

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

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 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)

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.

*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*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	AUGUST 6
4:00 PM	Philip LaManna
SUNDAY	AUGUST 7
6:45 AM	Vincent Schoppy
8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Athanas Family
12:30 PM	Angelo Trapasso
MONDAY	AUGUST 8
7:30 AM	Carmella Palino
8:15 AM	Veronica Godwin
TUESDAY	AUGUST 9
7:30 AM	Susan McFadden
8:15 AM	Linda Lutkiewicz
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 10
7:30 AM	Bea Rhoades
8:15 AM	Anna & Emmet Conway
THURSDAY	AUGUST 11
7:30 AM	Frank Zickar
8:15 AM	Anthony Busby
FRIDAY	AUGUST 12
7:30 AM	Dale & Joanne Sassaman
8:15 AM	Lillian Fronczak
SATURDAY	AUGUST 13
7:30 AM	Anthony Mancini
8:15 AM	Charles Corby
4:00 PM	Jerry Ponsiglian
SUNDAY	AUGUST 14
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Romolo Lechic
9:30 AM	Eileen Gaughan
11:00 AM	Gayton Jannicelli
12:30 PM	Barbara Ann Drezek

SUNDAY	AUGUST 7
<i>Masses</i>	Church
<i>Baptism</i>	1:45 PM Church
MONDAY	AUGUST 8
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A, C
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Church
<i>Rosary For Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
TUESDAY	AUGUST 9
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 10
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
THURSDAY	AUGUST 11
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	AUGUST 12
<i>Summer CCD</i>	8:00 AM Room A & C
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	6:30 PM VRC
SATURDAY	AUGUST 13
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church

Daily Masses will be held in the Church to allow our Summer CCD Student to begin their day with Morning Mass

For the Week of August 7, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Pat Palazzo
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing" on Grace & Rudy Zadie
Blessed Mother Candle is "In Loving

Memory" of Louise Palazzo

Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Alphonse Mineri

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

“BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN TO BE HIS OWN”

 **Wedding Banns**

I. Salvatore Faselli & Jacqueline Snyder

 **Remember Our Sick**

II. Joseph McCoy

“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; *Alberta Ingugiato, Justine Lane, Gordon Mills,*

HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

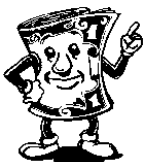
Offering for the Week of July 31, 2016

Regular	\$10,517.24
On Line	\$882.00
Total	\$11,399.24



The rectory office will be closed for regular business Monday, August 15 for the holy day. We will reopen Tuesday, August 16 at 8:30 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR JULY 50/50



Vincent Piazza was the winner of \$602. The winning ticket was a gift subscription. The next drawing will be August 28, in the church auditorium after the 12:30 PM mass.

Reflections for The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?” This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

Loyola Press

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE BASKET.

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For bulletin advertising information, please call John Patrick Publishing Company 800-333-3166.

AUGUST 7, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Jim O'Neill

An act of faith

National politics. Global terrorism. Superstorm Sandy. Personal tragedies. When we take a step back, it seems to be getting easier and easier to recognize that we're in trouble. We need God.

The truth is that we've always needed Him. He has always been loving us. The Father sent the Son who willingly loved us to death. The Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit to enliven us. Jesus came that we might have life and have life to the full (see John 10:10).

What are we do to in the midst of chaos and destruction? Until we reach the Father's house by the grace of God, we will likely suffer. We can offer up our suffering for the salvation of souls including our own. We join our suffering to the suffering Christ endured for us. He joins us to Himself. We join Him in His family, the Church.

Practically speaking, the most important thing we can do is pray. And the most important prayer is Sunday Mass. The daily rosary is quite a good prayer too. The Morning Offering and prayers before we go to sleep help us keep the whole day centered on Christ. We pray in response to God reaching out to us.

An important result of prayer is our becoming closer to God. When we are close to Him who is always close to us, our crazy world makes a little more sense. With a heavenly perspective, we see more clearly how God invites us to love Him and neighbor.

