the week in the Religious Education Office from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM Monday – Thursday & 11:00 – 5:00 on Friday. (Saturday by appointment only).

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

NOTE: Due to space restrictions, children that are being re-registered for weekday and summer 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 if the classrooms fill.** For any further information, please call Nancy Grodberg @ 732 477-5217 or email ngrodberg@visitationrcchurch.org.

Eucharistic



Adoration

HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for
Holy Hour and Benediction
FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT ~

August 4, 2017

7:00 to 8:00 PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Our theme for VBS this year is "*Peru; Discovering God's Gifts*" August 7th thru 11th, from 9am until 12noon. First we need people to work with us; also, a small wooden wheel barrow and any peruvian articles or items

for decoration.

Please call Nancy in the Religious Ed Office at the Rectory. 732 477-5217.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



For more than 40 years, the bishop of the Diocese of Trenton has been celebrating the gift of sacramental marriage with anniversary

couples. This year Bishop O'Connell will extend his Episcopal blessing to couples from who are celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary in 2017. The Blessing Mass for Ocean and Monmouth County parishes will be held at St. Aloysius Parish in Jackson, NJ, on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 pm. The Mass for Burlington and Mercer County parishes will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton on Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 pm. We invite married couples celebrating these milestone anniversaries to participate in this beautiful event. Please call Denise Patetta at ext. 201 at the parish office to register. The deadline for registration is September 11, 2017.

SHOP TO SUPPORT



Get ready for back to school and fall sports while benefiting the Church Covering Fund (parking lot) at the same time. Shop at Modell's Sporting Goods anytime from August 4 thru August 31, 2017 to receive 15% off your purchase. Visitation will also receive 5% back from your purchases made during this "Team Weeks" shopping period. Coupons are available at the doors of the church.



CARNATION SALE

THE WEEKEND OF JULY 29 & 30

BIRTHRIGHT of Ocean County is an international organization of trained volunteers from all walks of life working hard and quietly to offer pregnant women a chance to give birth with dignity and pride. Our services are completely confidential and free. Our clients range from unwed teenagers to married women in their 40's to young married women with severe financial setbacks. We are opposed to abortion in that we do offer an alternative, and do everything we can to make this alternative a realistic one for our clients. Members from the Rosary altar Society will be at all the doors of the church next weekend selling carnations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE SUPPORT BIRTHRIGHT; A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION

PICNIC



SAVE THE DATE
Our 7th Annual Parish Picnic will once again be held at the VFW on Adamston Road in Brick. This year we have changed the date to Sunday September 17 in hopes of cooler more pleasing weather. Stay tuned!!! Tickets and details will be available shortly.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN!

The 2017-2018 season of the Jersey Shore "That Man Is You" (TMIY) program begins on Saturday morning September 9, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. in St. Mark's Church, Sea Girt. TMIY is a structured program designed to help Catholic men focus on our Catholic spirituality and teachings. Through the program, we work to improve as fathers, husbands and members of our communities. Participants come from local area parishes. TMIY is fun, enlightening and bonding. The semester runs every Saturday from September 9, 2017 to January 11, 2018. We begin at 6:00 a.m. and end promptly at 7:30 a.m. Attendance and participation are relaxed and flexible. If you are looking for something new to help you rise up to be the man God created you to be - the man you want to be - and, the man your family needs you to be - then take the first step. You will not be disappointed. P.S. This program is FREE. For addition information or to register please contact Jeff Nielsen(732) 228-0649.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Altar Servers

Visitation Altar Server Team is in need of servers. Being an altar server is a wonderful way to serve God and worship him through the Liturgy. If you would like to become an altar server, please contact Mrs. Stranieri at (732) 458-1492. Meetings are held 3-4 times a year. You must have received your First Holy Communion, and be in third grade or older. Adults are also welcomed.

VENDORS WANTED



Italian Festival: August 17 - 20, 2017, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road, Brick, NJ. It's our 17th year and we are bigger and better than ever. Why not be a part of Epiphany's Italian Feast? Rides, Arcade, Food Court, Beer & Wine Garden, Entertainment, Vendors, and Mary's Prayer Garden. Free Parking and No Admission Fees. If interested, please call Michele at (732) 785-0872 ASAP. Deadline for vendor contract is 8/1.

THE SVdP 3 H'S OF SUMMER

HAZY, HOT AND HUMID? No way !



