

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 and Sunday: 8:30 AM to 1:30 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.

Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	JANUARY 24	SUNDAY	JANUARY 25
4:00 PM	Nicky, Dolly & Angela Giglio/req. Terri & Toni	<i>C.C.D. Classes</i>	9:15 AM Lake Riviera MS
5:30 PM	Evelyn Coughlin/req. Family	<i>H. S. Confirmation Class</i>	11:00 AM Parish Room C
SUNDAY	JANUARY 25	MONDAY	JANUARY 26
6:45 AM	Mark Bergamini/req. Carol Landrigan	<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Daily Chapel
8:00 AM	Judith Sherwood/req. The DeCarlo Family	<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
9:30 AM	“God’s Blessings” on Fr. Al Ricciardelli/req. Teresa Knight	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C
11:00 AM	People of the Parish	<i>Children’s Choir</i>	6:15 PM Church
12:30 PM	Phil Dugan/req. The Ehrola Family	<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Auditorium
MONDAY	JANUARY 26	<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	7:30 PM Daily Chapel
7:30 AM	George Schlereth/req. The Sheridan Family	TUESDAY	JANUARY 27
8:15 AM	Mary & Thomas Ahearn/req. Daughter	<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Auditorium
7:30 PM	Kathleen Lynch/req. Irene Triebe	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C
TUESDAY	JANUARY 27	<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Old Church
7:30 AM	Afra Damen/req. The Kutzner Family	WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 28
8:15 AM	Palma Citro/ req. The Sheridan Family	<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Auditorium
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 28	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C
7:30 AM	Donald “Flip” Boyle/ req. The Russo Family	<i>Ocean Mental Health Services</i>	7:30 PM Parish Room A
8:15 AM	Lucille Amato/req. Husband	THURSDAY	JANUARY 29
THURSDAY	JANUARY 29	<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Auditorium
7:30 AM	Rosemary Palminteri/req. The Montefusco Family	<i>CCD Classes</i>	4:30 & 6:30 PM Parish Rooms. A, B & C
8:15 AM	Gregory Frankowski/req. The Glandor Family	<i>Youth Choir</i>	5:00 PM Church
FRIDAY	JANUARY 30	<i>Adult Choir</i>	7:15 PM Church
7:30 AM	Ryan Alpher/req. The Palmieri Family	<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Auditorium
8:15 AM	Maureen Cunningham/req. Barbara Godbold	FRIDAY	JANUARY 30
SATURDAY	JANUARY 31	<i>Children of the Light Prayer</i>	7:00 PM Parish Room C
7:30 AM	Anthony & Mary Bulwicz/req. Son, Ray	<i>Bingo</i>	7:30 PM Auditorium
8:15 AM	Mary Loffredo/req. Isobel Ann Loffredo	SATURDAY	JANUARY 31
4:00 PM	Dec’d Members of the Pavlak Family/req. Charles & Elena Pavlak	<i>1ST Penance Service</i>	11:00AM & 1:00 PM Church
5:30 PM	Patrick Barry/req. Fr. Al & Staff	<i>R.C.I.A. Teaching</i>	4:00 PM Auditorium
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 1		
6:45 AM	Olga Pietrafesa/req. Donna & Roger Peterson		
8:00 AM	Living & Dec’d. Members of the Rosary Altar Society, Joan Fraraccio, Joyce Honeker		
9:30 AM	Carol Zima/req. Linda & Evelyn		
11:00 AM	Jesse & Joseph Armellino/req. Teresa Knight		
12:30 PM	People of the Parish		

For the Week of January 25, 2015



Church Sanctuary Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Gloria Clarke/req. 143
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Billy Smock/req. Mom & Dad
Sacred Heart Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Lillian Noll/req. Daughter
Blessed Mother Candle is “In Loving Memory” of Russ Sutton/req. Fr. Al & Staff

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

“TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD”

Welcome into God's Family

Michael Patton Bennett

Emily Nicole Rivera, Michael Rivera, III



III. Bishop David O'Connell, Theresa Knight, Rita Napolitano, James Walsh, Joseph Giganti, Andrea Romano

“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; Michael Zarzecki, Marion Rinaldi, John Murrin, Catherine Ellis



HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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



The 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.

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 dee@visitationchurch.com If you have received a statement in the past you will automatically receive one this year in the mail around January 30, 2015.