Recent tragic events jolt us. Something that can jolt us spiritually is the prayer called "An Act of Faith." I memorized it as a kid, but it never made it into my bag of ingrained prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. I invite all of us to consider this prayer again or for the first time. Praying it might just jolt us back into praying more fervently the Mass, rosary, and prayers when we awake and go to sleep. An Act of Faith helps us see who and what are really important.

An act of faith

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that Your Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths the Holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Fr. Jim

SILENT DIRECTED/PRIVATE RETREAT

Maris Stella Retreat Center 7201 Long Beach Blvd Harvey Cedars NJ

Private: This is for those who wish to pursue their private retreat time with no formal program.

Directed: This is for those who wish time in quiet prayer and reflection and to meet each day with a spiritual director. Date: Monday, August 15 - Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Spiritual Director: Eileen McGovern, SSJ, was the administrator of Mount Carmel Retreat House in Mahwah, NJ for 7 years. Presently she is a full time Spiritual Director and conducts retreats in the tri-state area. For more information contact Sr Pat: [609-494-2917](tel:609-494-2917) or pdotzauer@comcast.net. Registration Due: August 5th, 2016 - There is limited space for this retreat.

AUGUST DINE TO DONATE PARTNER

Bubbakoo's Burritos, 515 Brick Blvd. Brick 732-477-6200

Monday – Sunday 11 am – 9 pm

Burritos, Bowls, Tacos, Taco Salads, Quesadillas, Nachos, and featuring "The Chiwawa".

There are Vegetarian offerings, a dessert menu, and more!



ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST

Monday, August 1

**** COUPON ****

Wednesday, August 31

Present this coupon at Bubbakoo's Burritos and 15% of your total purchase will be donated to the Visitation Church Covering Fund!

AUGUST 7, 2016

AUTUMN GIFT AUCTION
ON SALE COMMUNITY SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

The Event Development Team is beginning to prepare for our Annual Gift Auction to be held on November 5, 2016, 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.

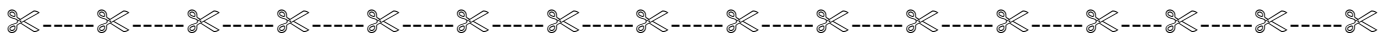
On the day of the event, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways from set-up for the event, to the sale of tickets, to runners and much more! If you would like to help us that day, we'd love to hear from you.



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, 2016***



- 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 5, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



Monday August 15, is the “*Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*”. However, when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is rescinded. Since the feast falls on a Monday this year, it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation.

The day commemorates the death of Mary. We speak of Mary’s Assumption not her Ascension. Christ ascended via His own power. Mary was taken up to heaven by the power of God. The Assumption of Mary is something God did for her. It is the result of Christ’s redemptive power applied to His Blessed Mother. The dogma of the Assumption means that the Virgin Mary now experiences in heaven the union of a glorified body and soul, which her Son enjoys. She is not a disembodied spirit, but a complete human person, body and soul, matter and spirit, reigning with Christ. Mary’s feast reminds us that we are created for the glory of God and to be with God for all eternity.

**MASSES WILL BE:
MONDAY 7:30 & 9:00 AM AND 5:00 PM.
ALL MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH.**

CARNATION SALE THANKS

Thank You



The Rosary Altar Society would like to thank everyone for their help and generous donations to our annual Birthright Carnation Sale, which was held on July 23 & 24. We were able to raise \$813.50 for Birthright. Again

thank you for all your help! It was a great Success.



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 28 in the church auditorium during the Community Sunday gathering. We wish you good luck and hope to see you there!

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 13th 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help in filling back packs for our children as they eagerly await their return to school. These back packs will be distributed to the needy children within our parish boundaries. Items needed, but not limited to are:

- Packages of pencils & pens
- Spiral notebooks and compositions books
- Folders
- Boxes of crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Highlighters
- Boxes of Tissues
- Hand Sanitizers
- Book Covers
- Fruit Snacks
- Snack Crackers

As always, thank you for your continued support!