We're talking about Humbled, Happy and Hopeful!!!

We just wanted to take this opportunity to Thank You (over and over and over) for your kindness and generosity.

Our food pantry cannot keep food on the shelves. You are helping us to give out groceries to over 900 people per month. The numbers are staggering, but so are the needs. Our volunteers work 7 days a week to make it happen. If you need assistance, or want to donate or have questions, please call us at 732-477-9672 ext. 160. We are also assisting unprecedented numbers of homeless. These are people in tough situations and need your prayers.

And as always, we continue to serve and assist all those in need.

Thank you for your kindness; visit our thrift shop, drop off some items, pick up some treasures, and enjoy your summer.

God's Blessings to All

WORK ORDER BIN

Please take notice that there is now a bin in the Parish Hall (as soon as you go downstairs it's on the wall on your left side) for work order requests. If you see something that's broken or in need of repair, please complete a work order and drop it in the same bin. We will go through them on a daily basis and "get the job done" in a timely fashion.

Thank you for helping us to keep Visitation Church a clean, neat and safe environment for all of us to enjoy.

Fr. Ed

JULY 30, 2017



CASH RAFFLE

Church of the Visitation Holy Name Society

To benefit Church Covering Fund

First Prize 30% of Gross Proceeds

Second Prize 15% of Gross Proceeds

Third Prize 5% of Gross Proceeds

Drawing to be held **SUNDAY, September 17, 2017—4:00 PM**

At the ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AT THE VFW, 373 Adamston Rd., Brick, NJ 08723

Donation: \$20.00 or 6/\$100

No substitution of the offered prize may be made (Winner need not be present to win)

We have added an Extra Incentive.....

We encourage you to sell tickets to your family, friends, co-workers, etc. and if you sell the Winning Ticket you also Win with a \$100 gift certificate.



Tickets can be obtained by filling out the form below and mailing it to the rectory or dropping it in the collection basket. Tickets are also available at the rectory during normal business hours and at Community Sunday gatherings. For more information or tickets, contact Vicki at 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail EventTeam@visitationRCchurch.org.

Ticket Purchase

Quantity		Price	Total Amount	Special 6/\$100
_____	x	\$20	\$_____	\$_____

Payment Method ☐ Cash ☐ Check# _____ Phone (____) _____

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

☐ Please mail me the ticket(s) ☐ I will pick the ticket(s) up at the rectory

☐ Please contact me for the Win Win opportunity for selling tickets

Preferred Method of Contact:

Phone (____) _____ or Email _____

JULY 30, 2017
AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 4, 2017, and we're looking for your help.



Do you have NEW, unused items that you would like to donate for use at this special event? All new items, except shoes and clothing, are welcome. We can use toys, games, appliances, tablecloths, golf balls, baseball gloves, china, gardening tools, towels, candlestick holders, center pieces, jewelry, etc. If it's new, unused, boxed, and attractive, we can use it! We also welcome gift certificates from beauty salons, department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Ask for donations from the businesses that you patronize. Tax contribution letters will be available on request.

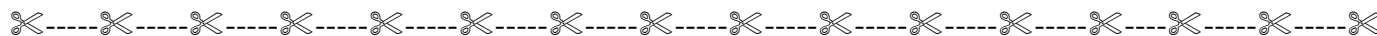
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



Remember, by contributing your time, talent and/or treasure (the three T's) you are contributing to benefit the Church Covering Fund (Parking Lot and Rug Replacement). This Gift Auction is a perfect opportunity to do all three for one special event. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about donating a gift and/or helping us prepare for the event, call Betty Kilkenny 732-475-0048 or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

***GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY COMMUNITY SUNDAY OR
THE RECTORY OFFICE BY OCTOBER 16, 2017***



- ☐ I would like to donate a gift(s) for use at the Auction
- ☐ I would like to help prepare for the Auction, (solicit gifts, make baskets, etc.)
- ☐ I would like to volunteer to help with the event on November 4, 2017

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: ☐ Phone ☐ E-mail

The best time to contact me is: ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening

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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 Grodborg or ngrodborg@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 Grodborg*.

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 732-330-4111 – *Cindy Maguire*

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

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*

CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. *Artie* 732-965-4802 or *ahhvacr@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 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 jworth@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 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Straneri or deaconnick@visitationrcchurch.org*

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) 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.