Reflections for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them “fishers of men.” James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom? *Loyola Press*

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AND THE ENVELOPE FOR EASTERN EUROPE
IN THE SECOND BASKET.**

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAMS

Beginning on February 9 and ending April 13, 2015, IRS certified AARP volunteers will prepare and e-file Federal & State Tax returns here at Visitation Church by appointment only, Mondays mornings from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. They will also assist with Homestead Rebates and Property Tax Rebate applications. This free service is available to all residential (non-business) taxpayers with low to moderate incomes. You must supply a copy of last year's tax forms along with a Photo ID. For an appointment please call 732-477-7059 ext. 156. **Please do not call the rectory office to schedule an appointment. Thank you!**



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on **February 13-15** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, P.A., For more information, or to register visit our website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.



RCIA CORNER

THE HOLY FAMILY

On December 28, 2014 we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. How peaceful they look in all the pictures we see of them. Mary and Joseph with the Shepherds, the Kings and the animals huddling around the new born babe with Mary tending to him and all adoring him. Yet we know that this scene will soon change and they will have to flee to another country to escape death. We also know that their lives in Nazareth were not without strife.

Let us look at this beautiful family and not see what they suffered but rather how they loved. We see a family here united in God's grace; a family that trusted and stayed together no matter what was going on around them. Instead of separating, their tragedy drew them closer together. They learned how to be a family by trusting in God. As we begin this New Year, let us remember our families; those that have stayed together and especially those who have tried but not succeeded.

COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT

**February 6-8. Arrival: 6:30 – 7:00 PM February 6
Departure February 8, 1:00 PM**

Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with their God. Mass included. Cost: \$200. Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register.

UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER

3455 West Bangs Avenue, Building 2
Neptune

FINDING GOD IN LOSS

How do we relate to God when we suffer a loss of someone or something to us? A loss we may have prayed to avoid? In painful times of loss, God promises to be there for us. But can we be with Him? Can these times of losses become a time of personal and spiritual growth? We will explore how to be with these situations through prayer, music, and sharing.

Presenters: Jack Hudak and Jim Moseman

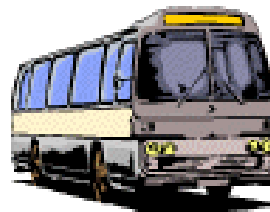
Date: Wednesday, January 28,

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

e-mail: office@theupper-room.org

The Upper Room Spiritual Center is sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP



The next bus trip sponsored by The Holy Name Society will be on Wednesday, February 3, 2015. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:00 AM and return approximately 5:30 PM. For additional information and reservations call Eric at 732-255-1825 or 732-551-8308. All tickets must be paid for in advance to guarantee a seat. Seats are on a first pay basis.



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.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

You may see our young people at Mass taking notes during the homily. These are our Confirmation candidates who, in preparation for this third sacrament of initiation, will "sit at the feet of Jesus" and learn from Him. In their reflections on the Sunday Gospels, they will come to know Jesus more deeply and to learn how to apply His teachings to their daily lives. Please pray for all young people to strive to follow Christ.

Jesus says the Father has set His seal on Him. As the Father sets His seal on Jesus, so Jesus sets His seal on us in the sacrament of baptism, and later, in the sacrament of confirmation. John 6:27

PEACE BE WITH YOU

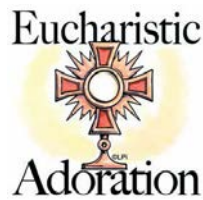


It has been a practice for many of us to shake hands with our neighbors in church during the sign of the peace. For those who feel uncomfortable with the shaking of hands, an alternative form for the sign of peace maybe instituted; instead of a hand shake, a smile and a bow of the head with the words, "**Peace of Christ be with you**" is acceptable.



The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the hilarious comedy classic "Abies Irish Rose". Please join us on Monday, April 20. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 9:00 am and return 5:15 pm. There is an \$80.pp (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, the show and a full course dinner. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terri Deegan 732-903-7527 or Marilyn Emery 732-920-9763.

ONLY 60 SEATS AVAILABLE



HOLY HOUR

Join us in the Church for Holy Hour and Benediction **FIRST FRIDAY**
February 6, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.



EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Tune into Catholic Radio 89.3FM, 1260AM, download the WFJS smart phone app, or listen live online at www.DomesticChurchMedia.org.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP



Come one; come all to the Thrift Shop Our display of items will include decorations, dishes, figurines, and much much more! We have gently used clothing for men, women, infants, and children. In addition, we have used handbags, linens, accessories, and footwear for children and adults. We carry baby strollers, cribs, playpens, and car seats. Hours: Monday thru Saturday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are located on the lower level of the Old Church. Remember all DONATIONS are welcome during our regular business hours. We hope to see YOU there!