*Thank you to all of our
Vacation Bible School Volunteers!
VBS was a tremendous success and we could not
have done it without you!
See you next year!*

.AUGUST 7, 2016

Family Picnic

When: Sunday, August 21, 2016

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 PM

**Where: VFW picnic grounds
373 Adamston Road, Brick**

Cost: \$ 5.00 per person \$ 10.00 per household

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

ALL INCLUSIVE

FUN ~ FOOD ~

ACTIVITIES ~ CONTESTS ~ GAMES

There will be plenty for everyone to do and eat at our Fifth Annual Family Picnic Day. Join in the fun and games, cheer on contestants in the balloon and egg tosses and other games or just sit and relax! Play horseshoes or bocce. Bring your bat, ball, and glove for an informal softball game. This is an opportunity to spend some time with your family and fellow parishioners. There are plenty of shaded picnic tables or feel free to bring your own chairs.

Our past events have been a great success due to the efforts of our volunteers. We are looking for people to help in a number of areas. Assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis, so submit your request now!

CCD Student

High School

Adult

Please check the area(s) you would be willing to volunteer:

DJ Activities

Food

Check-in/Tickets

Parking

Set-up

Clean-up

Hours (time) available _____

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by: Phone E-mail

The best time to contact me is: Morning Afternoon Evening

I would like to aid in sponsoring a deserving family attend the Picnic

Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

Please accept my donation for \$ _____ to help defray Picnic expenses.

If you can help please fill out the form above and place in the collection basket **or** return to the rectory at 730 Lynnwood Ave., Brick, NJ 08723 **or** e-mail eventteam@visitationRCchurch.org

AUGUST 7, 2016

ALL CASH RAFFLE

Church of the Visitation Holy Name Society

to benefit Church Covering Fund (Parking Lot and Rug Replacement)

First Prize 30% of Gross Proceed

Second Prize 15% of Gross Proceeds

Third Prize 5% of Gross Proceeds

Drawing to be held **SUNDAY, August 21, 2016—4:30 PM**

At the ANNUAL PICNIC 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)
Tickets will be available for purchase in the rectory office during normal business hours
and in the Narthex of the Church after Masses*

**400th Anniversary of the Ministry of
St. Vincent De Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius and St. Monica Churches is planning to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the ministry in a big way!

We hope you will join us for a buffet dinner and dancing to 50's and 60's music.

on Saturday, September 17; 6-10pm

Gonzaga Hall, Saint Aloysius Church

Dinner catered by Jacques & Music by the Nostalgix

Tickets: \$50 per person/BYOB

For tickets or additional information, please call Maryann 732-740-9433, Elaine 732-534-7244 or Arlene 732-928-1986

SHOP TO SUPPORT



Get ready for back to school and fall sports while benefiting the Church Covering Fund (parking Lot and worship space carpeting) at the same time. Shop at Modell's Sporting Goods anytime from August 4 thru September 1, 2016 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.

GIFT AUCTION TEAMS FORMING

We are in the process of forming teams to prepare for the November 5, 2016 gift auction. If you think would enjoy being part of this energetic team, please contact Betty Kilkenny at 732-475-0048. Let the fun begin!!



PRAY

Start each week of your summer of mercy by praying together as a family Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees

him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan women: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen

AUGUST 7, 2016

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. – *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. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

Bell Choir is open to all ages. 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. 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 6:30 PM in The Visitation Relief Center at 725 Mantoloking Road, Brick 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 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari* 732-477-7059 ext. 103 *Arnold Vicidomini*

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

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM. 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*;
EVENT DEVELOPMENT TEAM meets as needed to develop and implement social activities (such as the Gift Auction and Wine Tasting/Art Auction) for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell-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. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church. These donations assist the hungry of our community. 732-746-3456 - *Visitation Relief Center*

Youth Ministries/Activities

CHILDREN'S CHOIR welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. 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. - *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201

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

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

Organizations

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. Call Ann at 732-861-9051 or email annern508@comcast.net.

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 Rectory Room B. 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.