LATE ADDITION CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of Juarez & Martin Families
Ben Juarez

RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRY

You are invited to an informative evening on the healing power of God through Rachel's Vineyard retreat ministry, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 7:30 PM, at St. Gabriel Church, 100 N. Main Street, Marlboro, NJ. Judy Warkiewicz and her Rachel's Vineyard team will give a presentation about this wonderful healing ministry. Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat for anyone who is suffering from the effects of an abortion. The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friends of the mother. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on healing from this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. Learn more about this healing, transformative ministry for yourself, a friend or family member. Light refreshments will be served after the presentation. This information evening is sponsored by St. Gabriel's Respect Life Committee. For information contact Janice Barrett at 732-583-6006.

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society is Feb. 2, 2015. We will begin with the rosary at 11:30 am in the church followed by the meeting at 12:00 in the church auditorium. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased for the play at this meeting.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 7, 2015, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Church of St. David the King,
1 New Village Road, West Windsor NJ



The annual World Marriage Day Dinner Dance is open to all married couples in the Diocese of Trenton. Couples are invited to attend 4:00 PM Mass; 5:00 PM cocktails and appetizers, elegant buffet dinner and dancing. The evening includes table games and more. The fee is \$75 per couple. Register www.dioceseoftrenton/worldmarriageday or call Jossie Ruiz at 609-403-7151. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

PRIESTHOOD.....CONSIDER THE CALL



Vocational discernment groups meet to assist young men who are discerning the possibility that God may be calling them to a life of priestly ministry. If you are a faithful, single, Roman Catholic man, between the ages of 18-40, and are asking yourself whether God is calling you to be a priest, you are cordially invited to attend this month's discernment meeting with Rev. Scott Schaffer on January 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at St. Joseph Parish, 685 Hooper Ave., Toms River.

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RCIA

Have you just returned to the Catholic Church? Welcome! We are so glad to have you back. We have sorely missed you. Your presence makes the Church much more complete. Would you like someone to contact you? Do you have questions about the Church/Faith/Changes? If you would like someone to get in touch with you please complete the following and place in the collection basket:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

For additional information please call Adult Faith Formation Office at 732 477-7059 ex 214.

JANUARY 25, 2015

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 25 – JANUARY 31 2015

VISIT THE VARIOUS OPEN HOUSES AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL

Saint Dominic School invites all Church of the Visitation Parishioners to our Open House on Monday, January 26, 2014, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. January 28 & 29, 2014, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Come visit the state-of-the-art science lab, library/media center, T.V. news studio, and fine arts rooms and learn about our new 1:1 iPad program. Registration for Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2015-2016 school year will take place on both days. For more information, please call the school office at (732) 840-1412 ext. 24, or visit us on the web at www.stdomschool.org.



**CONGRATULATIONS
SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL
ON 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
FR. AL & STAFF**

SAINT PETER SCHOOL

Saint Peter School, 415 Atlantic Avenue
Pt. Pleasant Beach

Sunday January 25, from 1:00-2:00 pm,
Monday January 26, from 9:00-11:00 am.
Kindergarten Registration will be held Tuesday
February 3, from 9:00 -Noon. Please call 732 892
1260 for more information. www.stpschool.org.

MONSIGNOR DONOVAN HIGH SCHOOL

Attention 7th and 8th graders!

Looking for a positive high school experience with great teachers, coaches, and students?

Visit Ocean County's only Catholic High School during our Open House for Prospective Students: Sunday, January 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Please call the Admissions Office at 732-349-8801 ext. 2426 for more information, or just come. Monsignor Donovan High School, 711 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753 – www address: mondonhs.com

ATTENTION

Vendors, Crafters and Flea Market Sellers
Coming May 16, 2015
Griffin Grand Market
Reserve your spot now

Outside Space \$35 Inside Space \$45
Food – Music – Games for Kids
For an application and information
contact Erin 732-349-8801 x2433 or
elesperance@donovancatholic.org

JANUARY 25, 2015



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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 – *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 or 732-270-2588 – Bernadett Brandner*

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. 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 Doug Roman or droman@fedway.com*

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

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 – *Marie Bottazzi 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 8:00 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 & Old Church & Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Old Church. 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 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-477-8456 – *Paul Hegadorn or paulhegadorn@verizon.net*

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 and meet 12:00 PM on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month. 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.